Integrated Comprehensive Mental Health Program Plan Update

Change Agent Conference

October 24, 2018

Statutory Responsibilities: DHSS and the Trust

- **AS 47.30.660. Powers and Duties of the Department of Health and Social Services:** "The department shall prepare, and periodically revise and amend, a plan for an integrated comprehensive mental health program…; the preparation of the plan and any revision or amendment of it shall be made in conjunction with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; be coordinated with federal, state, regional, local, and private entities involved in mental health services…"
- **AS 47.30.011. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority:** "The purpose of the authority is to ensure an integrated comprehensive mental health program."

Statutory Responsibilities: Advisory Boards

- **Duties and Responsibilities of Commission, Council, and Boards:**
  - **AS 47.45.240. Alaska Commission on Aging Powers**
  - **AS 47.80.090 Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education**
  - **AS 44.29.140. Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**
  - **AS 47.30.666. Alaska Mental Health Board**

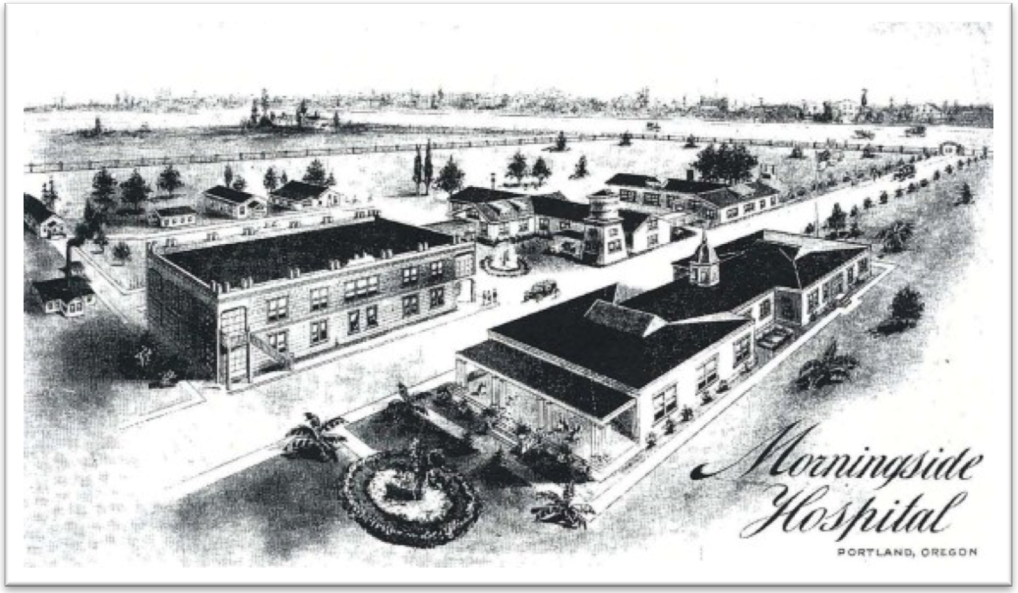
The commission/council/boards shall…

"Provide to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for its review and consideration recommendations concerning the integrated comprehensive mental health program."

Defining the Mental Health Program

Alaska Statute 47.30.056

"The integrated comprehensive mental health program for which expenditures are made under this section; shall give priority in service delivery to persons who, as a result of a mental disorder or of a disorder identified in this section; may require or are at risk of hospitalization; or experience such major impairment of self-care, self-direction, or social and economic functioning that they require continuing or intensive services."

