

MASSACHUSETTS STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE  
September 2018

GOALS	ACTIONS and RESULTS TO MEASURE
<p>1. Streamline the Council Subcommittee structure and determine appropriate subcommittee composition to improve coordination, increase diversity, and enhance the Council's and subcommittees' effectiveness. This will enable the Council and the Subcommittees to better understand the impact of policies and programs determined by the SMHPC on different groups served by the Council and its subcommittees.</p>	<p>a. The SMHPC shall direct DMH to analyze policies and programs determined by the SMHPC by June 30, 2019 to understand their impacts on different groups of persons and communities served based on factors such as disability, race, gender identity, age, and sexual orientation.</p> <p>b. Examine the number and focus of subcommittees by December 31, 2018 and consider potential consolidation of similarly aligned or overlapping mandates.</p> <p>c. Survey Council on composition and operations of subcommittees starting in August, 2018 with results reported before the October 11, 2018 SMHPC meeting.</p> <p>d. Actively recruit committed members of the Council and subcommittees to improve diversity in race, ethnicity, age, and geographic location to align more closely with the diverse demographics of the Commonwealth by March 31, 2019.</p>
<p>2. Strengthen the depth and breadth of knowledge of the Council and subcommittee membership about key initiatives and actions that impact mental health services in order for the Council to provide informed advice and perspective to DMH.</p>	<p>a. Provide quarterly updates on mental health and substance use initiatives and activities and post updates at least once a month on the SMHPC website.</p> <p>b. Promote and support educational forums organized and presented by subcommittees on policy and program initiatives, with at least two forums each year, rotating through subcommittees. The first two forums shall be completed by June 30, 2019.</p> <p>c. Address and strengthen alliances with professional and government entities representing the collateral needs of people at risk for or with behavioral health conditions. Prepare a list of key entities by subcommittee by November 1, 2018, and reach out to them to invite their participation by January 1, 2019.</p>
<p>3. Support each subcommittee in its identification of innovation, best practices and promising models in Massachusetts and nationally, and encourage each subcommittee to submit to the Council those which have replication potential in the Commonwealth.</p>	<p>a. Gather information from subject matter experts by January 1, 2018.</p> <p>b. Perform online research by March 1, 2019</p> <p>c. Submit a written summary of findings obtained from subject matter experts and online research at one subcommittee meeting and one Steering Committee meeting before June 30, 2019.</p>