



PIERRE + FORT PIERRE MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

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Access to Mental Health Services
2018 SD Legislative Interim

Group of representatives from various organizations in our community that have an interest in mental health

- Community Mental Health Care facility
- Law enforcement
- School system
- Health care
- SD Dept. of Social Services
- YMCA
- Hughes Co. States Attorney
- Hughes County
- Clergy
- Community members



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- 1990's: Central SD highest teen suicide rate in U.S.
- Access and logistics difficult.
- Community "Crisis Room" at St. Mary's Hospital.
 - Protocol for helping those in crisis. Multiple groups involved.



The "Patient Flow Standard" and the 4-Hour Recommendation

- "Boarding" mental health patients in unsafe environments.
- **This element of performance will go into effect January 1, 2014:** The hospital measures and sets goals for mitigating and managing the boarding of patients who come through the emergency department.



- Safely care for those that are in crisis.
- Access mental health services without involuntary commitment process.
- Mobile Crisis Response:
 - Capital Area Counseling
 - Hughes County
 - Law enforcement



Mobile Crisis Response:

- Started April 2016
- 213 evaluations
 - 76% adults
 - 70% no drugs/alcohol
 - 79% Safe at Home Plan
 - 168x \$2500 = \$420K



Mobile Crisis Response

- Transports : (?approx. \$500 per transport)
 - 2014-216--Averaged 113 per year.
 - 2017—59 (44% fewer).



Mobile Crisis Response

- Avera St. Mary's Emergency Dept.
 - 2018 annualized 171 patients
 - 2017 actual 147 patients
 - Education of staff, patients no longer boarded in "crisis room", The Joint Commission reviewed and found compliant with standards.



Challenges

- Timely safe transport
- Access to inpatient facilities



Wins

- Reduced law enforcement time
- Hospitalizations averted
- Tax dollars spent locally
- Access to mental health care locally in a timely fashion



- Other task force activities include: Youth liaison; public awareness; clinician website; intensive services for families; and Crisis Room.





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- Thank you

