

MASSACHUSETTS STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE
September 2019

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, 2020 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. Work with specific subcommittees to align with other subcommittees or include specific populations (such as family members of adults) by December 31, 2019.</p>
	<p>c. Institute meeting evaluations for all SMHPC quarterly meetings and report findings to the SMHPC CO-Chairs within one week after the meeting. Begin using the evaluations on October 10, 2019 and continue using them for all future meetings.</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, 2020. This includes recruiting representatives from other state agencies including MRC, DPH, DCF, DDS and DOC.</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. Included in this are updated from the SMHPC subcommittees which can be posted 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 two forums shall be completed by June 30, 2020.</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, 2019, and reach out to them to invite their participation by January 1, 2020.</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. Work with the Steering Committee to identify best practices from areas covered by the subcommittees by January 1, 2020.</p>
	<p>b. Provide a description on the best practice identified by the subcommittees. Subcommittees will create a brief document of the best practice by June 30, 2020.</p>