

Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Data Report

a. Available THCIC data

- HPRC will proceed to analyze this data, with consideration of both admitting codes and general diagnoses according to ICD-9 (generally, 290-319).
- Analyses will be conducted with consideration of demographic, geographical, and other contexts.

b. Demand for mental health services

- See literature brief attached to same email

c. # of psych beds in Texas hospitals (Hospital Survey Unit data)

- Data is available on psychiatric licensed and staffed beds for both acute care and psychiatric facilities. Data is also available on length of stay, number of admissions, and number of discharges.

2. Review of Stakeholder Responses to HB 1023

a. Categories of Problems/Areas in Need of Policy Recommendations

- Shortage of providers
 1. The DSHS Primary Care Office will provide data on number of psychiatrists needed and where to meet minimal HRSA requirements.
 2. THECB data shows that in 2012 just 291 out of 395 psychiatric residency positions (73.7%) were filled. Given this statistic, the incorporation of APRN's into the psychiatric workforce is a necessity.
- Maldistribution of providers
 1. Information was provided by TTUHSC indicating that Medicaid reimbursement rules may serve as barriers to the provision of health services. These will be verified through Medicaid and

subsequent recommendations will follow.

2. Related to this recommendation category and the lack of provider diversity, a literature review will be conducted seeking specific determinants of place of practice for psychiatrists. If the literature is inconclusive, the SHCC may encourage a study be done to this end.

- Lack of provider diversity
 1. Data on linguistic competencies of practitioners should be recorded by relevant mental health professions.
 2. Initial and continuing education should allow for ethnic/cultural/linguistic competencies as needed.
- Educational/Curriculum Reform
 1. The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies will conduct a literature review of interprofessional collaboration and utilize its existing data on Texas' nursing education programs to indicate features of a successful collaboration effort.
- Lack of Data
 1. HPRC will continue to work with DSHS' regulatory division to identify barriers to full implementation of the collection of the MDS.
 2. HHSC and DSHS will continue to collaborate and will seek to develop supply, demand, and utilization measures that inform mental health care needs in the state. HPRC will look for comparable efforts undertaken by other states.
 3. HPRC will contact HHSC with respect to its 1115 waiver projects and discuss how they are being internally evaluated and how HPRC/SHCC might help in this effort in the future.

3. Administrative Items and Next Steps

a. Deliverables

- Outline of SHCC HB1023 Recommendations
 1. Primary Feasibility and Cost-Benefit Analyses

b. Next Meeting – May 28, 2014 at 2 pm via teleconference.