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The Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities State Plan Advisory Council membership includes people with IDD, representatives of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, parents/guardians of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, service providers, regional facilities, community mental health centers, the Council on Developmental Disabilities, and other related service agencies. The members for FY 16 are:

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The purpose of the Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities State Plan is:

- To describe the comprehensive, community-based service delivery system for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities upon which program planning and development are based

- To set forth annual goals/objectives to address identified needs

- To assist the public in understanding efforts employed and planned by the Department of Mental Health to provide supports to Mississippi's citizens with intellectual or developmental disabilities

- To serve as a basis for utilization of federal, state and other available resources

- To provide an avenue for people with IDD, family members, and service providers to work together in identifying and planning an array of services and supports through the annual update of this Plan.
The Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council developed the following Goals and Objectives for FY 2016. The goals and objectives outlined in this plan are intended to support and further operationalize the goals and corresponding actions plans set forth in the DMH Strategic Plan.

**Goal**

To increase access to community based care and supports for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities through a network of service providers that are committed to a person centered system of care.

**Objective 1** Collaborate with the Division of Medicaid to use funds from the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) to expand and increase the quality of services provided through the BIDD

**Activities**
- Continue participation in meetings to provide input about the use of BIP funds
- Train ID/DD Waiver and IDD Community Support Program providers to use the Long Term Services and Supports (eLTSS) automated/electronic workflow and data management system
- Offer provider training in the areas person-centered thinking and person centered planning
- Hire 2 new contract staff for training, reviewing initial and annual IDD Community Support Program certifications, and program support activities

**Evaluation**
- Full implementation of LTSS
- Development of contract for Person Centered Planning Facilitation training for FY 16
- At least 2 new contract staff hired for IDD Community Support Program

**Objective 2** Implement the IDD Community Support Program

**Activities**
- Recruit and certify IDD CSP providers
- Review and approved certification and recertification requests
Evaluation 200 people enrolled in and receiving services from the IDD Community Support Program.

**Objective 3** Continue Implementation of the FY 2013-2017 ID/DD Waiver

**Activities** Provide training to providers regarding DMH Operational Standards and Record Guide

Implement Transition Plan for CMS to detail how MS will implement the HCBS Regulations published March 17, 2014

Increase enrollment to 2500 people for FY 16

Work with Division of Medicaid to implement increased rates

**Evaluation** Training provided

Transition Plan approved by CMS and implementation begun

Enrollment increased

New rates implemented

**Objective 4** Exploration of methods of providing peer mentoring services for people with IDD.

**Activities** Provide grant funds to two BIDD providers to hire at least (2) self-advocates who will begin providing mentoring services and assist with development of peer mentoring procedures

**Evaluation** A proposed IDD peer mentoring program will be developed and piloted

**Objective 5** Support persons with IDD in their communities through the development and expansion of Supported Employment

**Activities** Provide training and awareness of supports needed to move persons into competitive employment within their communities

Provide seed funding to support staff in creating and developing Supported Employment programs which will lead to competitive employment

Assist in the development or facilitation of local Business Advisory Councils

Provide support to the programs through technical assistance, follow up and review of the programs activities regarding competitive employment placement
Implement the Memorandum of Understanding with the MS Department of Rehabilitation Services

**Evaluation**  
Conduct (3) three regional trainings to providers during the year regarding supports needed to move people to competitive employment

Funding at least (2) two providers to implement or expand Supported Employment Services

Development of one (1) local Business Advisory Council in the catchment area of one of the funded providers

Technical assistance visits to providers during their initial startup or expansion as well as at least one (1) follow up visit during the first 6 months of service provision

Training developed and provided to ID/DD Waiver providers and Support Coordinators and VR Counselors to implement the MOU

