

Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) Reform

During the spring of 2017 the AMHI Reform Workgroup, comprised of AMHI representatives, Tribal representatives, MCOs and consumers, developed the following mission and principles for adult mental health services.

Mission and Principles

AMHI's are dedicated to improving the mental health of their community through intentional planning and partnerships across a region grounded in the following principles:

- Lived experience with mental illness guides the governance and services
- Brings together people with lived experience, providers, counties, tribes, MCOs and DHS to fully utilize all available resources to meet regional needs.
- Develops and provides an array of person centered services that builds on personal and cultural strengths.
- Utilizes a data driven model to evaluate the impact of services on health outcomes.
- Assures access, early intervention, coordination, and application of resources through creative partnerships.

AMHI Grant Application

In support of the Mission and Principles the 2021-2022 AMHI application will focus on the AMHI Structure including: Membership, roles and responsibilities and data management.

Membership

The AMHI Reform workgroup described the positive impact that a diverse membership provides on the ability to support, identify, create, and plan for the mental health needs of their region. They recommended an enhanced membership that includes: people with lived experience, providers, counties, tribes, MCOs and DHS.

In support of that principle, in the application DHS will be looking for the strategy to address those instances where a membership group is missing.

Roles and Responsibilities

The AMHI members are expected to:

- Identify regional needs,
- Prioritize areas for development and
- Use data to assess current services
- Plan for current and future mental health services.

Examples of AMHI's who are close to this structure: South Central, 4 South, 7E, Region 5+, Carver and CommUnity

Data Management

The ability to use data for continuous quality improvement and to describe the impact of the dollars invested in community mental health was highlighted. DHS has dedicated resources to enhanced data reporting. However, reports are only as good as the quality of the data they are based on. In support of Data driven decision making, AMHI's have a role in ensuring the quality of the data collected. AMHI's responsibilities include:

Training all recipients of AMHI funds to report in MHIS

Ensuring all recipients of AMHI funds reporting is current and accurately reflects services

- Monitoring biannual report for provider compliance
- Review data for integrity and completeness
- Developing corrective action plans where needed