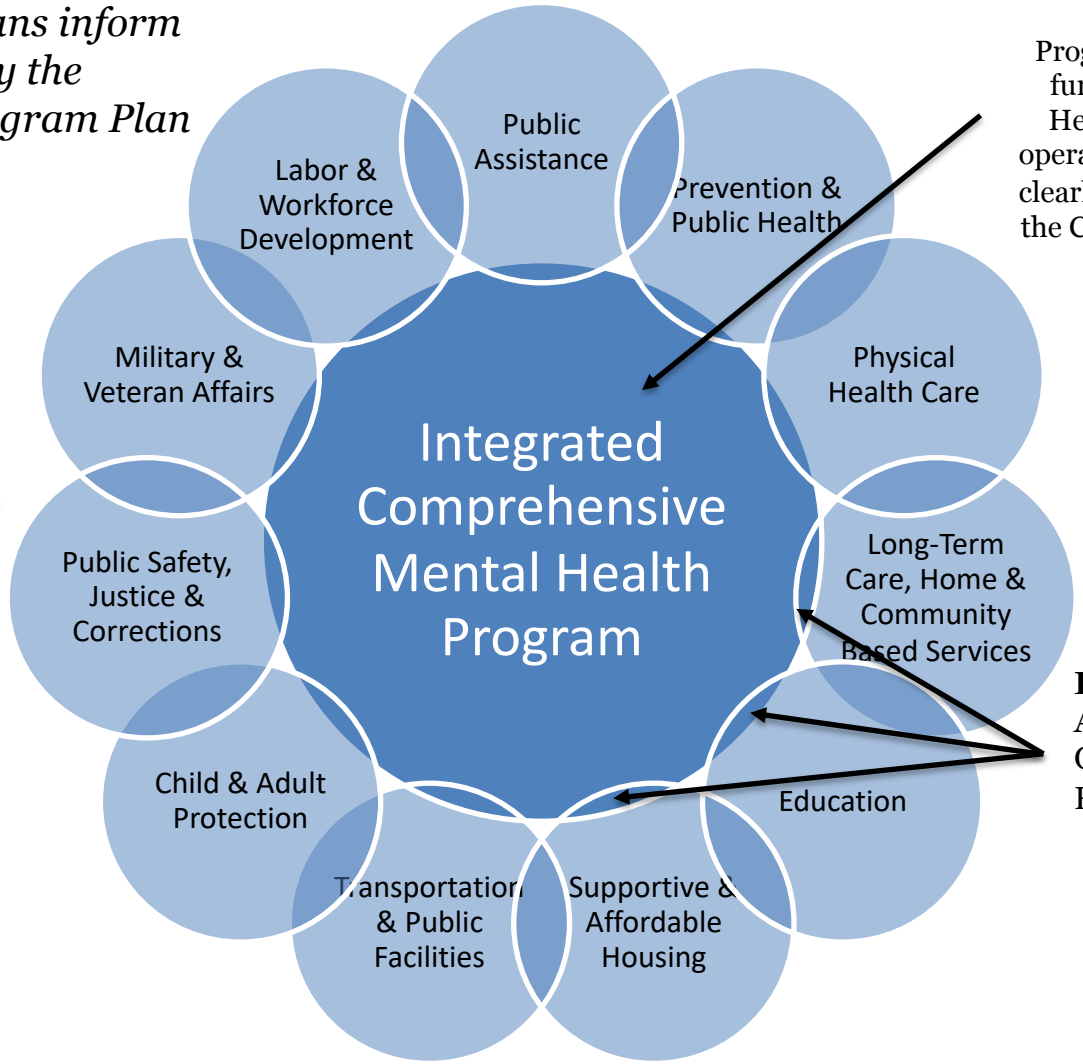


Benefits of a Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program

- Encompasses all beneficiary groups
- Bridges departments and divisions
- Endures administrations and legislatures
- Clearly delineates the Alaska's publicly-funded mental health program
- Establishes program-level vision and priorities
- Serves as the glue that connects reform efforts
- Evolves as the program evolves

Integrated Comprehensive Mental Health Program

State and Tribal plans inform and are informed by the Comprehensive Program Plan



"Core":
Programs supported with funds from the Mental Health Budget or State operating and capital funds clearly allocated to advance the Comprehensive Mental Health Program

Integrated:
Areas of Mission Overlap & Shared Responsibility

Planning Leadership Workgroup

- Leadership Workgroup -established 2018
- The DHSS Comp Plan Leadership group along with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Advisory Boards have been working towards revitalizing the Comp Plan infrastructure.

