

DPH Behavioral Health Planning Survey 2014

- 1. How do you anticipate health resource planning for Behavioral Health to help you in your work? How do you expect to use the information resulting from the effort?**

The hope would be for the data collected to result in the development of various resources for patients so that they are able to obtain services to assist in their recovery.

- 2. Are there specific services within Mental Health & Substance Abuse that you would like to see studied, and were not already included in the list of services on page 6? Please describe with as much specificity as possible. Please indicate how they can be addressed through health resource planning.**

No, the list appears extensive.

- 3. Given the importance of prevention and also “post-acute” services for mental health & substance abuse, what critical evidence-based services & programs are available, should be expanded, or need to be developed? Are there specific models you suggest we study?**

A focus on the development and expansion of step down programs from an inpatient, acute, or detoxification setting to assist patients in early recovery and with the transition out of a highly structured environment.

- 4. Obtaining capacity, workload/volume, and demand data for outpatient & community mental health & substance abuse services is a challenge. Do you have ideas for data sources or suggestions for collecting data now or in the future? Are there specific “data gaps” that you feel are important for future data collection?**

Obtaining the rate of recidivism and how that is attributed to the lack of community mental health and substance abuse services would be a beneficial aspect to explore.