**Objective 6**  
Work with the Division of Medicaid to implement the FY 14 Rate Study for the ID/DD Waiver.

**Activities**  
Amend the ID/DD Waiver

**Evaluation**  
Rates recommended by the FY 14 ID/DD Waiver Rate Study implemented

**Objective 7**  
Conduct the National Core Indicators Survey

**Activities**  
Contract with entity to conduct the surveys across the state

**Evaluation**  
NCI Survey completed and submitted to Human Services Research Institute

**Objective 8**  
Administer the Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) to everyone enrolled in or being enrolled in the ID/DD Waiver for Level of Care Determination and Resource Allocation

**Activities**  
Supervised implementation of contract with Ascend Management Innovations to administer ICAPs

**Evaluation**  
Administration of 2300 ICAPs in FY 16

**Objective 9**  
Provide community supports and services for persons transitioning to the community from and institutional setting.

**Activities**  
Develop/enhance partnerships with private providers in the community via the ID/DD waiver
Ensure people transitioning to the community have appropriate supports and services (utilizing Transition Specialists)

Increase the number of people accessing support services in the community such as peer support, behavioral support, crisis support and supported employment.

**Evaluation** Increase the number of persons transitioning to the community from the IDD Regional Programs by a minimum of 3.6% per year.

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**Existing Utilization Data**

DMH Certified Providers submit data monthly through the Central Data Repository and the BIDD Monthly Data Report. The data generates information about admissions, discharges, demographics of those served, and types of services they receive. The data indicates more than 3300 people received community services/supports in FY2015. Many are enrolled in multiple services with multiple providers.

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**Mission of the DMH**

The mission of the Department of Mental Health is supporting a better tomorrow by making a difference in the lives of Mississippians with mental illness, substance abuse problems, and intellectual or developmental disabilities one person at a time.

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**Vision of the DMH**

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 their services.
- The stigma surrounding mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, substance abuse and dementia has disappeared.
- Research, outcome measures, and technology are routinely utilized to enhance prevention, care, services and supports.
Philosophy of the DMH

The Department of Mental Health is committed to developing and maintaining a comprehensive, statewide system of prevention, service, and support options for adults and children with mental illness or emotional disturbance, with alcohol/drug problems, and/or intellectual or developmental disabilities, as well as adults with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia. The Department supports the philosophy of making available a comprehensive system of services and supports so that people and their families have access to the least restrictive and appropriate level of services and supports that will meet their needs. Our system is person-centered and is built on the strengths of people served and their families while meeting their needs for special services. DMH strives to provide a network of services and supports for persons in need and the opportunity to access appropriate services according to their personal needs/strengths. DMH is committed to preventing or reducing the unnecessary use of inpatient or institutional services when people’s needs can be met with less intensive or least restrictive levels of care as close to their homes and communities as possible. Underlying these efforts is the belief that all components of the system should be person-centered, community-based, results and recovery oriented.

Values & Guiding Principles of the DMH

**People** We believe people are the focus of the public mental health system. 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. We believe that services and support options should be designed to meet the particular needs of the person.

**Commitment** We believe in the people we serve, our vision and mission, our workforce, and the community-at-large. 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 be based on clinical research and best practices. We also emphasize the continued education and development of our workforce to provide the best care possible.

**Accountability** We believe it is our responsibility to be good stewards in the efficient and effective use of all human, fiscal, and material resources. We are dedicated to the continuous evaluation and improvement of the public mental
health system.

**Collaboration** We believe that services and supports are the shared responsibility of state and local governments, communities, family members, and service providers. Through open communication, we continuously build relationships and partnerships with the people and families we serve, communities, governmental/nongovernmental entities and other service providers to meet the needs of people and their families.

**Integrity** We believe the public mental health system should act in an ethical, trustworthy, and transparent manner on a daily basis. We are responsible for providing services based on principles in legislation, safeguards, and professional codes of conduct.

**Awareness** We believe awareness, education, and other prevention and early intervention strategies will minimize the behavioral health needs of Mississippitians. We also encourage community education and awareness to promote an understanding and acceptance of people with behavioral health needs.

**Innovation** We believe it is important to embrace new ideas and change in order to improve the public mental health system. We seek dynamic and innovative ways to provide evidence-based services/supports and strive to find creative solutions to inspire hope and help people obtain their goals.

