



Behavioral Health Work Group
Convened by the
Regional Commission on Community Health Improvement (RCCHI)

Mission Statement:

The Regional Commission on Community Health Improvement (RCCHI) is establishing a Behavioral Health Work Group to collaborate across the region, and create future opportunities to advance the following mission:

To improve the behavioral health of adults and adolescents throughout the Finger Lakes Region by supporting the integration of primary care and behavioral health services, prevention, and ensuring access to appropriate, quality behavioral health services so they will be more able to live their lives to the fullest.

Work Group Charge:

1. Provide advice and recommendations to the RCCHI on actionable priorities and address the behavioral health needs of adults and adolescents in keeping with the Triple Aim foci of (1) improving the experience of care, (2) improving the health of the population, and (3) reducing per capita costs of health care.
2. Engage with a wide array of community stakeholders to inform actionable priorities through reflection and data collection to improve behavioral health and reduce disparities.
3. Create and strengthen existing network connections to address system-based issues that enhance access, and timely appropriate treatment of behavioral health conditions.
4. Review the evidence-base and current experience with existing measures to develop and monitor structural aspects, processes, and intermediate and long-term outcomes of implemented programs and services.
5. To ensure the consumer voice is heard and shapes the development and implementation of programs and services.
6. Communicate and integrate efforts with other work groups convened by RCCHI to optimize work efficiency and the impact of results.
7. Periodically meet with and present status update reports to RCCHI to ensure the high flow of information for keeping abreast of opportunities, for setting priorities, and for collaborating in decision-making.

Timing:

Work group members will be identified and convene the first meeting by February 2014. The duration of the Work Group is anticipated to be at least two years (2014-2016) corresponding with the RCCHI agenda and future work plans.