



Office of Addiction  
Services and Supports

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Mental Health

Office for People With  
Developmental Disabilities

## 2023 Goals and Plans Form

### Genesee County Mental Health Services

**Goal 1:** Housing

**Goal 2:** Crisis Response

**Goal 3:** Workforce, recruitment and retention

**Goal 4 (Optional):** Transportation and Accessibility to services

**Goal 5 (Optional):** Family Support

#### **Annual and intermediate plans for addiction services:**

Our annual plan is to continue to expand services through the HEALing project, working in collaboration with the Public Health Department and the GOW Opioid Taskforce. This includes looking to identify MAT and MOUD services within primary care offices.

Providing outreach for harm reduction, as well as working with individuals within the criminal justice system. While we are currently working on these areas now, and as our intermediate plans, we look to expand these efforts throughout the year. Additionally, emergency and respite housing is an area that is needed, with funding from the opioid settlement, we will be looking to develop emergency and respite housing for this population. Our main SUD provider is in process of expanding case management and transportation and will be adding specific programs for psychostimulant users and people who have SUD who are homeless all with new grants.

#### **Annual and intermediate plans for developmental disability services:**

This is an area that has limited resources, not only within our county, but across rural counties. Our intermediate plan is to work with START and the potentially joining a Crisis Response pilot project with one of our neighboring counties. We would like to become more knowledgeable and understand the role of the CCO /Health Homes for the I/DD population by inviting representatives from the CCO's to attend our I/DD subcommittee. Work with OPWDD to collect data at a state level to assist in identifying what the identified needs are across the state. Utilize this data to assist to identify unmet needs on a local level for future planning. It remains a priority for us to provide specialized counseling and mental health supports for people with I/DD who are experiencing mental health symptoms. Provide specialized training on working with people with I/DD with mental health issues for staff of the clinic with specifically looking to hire one therapist whom specializes in Mental Health and I/DD.

#### **Annual and intermediate plans for mental health services:**

The intermediate plan for MH is to improve the crisis response system within the county. While this system is extremely stressed, we are building relationships with 911 dispatch,

local EMS and all Law Enforcement agencies. It is our intermediate and long term goal to utilize the MAP Pilot IPAD Program to decrease the strain on the 911 system, decrease and divert 9.39 presentations and keep individuals in the community while providing linkages to services. Additionally, we will be looking at developing groups specific to bereavement and loss as a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will continue to expand out MH services to schools within the county to ensure access to MH care and treatment is available to students.

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## 2023 Needs Assessment Form

### Genesee County Mental Health Services

#### **Case Management/Care Coordination** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional):

#### **Crisis Services** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Need a more responsive system across the board

#### **Cross System Services** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Need the Agencies to talk with one another, and work together for the optimal treatment of the clients instead of passing the problem, issue or crisis off to another state agency

#### **Employment/volunteer (client)** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): workforce shortage is impacting services and rippling down to the local levels

#### **Forensics** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Criminal Justice involvement is becoming the first line of involvement, need more services focusing on the forensic population, not only within the system but upon re-entry into the community. More training is needed when it comes to 730 evaluations, and retention for competency restoration

#### **Housing** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): There is just not enough housing to meet the needs of the community, across the mental hygiene system

**Respite** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Respite care is needed for families significantly impact by the pandemic.

**Workforce** Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Need description (Optional): workforce needs to increase, pay needs to increase in order to attract quality employees. People need to be paid appropriately and this is long overdue

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