**Respect** We believe in respecting the culture and values of the people and families we serve. We emphasize and promote diversity in our ideas, our workforce, and the services/supports provided through the public mental health system.

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**Overview Of State Mental Health System**

**THE STATE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

The public mental health system in Mississippi is administered by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH), which was created in 1974 by an act of the Mississippi Legislature, Regular Session. The creation, organization, and duties of the DMH are defined in the annotated Mississippi Code of 1972 under Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-23.

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DMH**

**Board of Mental Health** - DMH is governed by the State Board of Mental Health, whose nine members are appointed by the Governor of Mississippi and confirmed by the State Senate. By statute, the Board is composed of a physician, a psychiatrist, a clinical psychologist, a social worker with experience in the field of mental health, and citizen representatives from each of Mississippi's five congressional districts (as existed in 1974). Members' seven-
year terms are staggered to ensure continuity of quality care and professional oversight of services.

**DMH Central Office** – The Executive Director directs all administrative functions and implements policies established by the State Board of Mental Health. DMH has a state Central Office for administrative, monitoring, and service areas. The Division of Legal Services and the Director of Public Information report directly to the Executive Director.

DMH has seven bureaus: the Bureau of Administration, the Bureau of Mental Health, the Bureau of Community Mental Health Services, the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the Bureau of Quality Management, Operations, and Standards, and the Bureau of Workforce Development and Training.

**The Bureau of Administration** works in concert with all Bureaus to administer and support development and administration of mental health services in the state. The Bureau of Administration includes the following divisions: Division of Accounting, Division of Audit and Grants Management, and the Division of Information Systems.

**The Bureau of Community Mental Health Services** has the primary responsibility for the development and implementation of community-based services to meet the needs of adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance, as well as to assist with the care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer’s disease/other dementia.

**The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse** is responsible for the administration of state and federal funds utilized in the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with substance abuse problems, including state Three-Percent Alcohol Tax funds for DMH. The overall goal of the state’s substance abuse service system is to provide a continuum of community-based, accessible services, including prevention, outpatient, detoxification, community-based primary and transitional residential treatment, inpatient and aftercare services. The Bureau includes two divisions, the Division of Prevention Services and the Division of Treatment Services.

**The Bureau of Mental Health** oversees the six state psychiatric facilities, which include public inpatient services for people with mental illness and/or alcohol/drug abuse services as well as the Central Mississippi Residential Center.

**The Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** is responsible for planning, development and supervision of an array of services for with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This system is comprised of five state-operated comprehensive regional centers for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, one specialized residential facility for youth with intellectual or developmental disabilities, regional community mental health centers, and other nonprofit community agencies/organizations that provide community services.
The Bureau of IDD includes the Division of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), the Division of Transition Services, and staff dedicated to the oversight of community-based services and programs.

**Bureau of Outreach, Planning and Development** is responsible for the agency’s strategic planning process, internal and external communications, public awareness campaigns, transformation to a Person-Centered and Recovery Oriented System of Care, special projects, workforce development, and professional licensure and certification.

**The Bureau of Quality Management, Operations and Standards** is responsible for: development of the DMH Operational Standards for providers of community-based services; provider certification; compliance with DMH Operational Standards; oversight of agency and provider emergency management/disaster response systems; and oversight of constituency services.

**SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM**

The mental health service delivery system is comprised of three major components: state-operated programs, regional community mental health centers, and other non-profit/profit service agencies/organizations.

**State-operated Community Service Programs:** All of the IDD and Behavior Health Programs provide community services in all or part of their designated service areas. Community services include: residential, employment, in-home, and other supports to enable people to live in their community.

**Regional Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs):** The CMHCs operate under the supervision of regional commissions appointed by county boards of supervisors comprising their respective service areas. The 14 CMHCs make available a range of community-based mental health, substance abuse, and in some regions, intellectual/developmental disabilities services. CMHC governing authorities are considered regional and not state-level entities.

