

Howard County, Maryland Strategic Priority/Action Items April 2006

Priority Area:

Goal 2, Objective 3: Increase the number of Howard County residents who access treatment.

Goal 3, Objective 2: Increase the collaboration among County agencies and organizations.

Action Plan:

Steps for Goal 2, Objective 3:

- Review Howard County Health Department (HCHD) data on time from phone call to evaluation. [Completed March 2006](#)
- Review Howard County FY 05 SAMIS data on “Time Waiting to Enter Treatment” for criminal justice referrals. [Completed March 2006](#)
- HCHD will evaluate resources to determine what changes are needed to better serve criminal justice referred patients. [Completed March 2006](#)
- HCHD will reallocate resources to decrease waiting time for criminal justice referrals. [Unable to do without putting a strain on the system](#)
- [Seek additional funding for 2 FTE counselors to do evaluations.](#)
- [Seek additional funding for 2 FTE counselors at the Howard County Detention Center.](#)

Personnel Responsible: HCHD Substance Abuse Services

Steps for Goal 3 Objective 2:

- The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council) has set up a sub-committee to work on the Strategic Plan. [On-going.](#)
- The sub-committee will meet quarterly. [On-going.](#)
- Other committees, agencies, and organizations in Howard County that address issues on Substance Abuse will be invited to attend the sub-committee meetings. [On-going.](#)
- Any new or existing initiatives on substance abuse in Howard County will be asked to be channeled through the sub-committee (i.e. Health Improvement Plan 2010, Vision Howard County etc.). [On-going.](#)

Personnel Responsible: Chair and Executive Secretary of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Intended Measurable Outcomes:

Goal 2, Objective 2:

- 95% of Criminal Justice patients will wait less than 14 days to enter treatment.

- An increase of 1500 evaluations done every year.
- An additional 30 slots at the Howard County Detention Center.

Goal 3, Objective 2:

- 10 organizations/agencies will be represented at each quarterly sub-committee meeting.

Connection to Identified Targeted Outcomes from Initial Strategic Plan:

Goal 2, Objective 2: Increase the number of patients who successfully complete treatment

Goal 3, Objective 2: Increase the ability of organizations to help substance abusing individuals.

Budget:

Priority Action Area	Current Funding Amount	Current Source of Funding	Amount of Funding Increase Needed	Source of Funding Needed to Accomplish Priority	Anticipated Increase in Number of Slots and Number to be Served
<u>Reduce entry barriers to improve access to treatment.</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>	<u>ADAA</u> <u>70%</u> <u>County</u> <u>30%</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>	<u>ADAA</u>	<u>1500</u> <u>evaluations per</u> <u>year</u>
	<u>\$175,000</u>	<u>County</u> <u>100%</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>	<u>ADAA</u>	<u>30 Detention</u> <u>Center slots</u>
Increase the collaboration among County agencies and organizations.	None	NA	None	NA	NA