

Howard County, Maryland Strategic Plan for Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Priority Area:

Goal 2, Objective 2: Reduce entry barriers to improve access to treatment.

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

Action Plan:

Steps for Goal 2, Objective 2:

- Review Howard County Health Department (HCHD) data on time from phone call to evaluation.
- Review Howard County FY 05 SAMIS data on “Time Waiting to Enter Treatment” for criminal justice referrals.
- HCHD will evaluate resources to determine what changes are needed to better serve criminal justice referred patients.
- HCHD will reallocate resources to decrease waiting time for criminal justice referrals.

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.
- The sub-committee will meet quarterly.
- Other committees, agencies, and organizations in Howard County that address issues on Substance Abuse will be invited to attend the sub-committee meetings.
- 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.).

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.

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 Sources of Funding | Nature and Source of Budgetary Change | Changes in Numbers or Population to be Served |
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| Reduce entry barriers to improve access to treatment. | \$160,000 | ADAA 70% County 30% | No change in funding amount or source needed (at this time) | 95% of Criminal Justice patients will wait less than 14 days to enter treatment. |
| Increase the collaboration among County agencies and organizations. | None | NA | None | NA |