

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health is committed to improving the lives of Mississippians with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance abuse problems, and Alzheimer's disease/other dementia.

The Strategic Plan provides a framework, with specific activities, timelines and responsible parties, to shift the agency's priorities to a community-based service delivery system.

Working with the Board of Mental Health, the DMH intends to build on our past successes and ensure resources are utilized in an efficient manner to help meet the needs of people served by DMH. We are dedicated to providing the citizens of Mississippi with services and supports which allow them to receive DMH services in the least restrictive environment. The DMH system will build on the strengths of individuals and their families, while meeting their needs for special services and supports.

I believe the Strategic Plan is an essential tool in the DMH's transformation to a community-based, recovery and resiliency model of care.

Thank you for your interest in DMH's Strategic Plan. We look forward to capitalizing on our many partnerships throughout the state to assist us in supporting a better tomorrow for the public mental health system.

Sincerely,

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To view DMH's Strategic Plan visit www.dmh.ms.gov or call (601) 359-1288



Where Is The Mississippi Department Of Mental Health Headed?



Strategic Plan
FY 2010-2020

DMH Mission

Supporting a better tomorrow by making a difference in the lives of Mississippians with mental illness, substance abuse problems and intellectual/developmental disabilities, one person at a time.

Vision

We envision a better tomorrow where the lives of Mississippians are enriched through a public mental health system that promotes excellence in the provision of services and supports.

A better tomorrow exists when...

- All Mississippians have equal access to quality mental health care, services and supports in their communities.
- People actively participate in designing services.
- The stigma surrounding mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, substance abuse and dementia has disappeared.
- Research, outcomes measures, and technology are routinely utilized to enhance prevention, care, services, and supports.

Core Values & Guiding Principles

People We respect the dignity of each person and value their participation in the design, choice and provision of services to meet their unique needs.

Community We believe that community-based service and support options should be available and easily accessible in the communities where people live.

Commitment We are committed to assisting people in improving their mental health, quality of life, and their acceptance and participation in the community.

Excellence We believe services and supports must be provided in an ethical manner, meet established outcome measures, and are based on clinical research and best practices.

Accountability We believe it is our responsibility to be good stewards in the efficient and effective use of all human, fiscal, and material resources.

Collaboration We believe that services and supports are the shared responsibility of state and local governments, communities, family members, and service providers.

Integrity We believe the public mental health system should act in an ethical, trustworthy, and transparent manner on a daily basis.

Awareness We believe awareness, education, and other prevention and early intervention strategies will minimize the behavioral health needs of Mississippians.

Innovation We believe it is important to embrace new ideas and change in order to improve the public mental health system.

Respect We believe in respecting the culture and values of the people and families we serve.

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 1 Maximize efficient and effective use of human, fiscal, and material resources

Goal 2 Strengthen commitment to a person- driven system of care

Goal 3 Improve access to care

Goal 4 Continue transformation to a community-based service system

Goal 5 Emphasize use of evidence-based or best practice models and service outcomes

Goal 6 Emphasize awareness, prevention, and early intervention

Goal 7 Share responsibility for service provision with communities, state and local governments, and service providers

Goal 8 Empower workforce to face the challenges of an evolving system of care

Goal 9 Utilize information/data management to enhance decision-making

Transformation

Outcomes

Accountability