Ensuring Access to Mental Health Services For All Chicagoans

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Chicago is dedicated to ensuring access to quality mental health services for all residents.
Increasing Access to Quality Mental Health Services

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- 16,000 mental health visits for people living with HIV/AIDS
- Enhanced services at clinics in Auburn Gresham and Woodlawn
- Six FQHC partners newly offering mental health services at Neighborhood Health Centers
Agenda

• Chicago’s Mental Health Services Landscape
• Direct Mental Health Services
• Targeted Investments in Mental Health
• ACA Impact on Mental Health
• Continuing to Strengthen Chicago’s Mental Health System
CHICAGO’S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES LANDSCAPE
Array of Safety Net Providers

- At least 132 public and nonprofit healthcare sites offering safety net mental health services across Chicago
- Support comes from city, state and federal governments and private funders
Historic Changes in Health Care

The Affordable Care Act calls for:

• New insurance options for 400,000 Chicago residents

• More than $20 million for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

• Mental health coverage guaranteed for many more Americans
Ensuring Long-Term Success

• CDPH sat down with community mental health providers and advocacy groups.

• We developed a plan to leverage a larger network of service providers while making CDPH’s own clinics sustainable.

• We obtained input from the City Council and public through budget hearings in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and issue progress reports.
Three-Pronged Strategy to Increase Access

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DIRECT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
CDPH Mental Health Clinics

- Consolidated 12 clinics into six, focusing on uninsured residents who have limited options for mental health care
- Retained majority of licensed clinical staff
- Maintained capacity, continuing to welcome new clients
- Continue to focus on uninsured residents
Transition Planning

• Identified 2,798 active clients

• Developed individual transition plans for 429 insured, clinically stable clients

• Monitored client progress at 30 and 60 days to ensure a successful transition

• Informed transferred clients that if they were unsatisfied, they would be welcomed back
Where They Went

After the Reforms

- 2,369 chose to remain at CDPH clinics
- 429 insured patients transferred to private, not-for-profit provider

Only 63 Clients Chose to Return to a CDPH Clinic
More than half of our current clients began care in last five and a half years.
Focus on the Uninsured

Client Payer Status, June 2014

- Uninsured: 59%
- Medicaid: 36%
- Medicare: 3%
- Insured: 2%

Legend:
- Uninsured
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Insured
We Accept New Clients

• Continue to serve as a safety net provider for the uninsured
• Maintain capacity at all clinics to see new clients
• Since May 2012, we’ve accepted 1,857 new clients
• No one is turned away
Direct Services Summary

CDPH has succeeded with its reforms:

• Maintain six clinics, serving between 2,100 and 2,500 active clients at any one point

• Worked with clients on individual basis during and after reforms to ensure successful transitions

• Continue to focus on the uninsured, who have limited options

• Maintain capacity at all clinics to accept new clients
TARGETED INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH
Targeted Investments: $14.2M

- Increasing Community Psychiatry Services
- Launching New Children’s Mental Health Services
- Integrating Mental Health Care & Substance Abuse Treatment
- Expanding Mental Health Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS
Increasing Community Psychiatry Services

- Invested $1.5 million in eight mental health agencies since 2012
- 5,727 additional psychiatric patient visits in 2013 as a result
Launching New Children’s Mental Health Services

• Partnered with Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation to invest $4 million in integrated primary care & mental health for children

• Designed to help thousands of children on South & West Sides

• Created team-based approach with focus on prevention & early intervention of mental health conditions
Integrating Mental Health Care & Substance Abuse Treatment

- CDPH secured $4.1 million in federal SAMHSA funds integrating substance abuse and mental health services.

- 10 delegate agencies have served nearly 4,500 people since 2012.
Expanding Mental Health Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS

- 16,000 mental health visits for nearly 2,400 patients
- Increased funding by 31% since 2012
- $1.8 million investment in delegate agencies in 2014, for total of $4.6 million over the last three years
Improving Care at Former Clinic Sites

- HRDI expanded services at CDPH’s former clinic in Auburn Gresham.

- Thresholds opened a new office site at CDPH’s former clinic in Woodlawn.

- Both now offer more services, enhanced specialized care, increased service delivery and improved patient hours.
Expanding Mental Health Services at Former Primary Care Clinics

- Six of CDPH’s seven FQHC partners offer newly integrated mental health services.
- This is the first time integrated mental health services are being offered at Neighborhood Health Center sites.
Targeted Investments
Summary

• Our targeted investments have increased access to mental health care.

• The result is:
  o Expanded community psychiatry services
  o New mental health & primary care services for children
  o New integrated mental health and substance abuse services
  o Additional mental health services for people living with HIV
  o Expanded services at former clinic sites in Auburn Gresham and Woodlawn
  o New mental health services at our former Neighborhood Health Centers
ACA IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH
ACA Improves Access to Mental Health Services

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Enroll Chicago!

- Engaged taxi drivers, artists, CHA residents, students and more at more than 100 events

- Provided navigators on site at CDPH mental health clinics, giving information to more than 250 clients
More Chicagoans Are Insured

- 143,632 Chicago residents enrolled in expanded Medicaid as of June 30
- 217,492 Illinois residents enrolled via the Health Insurance Marketplace as of April 19
ACA Summary

- A significant increase in the number of Chicago residents with insurance
- Greater access to mental health services through expanded coverage
- Ongoing opportunities for residents to receive information and enroll
CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN CHICAGO’S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM
Moving Forward

• Maintain capacity at six mental health clinics, focusing on uninsured residents

• Continue targeted mental health investments

• Explore new partnership opportunities to further improve mental health system
City Investments in Mental Health

![Bar chart showing investments in millions for 2013 and 2014.]

- 2013: $9.1 million
- 2014: $9.54 million
New Investments in Mental Health*

- Mental Health Services for Child Victims of Sexual Assault
- Mental Health Crisis Intervention Project
- Restorative Justice in Schools

*Pending City Council approval
Mental Health Services for Child Victims of Sexual Assault

- $250,000 investment for mental health services for victims of sexual assault age 17 and under
- Individual, family and group therapy
- Case management and other supportive services
- Waitlists will be reduced
Mental Health Crisis Intervention Project

- $100,000 to work with police to improve mental health service linkage and service coordination for residents in mental health crisis

- New service delivery model, piloted in high-need CPD districts with goal of expanding citywide

- Licensed clinician will work with police to respond to crisis to prevent hospitalization or detainment
Restorative Justice in Schools

- $370,000 for local agencies operating innovative behavioral programs with elementary school youth and their families
- Creates peaceful resolution to violence, which prevents future incidents
- Reduces need for police intervention in schools
SUMMARY
## Stronger Mental Health Infrastructure

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Mental Health Accreditation

- Three-year mental health accreditation
- On-site audit reviewed case management, treatment objectives, performance measures and client views

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
National Accreditation

CDPH is the first and only big city health department in the country to be accredited.

Public Health Accreditation Board
Public Health Agency of the Year

- 2014 public health agency of the year
- Named by our peer public health agencies
An Improved Mental Health Infrastructure for Chicago

Two years after the reforms, the system is stronger and thousands more Chicagoans have access to mental health services.
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