AMHI Reform Workgroup: Funding Formula

Group Norms

How we work together

- Be respectful
- Assume good intent, even when we disagree
- Be present and engaged in the work
- No wrong or bad comments or ideas
- No talking over others
- Equal time for sharing thoughts and comments

Meeting Structure

- Clear agendas with time allotments
- Meeting minutes taken and distributed
- Facilitator that isn’t a subject matter expert as well
- Use breakout rooms for small group discussions

Vision

- Making sure this does not turn into county vs. AMHI
- Focus on state, beyond individual regional interests
- Clear goals
- Equity lens
- Our work produces results
- Focus on client needs – goal is better outcomes for all individuals

Communication

- Agendas sent before meetings
- Include definitions on agendas or PowerPoints
- The group receives communications about which suggestions move forward
- Meeting topics are shared in advance so there is time to prepare
- Opportunities for members to get feedback and collect data from their regions to bring to meetings
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Shared Goals

Results
• Funding formula that is clear and understandable
• A real impact on AMHI funding
• Formula takes into account the breadth of services provided by AMHIs
• Fair allocation of funds that accounts for unmet needs
• Formula takes into account the diversity and disparate needs of a region

Minimize Disruptions
• Funding formula does not negatively impact regions
• Minimize drastic changes to funding
• Understanding that cuts across the board are felt differently across the state

Access and Resources
• Needs, issues, concerns, and realities of serving people in rural MN reflected in the final product
• Standardization – each community has equal access to resources

Communication
• To better understand what AMHI funding is based on
• Ability to communicate the formula easily and clearly to others
• Messaging about formula is consistent across the state
• Detail and explanations available on data that go into the formula