**Other Nonprofit/Profit Service Agencies/Organizations:** These are certified by DMH and may also receive other funding to provide community-based services. Services currently provided through these nonprofit agencies include community-based alcohol/drug abuse services, community services for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and community services for children/youth with mental illness.

**State-operated Programs:** DMH administers and operates six (6) Behavioral Health Programs, five (5) IDD Regional Programs, and a rehabilitation facility youth with IDD.

**AVAILABLE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

Both facility and community-based services and supports are available through the DMH service system. The type of services provided depends on the person’s location and the availability of certified providers.
Community Services

A variety of community services and supports are available. Services are provided to adults with mental illness, children and youth with serious emotional disturbance, children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, people with substance abuse disorders, and persons with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia.

Services for Adults with Mental Illness

- Crisis Stabilization Programs
- Pre-Evaluation Screening/Civil Commitment Exams
- Inpatient Referral Services
- Outpatient Therapy
- Halfway House Services
- Acute Partial Hospitalization
- Intensive Partial Hospitalization
- SMI Homeless Services
- Consultation and Education

- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Crisis/Emergency Mental Health Services
- Community Support Services
- Group Home Services
- Elderly Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Physician/Psychiatric Services
- Drop-In Centers
- Supervised Housing
- Individual/Family Education and Support

Services for Children and Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance

- Therapeutic Group Homes
- Prevention/Early Intervention
- Mobile Crisis Response Services
- Community Support Services
- Outpatient Therapy
- MAP Teams
- Acute Partial Hospitalization

- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Intensive Crisis Intervention Services
- Day Treatment
- Physician/Psychiatric Services
- School Based Services
- Family Education and Support
- Crisis/Emergency Mental Health Services

Services for People with Alzheimer’s disease and Other Dementia

- Adult Day Centers

- Caregiver Training

Services for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

- Early Intervention
- Supported Living (ID/DD Waiver and non-ID/DD Waiver)
- Supported Employment Services (ID/DD Waiver and non-ID/DD Waiver)
- ID/DD Waiver Behavior Support
- ID/DD Waiver In-home Nursing Respite
- ID/DD Waiver Day Services - Adult
- ID/DD Waiver Support Coordination
- ID/DD Waiver Crisis Intervention
- ID/DD Waiver Transition Assistance
- ID/DD Waiver Specialized Medical Supplies (blue pads, disposable briefs, catheters)

- Work Activity Services
- ID/DD Waiver Home and Community Supports
- Supervised Living (ID/DD Waiver and non-ID/DD Waiver)
- ID/DD Waiver Community Respite
- ID/DD Waiver Crisis Support
- ID/DD Waiver Prevocational Services
- ID/DD Waiver Job Discovery
- ID/DD Waiver Supported Living
- ID/DD Waiver Host Homes
- ID/DD Waiver Occupational, Physical, and Speech/Language Therapies
**Services for People with Substance Abuse Disorders**

- Detoxification Services  
- Transitional Residential  
- Prevention Services  
- Outpatient Services  
- Primary Residential Services  
- Outreach/Aftercare  
- Chemical Dependency Units  
- DUI Diagnostic

**IDD Regional Program Services**

The types of services offered through the Regional Programs for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities vary according to location but statewide include:

- ICF/IID Residential Services  
- Social Services  
- Special Education  
- Diagnostic and Evaluation Services  
- Community Services Programs  
- Psychological Services  
- Medical/Nursing Services  
- Recreation  
- Vocational Training  
- Employment Services  
- Speech/Occupational/Physical Therapies

**Behavioral Health Program Services**

The types of services offered through the regional Behavioral Health Programs vary according to location but include:

- Acute Psychiatric Care  
- Continued Treatment Services  
- Nursing Home Services  
- Forensic Services  
- Community Service Programs  
- Intermediate Psychiatric Care  
- Adolescent Services  
- Medical/Surgical Hospital Services  
- Alcohol and Drug Services