

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
PRIORITY ACTION ITEM FOR 2006**

GOAL: Enhance interagency/inter-institution delivery of screening, assessment and case management services for County citizens and residents with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

ACTION PLAN:

- Identify all existing screening, assessment and case management efforts.
- Solicit support from the Office of the County Executive for coordinated screening, assessment and case management services.
- Review methods of work and service utilization to assess efficiency and effectiveness of current efforts.
- Design county system for coordinated screening, assessment and case management, identifying opportunities to re-assign and/or re-align existing staff in multiple agencies to ensure that both coverage needs and utilization issues are addressed.
- Select/assign leadership for interagency screening/assessment and interagency/inter-institution case management efforts.
- Identify and establish electronic communication and data capture processes to track client movement through screening, assessment and case management systems.
- Implement coordinated county system.

INTENDED MEASURABLE OUTCOMES:

Screening and Assessment

- Appointments for screening/assessment made within 3 business days of request
- Screening/assessments conducted in client's native language
- Screening/assessment used by any agency contains a uniform data subset that is transferable between agencies with proper privacy and confidentiality safeguards
- Core competencies established for assessors
- Assessors are trained and monitored to meet those core competencies
- Client needs for mental health, medical, housing, employment and children's services clearly identified in assessment
- As a result of the above, clients receive appropriate treatment placement 90+% of the time.

Case Management

- **Case management services are available for all Drug Courts**
- **Case management services are available for all enrollees in Health Department, Department of Corrections and other public sector substance abuse treatment programs**
- **Clients of public sector substance abuse treatment programs who have mental health, medical, housing, employment and children's service needs are referred to, assisted in obtaining and followed up for receipt of those services**
- **As a partial result of the above, client crises levels are low, client retention levels are high, and program completions increase.**

CONNECTION TO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF INITIAL STRATEGIC PLAN:

This cross-cutting priority addresses several goals and objectives concerned with improving identification of service needs and access to care:

***Goal 1* – “Improve public safety by reducing alcohol and other drug use by County citizens and residents.”**

- **Objective 5: “Increase diversion, drug court, re-entry and other programs to adequately address the needs of alcohol and other drug-involved residents identified by the criminal justice system.”**

***Goal 2* – “Improve access to and quality of residential and outpatient treatment services for citizens and residents of Prince George's County.”**

- **Objective 1: “Address identified service gaps and needs, including youth services, women's services, service for non-English-speaking populations and services for individuals with dual disorders.”**

***Goal 4* – “Develop the infrastructure to sustain efficient alcohol and other drug service delivery.”**

- **Objective 2: “Enhance County-wide health and criminal justice competency to address dual addiction and mental health disorders.”**
- **Objective 4: “Enhance intra- and inter-agency collection and communication of data and information.”**

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
Non-clinic-based and non-DSS screening and assessment	PGHD - \$360,000 \$75,000	ADAA/GOCCP DJS	PGHD –add \$75,000-staff re-assignments	TBA
Case management	PGHD-\$375,000	ADAA/GOCCP	PGHD –add \$175,000- staff re-assignments	TBA