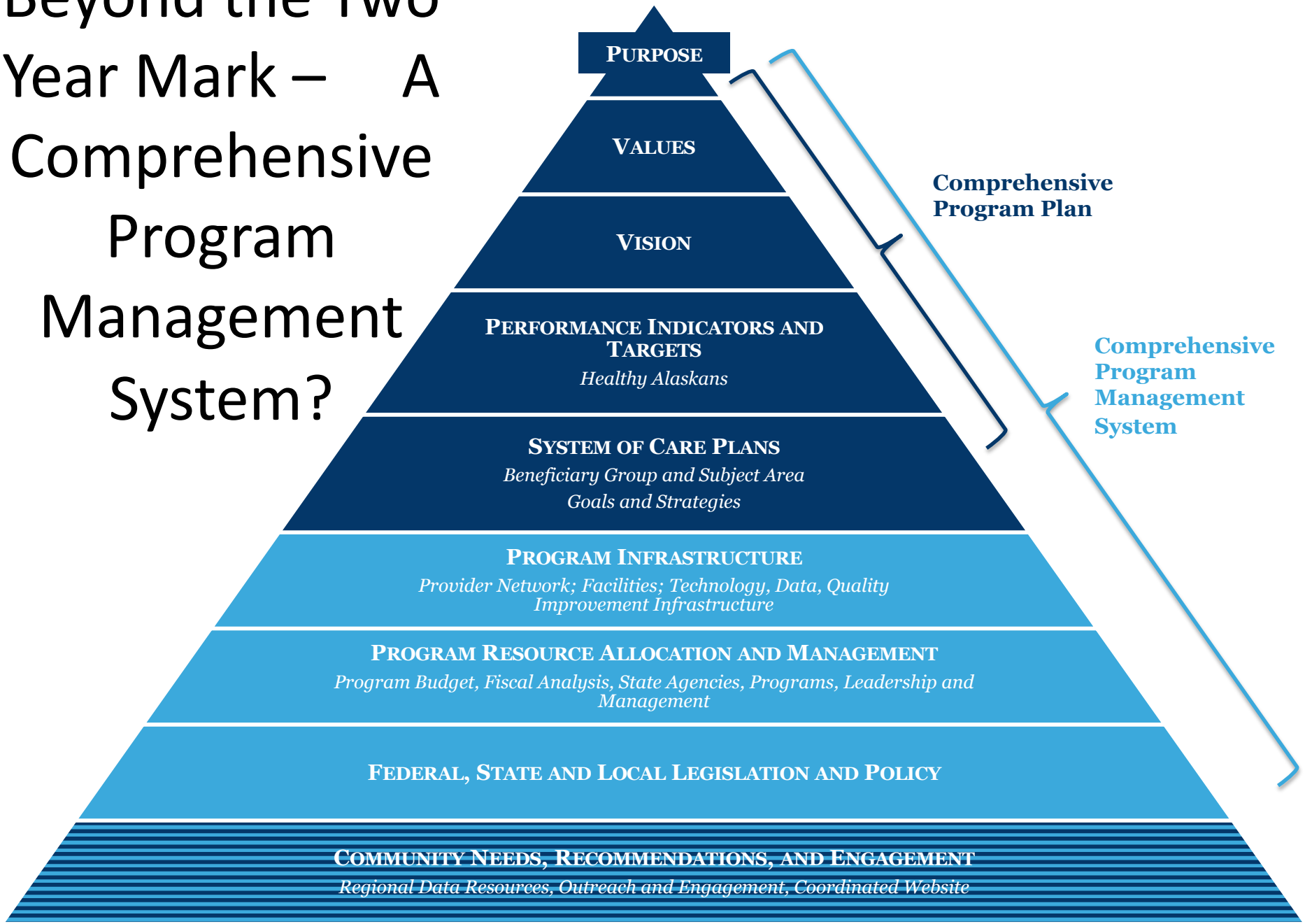
Progress

- DHSS is enthusiastic of the progress being made in the updated Comp Plan and the resource capabilities that the Comp Plan will provide to Trust Beneficiaries.

DHSS Comp Plan Vision

Vision: Utilize the Comprehensive Mental Health Program Plan as a tool that looks at services and the impact of services on the lives of Trust Beneficiaries and integrates it into a web based platform that’s modern for today’s user.

Beyond the Two Year Mark – A Comprehensive Program Management System?



Public and Stakeholder Input

- DHSS will solicit feedback from other stakeholders and will host community public comment forums this winter.
- It is important that the Comprehensive Mental Health Program Plan meets the needs of the community as a whole and acts as a driver for decision making and aids in funding decisions.

Timeline

- November 15th 2018 – Present 1st draft to the Mental Health Trust Board
- December 31st, 2018 – Stakeholder engagement and 2nd draft of the Comp Plan
- January 7, 2019 – Public Comment & Community Forums
- March 1, 2019 – Final Comp Plan Completed
- April 1, 2019 – Website Developer Procurement
- May 1, 2019 – Begin Website Development
- June 30, 2019 – Complete Website
- July 1, 2019 – Distribute Comp Plan & Website goes live

Summary

- DHSS recognizes the value of the comp plan
- DHSS has been focused on addressing budget reductions and implementing Medicaid Expansion and Reform in support of its comprehensive program
- DHSS sees the Trust as a partner in developing a comprehensive program plan
- Both recognize that the landscape has shifted since the last plan; new planning capabilities have arisen
- It's a work in progress and we are in the early stages of planning and drafting