A Regional Approach to Delivery of Human Services
What We Are

A collaborative approach to effective and efficient delivery of services for mental illness, substance abuse, developmental disabilities and long term care in a broad geographical region.

- Langlade County
- Lincoln County
- Marathon County
Mental Health

Psychiatry
Inpatient Care
Crisis Continuum
Integrated Outpatient Services
Community Treatment
Community Support Program
Comprehensive Community Services
Targeted Case Management
Supported Employment
Supported Housing
Substance Abuse

• In Patient – Detoxification
• Day Treatment
• Out Patient Services
• OWI Assessment
• Driving with Care
Long Term Care

• Legacies by the Lake (Dementia Care)
• Short Stay Rehab
• Ventilator Care
• Long Term Care (Traditional Nursing Home)

• Other Services
  – Adult Protective Services
  – Developmental Disabilities
  – Aquatic Therapy
Challenges:

• Access to professional staff
• Geography
• Typical rural health issues
Access to Professional Staff:

- Current Demand for Psychiatry: 18.6 FTEs
- Actual Availability: Approximately 7.5 FTEs
- Specialty Psychiatry almost non-existent
- Mal-distribution

Not just Psychiatry:
- Psych Nurse Practitioners
- Dual-licensed clinicians
- Licensed Substance Abuse Counselors
- Average time to recruit: six months
Geography:

• Population of 183,000 spread out over 3,294 square miles (55 people/square mile)

• Transportation

• Community Treatment and Crisis Services

• Availability of Psychiatric Beds:
  – 1955: 1/300
  – Today: 1/3,000
  – Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon Counties:
    • 1/11,000
Typical Rural Health Issues:

• Physician Density
• Lack of Health Insurance
• Poverty
• Substance Abuse
What Are We Doing About It?:

• Tele-Psychiatry
• Transportation Supplementation
• Emphasis on Community Treatment
• Regionalization
• N.H.S.C. and other loan repayment
• Alternatives to In Patient Treatment
• Collaboration:
  – Strong Relationships with law enforcement
Unique Approaches:

- **Behavioral Health Integrated Care Pilot Study:**
  - Improve Care
  - Lower Costs to WMA

- **Rural Track Psychiatry Residency:**
  - Grow the supply of Psychiatry in North Central Wi.

- **Multi-County Human Services Model:**
  - Achieve greater cost-effectiveness
  - Improve care through collaboration
Thank You and Questions

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