



Improve mental health care coordination through Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

Issue:

- A person with a mental illness will typically need to contact and coordinate several different agencies to obtain different levels and types of care.
- Rarely can someone obtain both mental health and substance use disorder treatment through the same agency.
- For people with mental illness, it is critical that they receive a high level of care coordination between providers, social services agencies, counties and other key stakeholders before they are in crisis, lessening the burden on emergency rooms and law enforcement.
- People with serious mental illness also commonly have other health problems. As a result, life expectancy nationally is 25 years less than the general population.

Proposal:

- The governor's supplemental budget recommends funds for continued planning and development of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.
- In 2015, the state received a federal grant through the Excellence in Mental Health Act to pilot Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. The 2015 Minnesota Legislature provided funding to support planning in 2016.
- Minnesota has until October 2016 to complete the planning process in order to be eligible to be one of eight states participating in the demonstration program. Demonstration states will be selected by January 2017 and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in those states will begin providing services in July 2017.

Benefits:

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics will offer mental health and substance use disorder services as well as a range of other services. They are an innovative model of care designed to increase access, improve services and serve as a "one-stop shop" to those who are currently underserved.
- Community Behavioral Health Clinics will monitor chronic illnesses and coordinate with primary care providers
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics change the way mental health and substance use disorder treatment is paid by moving toward reimbursement for actual costs.
- Should Minnesota be selected for the demonstration program, the state will receive additional federal funds for the services.

Fiscal impact:

- FY 17: \$188,000
- FY 18: \$5.126 million
- FY 19: \$3.307million

Number of people affected:

Approximately 5,000 children and adults in need of behavioral health services during the two-year demonstration project.

Related information:

- Governor's Supplemental Budget Proposal, [Minnesota Management & Budget website, http://www.mn.gov/mmb/images/16-17-supplemental-agency-item.pdf](http://www.mn.gov/mmb/images/16-17-supplemental-agency-item.pdf)
- [Planning Grants for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, http://www.samhsa.gov/section-223](http://www.samhsa.gov/section-223)
- [Excellence in Mental Health Minnesota, http://www.excellenceactmn.org/](http://www.excellenceactmn.org/)

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