

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Policy Change Evaluation for the Transformation State Incentive Grant FY 2006 - 2007

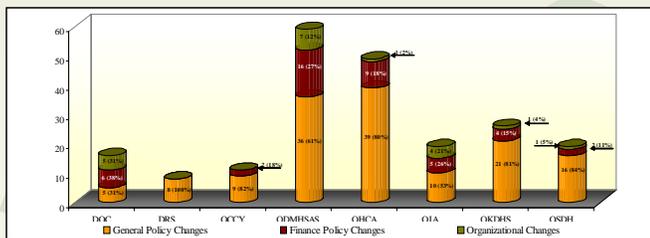
Methodology:

“Policy” is defined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as:

- Legislative/administrative document, directing an action or event at the State level. Including:
 - statutes/regulations
 - provider contracts
 - clinical practice guidelines
 - strategic plans
- Document directing financing changes such as:
 - appropriations
 - billing codes/reimbursement procedures
 - State’s Medicaid plan
 - innovative pooling of funds
- Organizational change such as:
 - interagency or intra-agency agreements
 - creation of a new reporting structure

A team of external and internal evaluators met with leadership, senior staff and mid-level managers from state agencies. Evaluators used a semi-structured interview protocol, reviewed statutes, administrative rules and annual reports describing policy changes and priorities.

Content analysis was performed on the collected information, which was developed into a concise matrix for each agency that matched each policy change to the required Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measures.

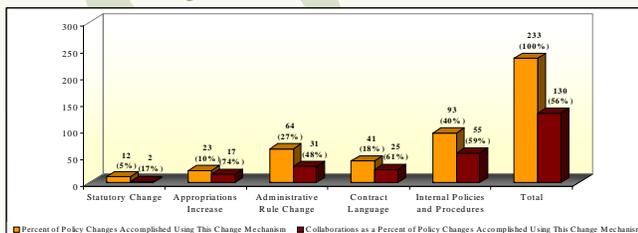
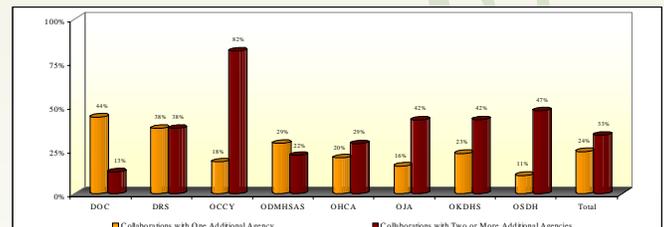


207 Policy Changes Identified:

- 144 (70%) were general policy changes.
- 44 (21%) were financing policy changes.
- 19 (9%) were organizational changes reflecting new policy priorities within agencies.

Overview of Agency Collaborations:

- Almost 60% of all policy changes involved inter-agency collaboration.
- 33% of all policy changes involved collaborations among at least three agencies.
- 24% of all policy change involved collaborations between two agencies.



Policy Change Mechanisms:

- About 40% of all policy changes were accomplished through internal policies/procedures and almost 60% of these changes involved collaborations.
- Nearly 10% of changes were achieved with appropriation increases, while almost 75% of these involved collaborations.

Participating Agencies:

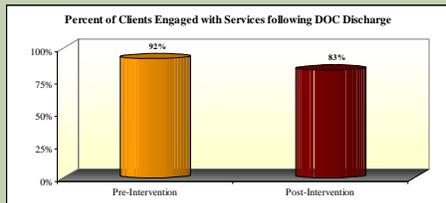
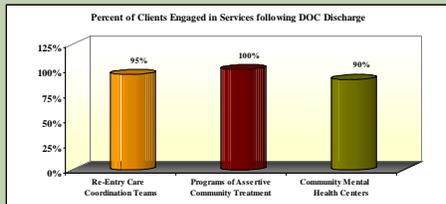
- Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) – Child Advocacy Agency
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA)
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS)
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) – State Medicaid Authority
- Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS)
- Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH)

Elements Collected on Policy Changes:

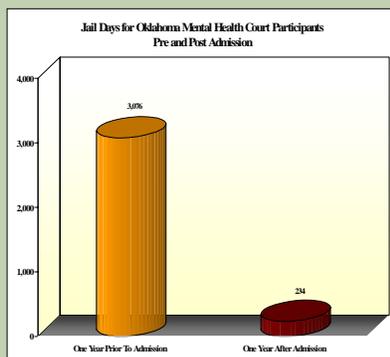
- Effective Date
- Change Mechanism
- SAMHSA Goal
- GPRA Category
- President’s New Freedom Commission Goal
- Age Impacted
- Gender Impacted
- Race/Culture Impacted
- Impact

Impact of Selected Policy Changes

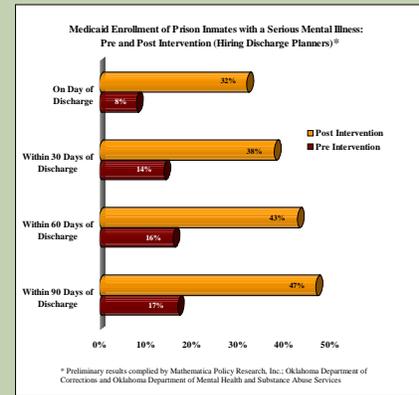
Hired discharge planners with mental health experience to develop specialized discharge plans and to assist with Medicaid enrollment.



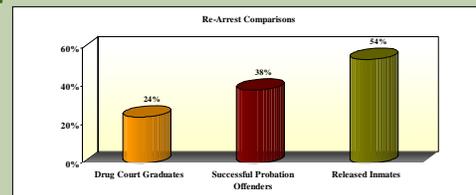
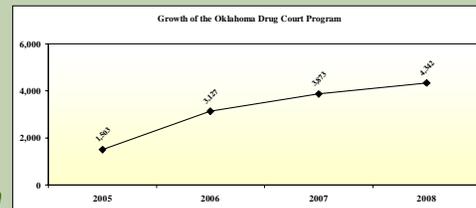
Increased funding for Drug Courts from \$4 million to \$20 million and the number of people who can be served from 1,500 to 4,000.



Obtained \$1.25 million to fund 10 new Mental Health Courts, increasing the number of people who can be served from 75 to 325.



Created Re-Entry Intensive Care Coordination Teams to facilitate community re-integration for discharged offenders with mental illness.



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