

MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

A WILCO WELLNESS ALLIANCE WORKING GROUP



GOAL

Strive to sustain a coordinated behavioral health system of care that: focuses on prevention and early intervention, provides integrated services and access to care by eliminating barriers, reduces stigma through building awareness, improves outcomes in a community that respects and preserves the rights of all and focuses on the whole person.

1 ACCESS TO CARE

By 2019, the Mental Health Task Force will increase the availability of publicly-funded in-patient psychiatric beds for Williamson County residents from 10,827 bed days to 14,246 bed days.

1. Seek strategies to increase flexibility in funding to expand options for recovery services in our system of care.
2. Encourage the state to consider population growth in increasing funding.
3. Increase knowledge and awareness of trauma-informed care as a means for boosting prevention and improving treatment. Intentionally drive the MHTF agenda toward awareness of trauma-informed care and improving treatment.
4. Develop Medicaid Tracker for Adults as a pathway to reduce cost.
5. Advocate for increase in funding for tele-psychiatry in the legislative process.
6. Increase early intervention and prevention.

2 SUSTAINABILITY

By 2019, the Mental Health Task Force will amend bylaws to encourage initiatives to be fiscally accountable, add value, and quality focused based on accepted standards of practice.

1. For any Williamson County initiative requesting support of the Mental Health Task Force, they will be required to provide outcome data at least twice/year and are encouraged to be fiscally accountable, value and quality driven, and based off standards of practice.
2. Decrease uncompensated care by having a funding source.
3. Tie each initiative to the needs assessment.
4. Develop a process to determine which initiatives to support.
5. Sustain cost of Aunt Bertha.

3 COORDINATED EFFORTS

The Mental Health Task Force will continue to actively coordinate efforts of behavioral health organizations serving Williamson County residents to improve the behavioral health system.

1. Through further development of Aunt Bertha, develop compendium of key players/organizations (including name, title & contact information) and identify roles and responsibilities of representatives from each organization.
2. Expand Professional Peer Review Committee to improve collaboration among key organizations
3. Make resource map and compendium on Aunt Bertha.
4. Identify and share models and best practices within partners/organizations in the county.
5. Update bylaws of the MHTF.
6. Link individuals with the Wilco Women's Meetup Group as a resource/referral network.