

Task Force Scope Document

Increase Community Services and Caregiver Supports

Purpose of Task Force Created by 2019 -SCR2: Increase the capacity for transitional housing and residential services in communities to keep individuals closer to home, and develop caregiver supports.

Results of 2018 Interim Study on Access to Mental Health Care Services (AMHCS): SCR2 was approved by AMHCS Committee. It provided for legislative task forces to study, report, and develop and consider recommendations and proposed legislation regarding sustainable improvements to the continuum of mental health care services available in the state.

Goals for the Task Force

- Consider the needs for the full continuum of care
- Create productive, long-term solutions to address the needs for supportive and long-term care of mental health care patients
- Solutions should be regionally focused so patients can be close to their support structure
- Reduce recidivism in acute care needs
- Develop policies and practices that will help Caregivers
- Work with the other four task forces to resolve possible overlap of issues

Housing

- Funding for shelters, transitional / supportive housing, long-term housing
 - Funding for assisted living for those with serious mental issues is same as assisted without SMI
 - Temporary housing should also address when a patient is symptomatic to better provide crisis support and avoid acute situations
- Rural issues
 - System for family to procure additional services through a voucher system
- How to help those with criminal or poor rental history – New Start in Pennington County

Caregivers

- Investigate day programs, respite care, family and patient education, peer support services, use of case managers
- How can we incentivize (or not disincentivize) caregivers?
- Are care givers able to advocate for patient?

Tasks and Information to be collected.

- Identify the needed community and residential services
 - Catalog available services and the capacity of the services
 - What is most needed?

- Identify the gap in services
- Understand the needs of caregivers.
 - Are there services that the state needs to encourage or support caregivers

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