

Hennepin County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative

Mental health dashboard project overview – April 4, 2020

We do not currently have a shared understanding of the children’s mental health system of care and how it is functioning. The goal of this project is to create a dashboard that compiles readily available information (through public sources and through core system partners). A variety of information can be included, such as population demographics, service accessibility and outcomes, social indicators of health, etc. The dashboard will be updated regularly to show our progress over time, and can be used to inform conversations regarding system goals and priorities. The timeline is flexible and can be modified based upon the needs and capacity of the Collaborative. It’s expected that by late summer 2020 completed deliverables will include at least a draft dashboard for system use and a work plan for updating and using the information on an ongoing basis. Completion dates for other tasks (such as a system-level goals framework and a platform for sharing the information) will be flexible to align with Collaborative priorities.

PHASE 1: Background April-May/June 2020

Review models used by other SOC sites (April-May)

Collect and review dashboards or measurement frameworks used in other system of care sites

Compile public data (April-May)

Compile potential system-level indicators based on readily available information (i.e., publicly available data sources)

Identify County indicators for dashboard (April-June)

Work with County staff to identify potential indicators to include in the dashboard. This may include indicators related to children’s mental health, public health, child protection, or corrections.

PHASE 2: Collaborative input June-August 2020 (tentative)

Review indicators with Collaborative partners, including parents and youth

Depending on priorities, this could involve the full Collaborative, the Executive team, a work group formed to support this effort, or one-on-one/ small group discussions with core partners. Specific outreach strategies will be used to engage parents and youth.

Sample questions:

- What does this information tell us about the current children’s mental health system of care?
- What is helpful? What isn’t?
- What is missing?
- Is the information actionable? How should the Collaborative use this information to inform their work?
- How does the current information align with system of care values?
- What other data sources are available?

PHASE 3a: Expansion/ refinement (timeline TBD)

Specific tasks will be determined based on earlier phases, but could include:

- Working with partners to identify potential indicators to add to dashboard (such as information from schools or providers)
- Developing system-level goals for the children’s mental health system and revising the dashboard to reflect these goals

PHASE 3b: Process development (timeline TBD)

Specific tasks will be determined based on earlier phases, but could include:

- Developing a work plan for keeping the dashboard updated
- Identifying platforms for disseminating dashboard and related efforts (through the website or other formats)
- Proposing strategies for aligning the Collaborative’s work with the dashboard