



**MAYOR'S MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE MONITORING COMMITTEE
ACTION PLAN/STATUS REPORT
March, 2008**

FOCUS AREA: ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Liaison: Mildred Vuris

A. CLARIFY NEEDED RESOURCES FOR A FULL RANGE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

PARTNERS: Travis County, City of Austin, ATCMHMR, TCHD

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J8, T2, H1, J1, T1, T2, T3, T9

TARGET DATE: 2/07

STATUS: PARTIALLY COMPLETE – Item in Transition

ACTIVITIES:

- MMHTFMC Behavioral Health Service System Mapping Report, 11/06
- System Mapping Report Update
- TCHD Mental Health Crisis Services: Stakeholder Process and Plan, 12/06
- Geographical Mapping of Behavioral Health Services, 2/07 – incomplete due to lack of resources
- Individual Provider Capacity Analysis, 5/07 – incomplete due to lack of resources

B. IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICES AND PRIORITIES FOR FILLING GAPS

PARTNERS: Travis County, City of Austin, ATCMHMR, TCHD

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J8, T2, H1, J1, T1, T2, T3, T9

TARGET DATES: 5/2007

STATUS: PARTIALLY COMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- Analysis of estimated need vs. current capacity, 5/2007
- ICC Primary Care Capacity Initiative Recommendations, early 2007
- Establishment of Benchmarks based on data collection
- Identification of policy recommendation to fill gaps identified through data development

C. ESTABLISH AN URGENT CARE CLINIC WITH EVENING AND WEEKEND HOURS

PARTNERS: Travis County, City of Austin, ATCMHMR, TCHD

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, T9

TARGET DATES: 2/2007

STATUS: INCOMPLETE

No changes with regard to this recommendation during 2007

D. EXPAND INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE IN PRIMARY CARE CLINICS

PARTNERS: City of Austin, Travis County, ATCMHMR, TCHD

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, E9, T9

TARGET DATES: 2/2007

STATUS: COMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- Expansion of E-Merge Program
- Integrated Behavioral Health Model implemented at People's Community Clinic
- All FQHC's in Austin have Behavioral Health Consultation Services

E. EXPAND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY TO DECREASE WAIT TIMES AND CASE LOADS

PARTNERS: Travis County, City of Austin, ATCMHMR, TCHD

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, H1, T3

TARGET DATES: INCOMPLETE*

ACTIVITIES:

- Analysis of estimated need vs. current capacity, 2/2007
- Analysis of national benchmarks for current population levels
- Monitoring ATCMHMR Wait List -see Community Score Card Information
- Annual Update of System Mapping Information

*Although our system mapping update analysis indicated that fewer providers were turning away client due to lack of capacity in 2006 compared to 2005, the lack of progress in other sectors of the total mental health community in this area lead us to believe that this criteria needs more attention.