

Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative (CMHC)
Governance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Proposed CMHC/Hennepin County Behavioral Health SoC Partnership

Representatives from the CMHC and Hennepin County Behavioral Health met on January 14th, 2021 to discuss partnership opportunities related SoC work. Hennepin County is applying for a SAMHSA (federal) System of Care grant and plans to focus on two major areas:

1. **Mobile response:** Hennepin County has been working to initiate a small pilot focusing on mobile response. Hennepin County will be contracting with a community provider. Hennepin County is in negotiations with a provider and hope to have a contract in place soon. The work will begin with a narrow focus and build from experience. They will start with kids who go to the hospital but aren't eligible for admittance. They will work from Monday-Friday 10 am to 10 pm. They will take whole family approach when responding to the crisis.
 - a. Hennepin County is in the process of completing an application for a SAMSHA System of Care grant. Mobile response and stabilization services is part of that application.
 - b. If funded, they will use the federal funding to build out the stabilization efforts with mobile response, expand the availability of mobile response to 24/7, and expand the target population
 - c. The above mobile response will fall under behavioral health, not public health.
 - d. This will be different than the COPE program.

2. **Building Family & Youth Voice:** Hennepin County would like to move from case level to system level feedback from parents and youth. They intend to build funding to cover the cost of these activities. They would like to engage the Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative in this shared work.
 - a. The grant will request funding to hire someone to work with families to focus on system level change (Lead Family Coordinator, likely .75 FTE).
 - b. Youth engagement across the county, likely .5 FTE person/contract. The youth engagement coordinator would help develop a Youth Advisory Board.
 - c. Funding for youth and family engagement activities in addition to staff.

Next Steps:

1. Letter of Commitment from Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative to work with Hennepin County Behavior Health to support their efforts to increase family & youth voice in our System of Care work. The CMHC will assist in managing and supporting this work as part of our commitment. Due January 21, 2021.
2. Provide salary estimates parent liaison and youth liaison as contracted staff (annual)
3. Provide rough costs for parent and youth engagement activities (annual)