



MAYOR'S MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE MONITORING COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN/STATUS REPORT

MISSION:

The Mayor's Mental Health Task Force Monitoring Committee (MMHTFMC) is a broad based collaborative and integrating entity charged with coordinating and implementing strategies to move Austin to a national model of a mentally healthy community. The role of the MMHTFMC is to:

- Document and assist coordination of behavioral health planning needs; and
- Identify and take actions to fill gaps in behavioral health service, criminal justice and social service needs, in an effort to promote accountability and maximize funding strategies.

FOCUS AREA: FAITH BASED ACTIVITIES - Update-June 29, 2007

Rev. H. Ed Calahan

A. CONVENE CHURCH LEADERS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING TO COORDINATE EFFORTS

COLLABORATIVES: Austin Area Interfaith Ministries; Baptist Ministers Union; Texas Congregations United for Empowerment.

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J10, E2, E3

TARGET DATE: Ongoing

STATUS: PARTIALLY COMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- The 2007 Central Texas African American Family Support Conference (CTAAFSC) was very well attended and the Planning Committee is too commended for all their hard work. The conference was held **February 9-10, 2007** and the. Theme: *"Transforming Healthy Communities-Mind, Body and Soul."*
- Planning for the 2008 Central Texas African American Family Support Conference has begun. The theme is: *"The Fine Art of Achieving Life Balance"*
- We have continued to work with the Cornerstone Baptist Church Conference Planning Committee for 2007 Summer Conference. Conference Theme: *"Reclaiming, Restoring and Unifying Families."* The conference will be held July 27-29, 2007 at the St. Mary Baptist Church in Pflugerville. For information: call 512/251-6249 or email conference@csbcaustin.org.

B. DEVELOP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE LIST FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHURCH LEADERS

COLLABORATIVES: Austin Area Interfaith Ministries; Baptist Ministers Union; Texas Congregations United for Empowerment.

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J10, E2, E3

TARGET DATES: 8/2007

STATUS: PARTIALLY COMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- **MMHTFMC Behavioral Health Service System Mapping Report**

C. DEVELOP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR CHURCH OFFICIALS

COLLABORATIVE: Austin Area Interfaith Ministries; Baptist Ministers Union; Texas Congregations United for Empowerment.

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J10, E2, E3

TARGET DATES: September 2007

STATUS: INCOMPLETE

ACTIVITIES:

- Contacted and received feedback from several individuals in other states concerning work in this area. Currently reviewing those materials.
- Currently reviewing SAMSHA'S National Mental Health Information Center -Center for Mental Health Services: *"Building Bridges: Mental Health Consumers and Members of Faith-Based and Community Organizations"* for review.
- Currently reviewing SAMSHA'S Core Competencies for the Clergy within the Faith Based Community in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

D. DEVELOP INVENTORY OF FAITH BASED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

COLLABORATIVES: Austin Area Interfaith Ministries; Baptist Ministers Union; Texas Congregations United for Empowerment.

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J10, E2, E3

TARGET DATES: September 2007

STATUS: INCOMPLETE

ACTIVITES:

- **Inventory questionnaire in development for distribution to faith based organizations**

E. CONDUCT SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON RECOGNITION OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND INTERVENTIONS

COLLABORATIVES: Austin Area Interfaith Ministries; Baptist Ministers Union; Texas Congregations United for Empowerment.

MMHTF INDICATORS: H9, T4, J2, J6, T7, J10, E2, E3

TARGET DATES: ONGOING

ACTIVITIES:

- Continued to work with the Cornerstone Baptist Church Conference Planning Committee for 2007 Summer Conference. Conference Theme: *“Reclaiming, Restoring and Unifying Families.”* The conference will be held July 27-29, 2007 at the St. Mary Baptist Church in Pflugerville. For more information: call 512/251-6249 or email conference@csbcaustin.org.
- Currently reviewing SAMSHA’S Core Competencies for the Clergy within the Faith Based Community and developing a presentation for the Faith Based Community in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.