

Overview Statewide Behavioral Health System
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Current Behavioral Health System

- 17 community MH clinics ; 7 specialty clinics
- SUD services delivered through Managed Service Organizations; 331 licensed SUD treatment providers
- 2 state psychiatric hospitals (Ft Logan, Pueblo)
- Care accessed through primary care settings, especially in rural/frontier areas

Senate Bill 266

- Components of the BH crisis response system will reflect a continuum of care from crisis response through stabilization and safe return to the community with adequate support for transitions to each stage
- 24 hour statewide telephone crisis service - hotline and warm line
- Walk-in crisis services and crisis stabilization units
- Mobile crisis services and units that are linked to the walk-in services and crisis respite services

General Facts...

- 3 in 10 Coloradans are in need of MH or sub abuse care; 1 in 12 have a severe need
- # of MH and SUD practitioners have increased, but still too few providers with specialized skills
- Greatest need in rural and frontier areas (82% of practicing psychiatrists, 86% of child psychiatrists and essentially all addiction specialists are in the Denver and CO Springs area)
- Suicide is the 7th leading cause of death in CO

Senate Bill Con't

- Residential and respite crisis services that are linked to the walk-in crisis services
- Serve individuals regardless of their ability to pay
- Be part of a continuum of care
- Utilize peer supports
- Specialized services for children/adolescents
- Incorporate different response mechanisms utilized between mental health and substance use disorder crises

More Facts Con't...

- CO ranks 7th in the nation for the highest suicide rates
- In 2012 number of suicide deaths reached an all-time high with 1,053 completed suicides (an increase of 15.8% in just one year)
- Rural suicide rates higher than urban
- 75% of all deaths by firearms were deaths by suicide
- States with high suicide rates directly correlate to states with high gun ownership
- Men account for the greatest number of suicides

Even More Facts...

- Pitkin county's suicide rates regularly twice as high than other counties in CO and 3x that of the national average
- Summit and Eagle counties higher than much of the rest of the country
- Jackson county has highest rates of suicide
- Suicide spike in Weld county in 2013, with an increase of more than 50% over the county's 10 year average

QUESTIONS???

Current Status

- Hotline / Warm Line live on 8/1/14
- 1.844.493.TALK (8255)
- Metro Crisis Services (MCS) received the award to implement the new line
- Hotline vs warm line
- Interface with rescue services, first responders, local/regional mobile dispatch, etc

Current Status Con't

- Expanded hours for walk-in crisis evaluation
- Crisis beds 1-5 days (Clinician referred)
- In-home Respite / Residential respite beds 1-14 days (clinician referred)
- Increased mobile outreach (Hotline and local/regional dispatch) - may be in conjunction with first responders
- Operational by early December 2014