

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

Strategic Plan for Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Priority Areas/Actions for "Next Step"

I. Priority Area:

TREATMENT GOAL: Develop a system of treatment that ensures timely and appropriate placement of patients based on ASI & ASAM criteria.

Objective #1: Increase inpatient detoxification and residential treatment slots to include adequate capacity for adolescents and those with concurrent psychiatric and substance use disorders.

II. Action Plan:

- A. Establish contractual agreements with appropriate providers of care for:
 - 1) Adolescents; and
 - 2) Those with co-occurring disorders
- B. Ensure that necessary transportation is available (either as part of the contract or by other means).
- C. Establish guidelines to ensure appropriate length of stay and to monitor care via concurrent reviews.

III. Intended Measurable Outcomes:

- A. 5 Adolescents, 5 individuals with co-occurring disorders, and 10 adults meeting appropriate ASAM criteria will be placed in residential care within 72 hours identified need.
- B. Substance use will decrease among those individuals referred for care by at least 75%.

IV. *Connection to identified targeted outcomes from Initial Strategic Plan:*

Adolescents:

>The establishment of a Juvenile Drug Court Program for this jurisdiction has been under study for 15 months. Case identification is to begin 1/1/06 with an implementation date of September, 2006. Timely placement of participants needing residential care will be crucial to the success of this endeavor. This effort is cited in our Strategic Plan.

>Pursuant to a Drug-Free Communities Grant from SAMSHA, now in its second year, this jurisdiction is witnessing an increase in agency/community mobilization to address issues related to adolescent substance use/abuse. As a result, there is now a steady growth in the number of adolescent referrals for assessment and appropriate placement, again requiring the immediate availability of residential slots.

Co-Occurring Disorders

>Approximately one year ago, Queen Anne's County lost its primary provider of mental health services for those on Medicaid and those un-insured and under-insured (Regional Mid-Shore Mental Health Services operated by the Caroline County Health Department closed its Centreville site). As this program was located within the QA County Health Department, a productive relationship existed between them the Health Department's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services unit. Since that time, there has been a struggle to find appropriate care for individuals with mental illness. It is all the more difficult for those with Co-occurring disorders. A group for those with co-occurring disorders has been available since June, 2005. There is clearly a need for the timely placement in residential care for a segment of this population.

Adults

>Assessment and referral data conservatively indicates that at any given time, between 8 and 10 patients are waiting for admission to the state-funded regional detoxification and Intermediate Care Facility which serves 5 counties. Limited resources (\$42,000) from CRF funds are available in the current fiscal year to purchase care from other providers approximately 20 patient forcing sometimes extensive waits for the appropriate level of care for the remainder.

V. *Budget*

<i>Priority Action Area</i>	<i>Current Funding Amount</i>	<i>Current Source of Funding</i>	<i>Amount of Funding Increase Needed</i>	<i>Source of Funding Needed to Accomplish Priority</i>	<i>Anticipated Increase in population served</i>
Detox / ICF Treatment available as needed for adolescents, adults, those with co-occurring disorders.	\$42,859	CRF – F867N	\$39,375 \$76,200 <u>\$21,000</u> \$136,575 Total	State	5 co-occurring for 105 days 5 Adolescents for 300 days 10 Adults for 210 days

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