OVERVIEW OF MISSISSIPPI'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health is committed to making available a comprehensive system so Mississippians have access to the least restrictive and most appropriate level of services and supports that will meet their needs.

Our system is person-centered and is built on the strengths of individuals and families, while meeting their needs for special services. Services should be provided on a continuum of where the person is, at that time, and what their needs are.

SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM

The mental health service delivery system is comprised of three major components:

1) state-operated programs and community services programs
2) regional community mental health centers
3) other nonprofit/profit service agencies/organizations

STATE-OPERATED PROGRAMS: DMH administers and operates state behavioral health programs, a mental health community living program, a specialized behavioral health program for youth, regional programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and a specialized program for adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These programs serve designated counties or service areas and offer community living and/or community services.

- The behavioral health programs provide inpatient services for people (adults and children) with serious mental illness (SMI) and substance use disorders. These programs include: Mississippi State Hospital and its satellite program Specialized Treatment Facility; East Mississippi State Hospital and its satellite programs – North Mississippi State Hospital, South Mississippi State Hospital and Central Mississippi Residential Center. Nursing home services are also located on the grounds of Mississippi State Hospital and East Mississippi State Hospital. In addition to the inpatient services mentioned, East Mississippi State Hospital provides transitional, community-based care.
- The programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities provide residential services. The programs also provide licensed homes for community living. These programs include: Boswell Regional Center and its satellite programs Hudspeth Regional Center and Mississippi Adolescent Center; Ellisville State School and its satellite program South Mississippi Regional Center; and North Mississippi Regional Center.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCS): 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 use, and in some regions, intellectual/developmental disabilities services. CMHC governing authorities are considered regional and not state-level entities. DMH is responsible for certifying, monitoring, and assisting CMHCs.

OTHER NONPROFIT/PROFIT SERVICE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: These agencies and organizations make up a smaller part of the service system. These programs are certified by DMH and may also receive funding to provide community-based services. Many of these agencies may also receive additional funding from other sources. Services currently provided through these nonprofit agencies include community-based alcohol/drug use services, community services for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and community services for children with mental illness or emotional problems.

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health provides hope by supporting a continuum of care for people with mental illness, alcohol and drug addiction, and intellectual or developmental disabilities.

By inspiring hope, helping people on the road to recovery, and improving resiliency, the public mental health system is working to help Mississippians succeed.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION SERVICES

INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES