

Governor's Transformation Advisory Board

Transformation Activities in Oklahoma

Integrated Services Initiative

The Integrated Services Initiative focuses on Oklahomans with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Frequently, people with co-occurring disorders tend to experience relatively poor clinical outcomes when served in traditional service systems. At the same time, costs for the services are higher for these persons than they are for people with only addictive disorders or only mental health disorders. ODMHSAS established the Integrated Services Initiative to more adequately address the holistic needs of people who receive services within the public behavioral health system. The activities of the Integrated Services Initiative have been enhanced as a result of the state receiving targeted federal funding through the Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant and a Cross Training Initiative Grant.

The Integrated Services Initiative has been able to engage diverse groups of stakeholders in workgroups, consensus building activities, and targeted training of providers throughout Oklahoma to integrate mental health and substance abuse treatment for persons of all ages. This transformation focuses on recovery of the persons and their families throughout the treatment experience. These systemic changes also facilitate exits from the treatment system and encourage connections to natural community and family supports.

ODMHSAS has contracted with ZiaLogic to provide consultation, training, and technical assistance to assist stakeholders in Oklahoma's system of care to adopt the Comprehensive, Continuous, Integrated System of Care model for creating statewide systems change. This model is based on the best practice principles developed by Ken Minkoff, M.D. and Christine Cline, M.D, internationally recognized experts in this field. Their approach features an integrated treatment philosophy from the perspective of both the mental health and the addictive disorder treatment system. The Minkoff and Cline model has been further adapted in Oklahoma to incorporate issues related to trauma as an expectation within all behavioral health settings, and to incorporate the expectation that individuals who have experienced trauma are likely to have mental health and/or substance abuse issues themselves, or in their families.

System wide improvements related to integrated services are continuing to unfold throughout Oklahoma. Participating providers, persons receiving services, and administrators remain active in further transforming services to accomplish the goals of the Integrated Services Information.

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