

Meeting Minutes: Priority Admissions Task Force

Date: 12/16/2024

Minutes prepared by: Kari Gallagher

Location: Direct Care and Treatment 3200 Labore Road, Suite 104 Vadnais Heights, MN 55110

Attendance

- Jodi Harpstead
- Keith Ellison
- Dr. KyleeAnn Stevens
- Bryan Welk
- Doug McGuire
- Dr. Dionne Hart
- Kevin Magnuson
- Lisa Harrison-Hadler
- Sue Abderholden
- Taleisha Rooney
- Angela Youngerberg
- Heidi Heino
- Nick Rasmussen
- Melissa Caffes
- Tarryl Clark
- Jinny Palen

Agenda

Review Draft Report (All) (10:00am-12:00pm)

Break/Lunch (12:00am-12:30pm)

Next Steps and Planning (All) (12:30pm-1:00pm)

Adjourn (1:00pm)

***Next Meeting: January 14, 10:00am-1:00pm**

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

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Meeting Notes

Review Draft Report

- I. Drafting committee provided a draft report for members to review and discuss
 - a. Many members were in favor of suspending the timeline for 3 years to measure progress. The suspension would maintain pressure to expand access while acknowledging that priority cases cannot be expedited within short timeframes. The suspension proposal must include clear action steps for increasing access at Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) and within communities.
 - b. The second section of the draft report includes recommendations for making data accessible throughout the system. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of policy changes were emphasized as crucial components of any suspension
 - c. Discussion on strategies to prevent individuals from entering the system, such as early intervention. Legislative efforts in previous sessions focused on policies like engagement pilots and changes to Medicaid statutes to allow expanded facility use.
 - d. Proposed funding priorities
 - i. Increased funds for mobile crisis teams with medical transport.
 - ii. Raising reimbursement rates for community mental health providers
 - iii. Establishing a long-term task force for ongoing system oversight
 - iv. Expanding access to mental healthcare in jails and detention centers
 - e. Emphasis was placed on data-sharing initiative to enhance transparency regarding waiting times for beds and available resources
 - f. Pilot Program and Expansion of Treatment Capacity
 - i. Discussion on integrating pilot programs, such as enhances inpatient services and coordination between healthcare facilities
 - ii. Recommendations include expanding programs for psychiatric services in correctional facilities

Next Steps and Planning

- II. Draft revisions
 - a. Incorporate feedback on recommendations before finalizing the report
 - b. Encourage outreach to legislators and representatives to advocate for funding priorities
 - c. Improve tracking of bed availability, transport efficiency, and service accessibility
 - d. Explore phased funding proposals to ensure incremental progress without overwhelming budget constraints
- III. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14 10:00am-1:00pm at Direct Care and Treatment in Vadnais Heights