



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

FOCUS AREA: COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Liaisons: Dr. Ollie Seay

COLLABORATING ENTITIES: Mental Health Providers, City, County, Health Care District, Philanthropic Community, Advocacy Organizations

A. DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, E8

TARGET DATE: 12/07

STATUS: COMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- **Formation of a joint data development subcommittee between the MMHTFMC and the ATC Suicide Prevention Coalition**

B. IDENTIFY AND TRACK COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES, EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS, AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, E1, H4, J10, E2, E4, T10, J4, H6,

TARGET DATES: ONGOING

ACTIVITIES:

- **Wide dissemination of Task Force Report**
- **Wide dissemination of 2005 Annual Report**
- **Dissemination of Behavioral Health Service System Mapping Report**
- **Online Calendar of Events related to a mentally healthy community**
- **Development of Mentally Healthy Community Scorecard**
- **Development of quarterly Skyline MMHTFMC Newsletter**
- **Yearly tracking of media coverage for community scorecard**
- **Development of an MMHTFMC Communication Plan and Transition Committee**
- **Wide dissemination of 2005 and 2006 Annual Reports.**

**C. PROMOTE PARITY OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY BENEFITS SYSTEMS**

PARTNERS: CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, T6

TARGET DATES: 12/2007

STATUS: PARTIALLY COMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- City of Austin has agreed to include mental health parity in the next budgeting cycle
- Travis County has also engaged in conversations

**D. DEVELOP A RESOURCE TOOLKIT TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES**

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, E1, H4, J10, E2, E4, T10, J4, H6,

TARGET DATES: 12/2008

STATUS: INCOMPLETE