

GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE TASK FORCE (MH/SU Task Force)

2008

MISSION OF THE COALITION:

- Improve health status of residents of Genesee County
- Improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the healthcare system in the community

VISION OF THE COALITION:

A healthy Genesee County community practicing healthy lifestyles with access to the best and most cost effective health and medical care.

CORE VALUES:

Consensus
Collaboration
Fairness
Integrity
Continuous Improvement
Innovation
Public Participation

VISION OF THE TASK FORCE:

To improve the health of Genesee County by integrating mental health and addiction medicine into the vision and activities of the Coalition: quality, access, prevention and cost.

OUTCOME OPTION:

1. Advocate that other committees/task forces/groups of the Coalition incorporates mental health and addiction medicine issues into their outcome option attention.
 - Incorporation of mental health and addiction medicine issues into all Coalition activities will be achieved by appointing a representative of the MH/SU Task Force to each active committee and task force of the Coalition. These representatives will provide a brief report/update on their committee/task force assignment to the MH/SU Task Force at every meeting.
2. Focus of the MH/SU Task Force will be in the areas of:

- Education,
 - Stigma reduction,
 - Increased access
 - Improved screening, and
 - Improved treatment for mental health and addiction medicine issues in all areas of physical health.
3. Investigate innovative projects and opportunities that allow for greater incorporation of the focus areas for the MH/SU Task Force in the community.
 4. Provide oversight to the Depression in Primary Care Project.

OUTCOME OPTION IMPACT ON 2007 – 2012 GOAL FRAMEWORK:

Improved health status is promoted collectively through the focus areas of access, quality, cost, and health improvement. Specifically:

- Health improvement is impacted as the MH/SU Task Force focuses on improving screening methods for mental health care and addiction medicine treatment and promotes education and stigma reduction as it relates to mental health and addiction medicine (Option #2).
- Access is impacted as the MH/SU Task Force advocates for improved access for mental health and substance use disorders. (Option #2).
- Quality is impacted by focusing on improving treatment for mental health care and addiction medicine (Option #2).
- Cost is impacted as improved treatment for mental health and addiction medicine becomes more effective and efficient. (Option #2).
- Health improvement, access, quality, and cost are impacted through innovative opportunities to develop projects that address education, stigma reduction, improved screening, and improved treatment for mental health care and addiction medicine (Option #3).

MEASURABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES:

- Be engaged in one community-based project related to mental health and addiction medicine at any given time
- Ensure the implementation of the Greater Flint Depression in Primary Care Project
- MH/SU Task Force members will participate on other committees and task forces of the Coalition (as assigned) as representatives of the MH/SU Task Force to advocate for the incorporation of mental health and addiction medicine issues into all activities of the Coalition

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP:

The MH/SU Task Force will be no larger than 21 individuals. All individuals will either be appointed by their organizations’ chief executive officer/director or the president of the Coalition. **The individuals should be senior enough to be able to influence and represent their organization’s policies on the subject matter.**

Commitments: The MH/SU Task Force will meet quarterly for one and a half hours at the Coalition office, at a time to be determined by the Task Force members. Additional time commitments will occur through specific work/ad-hoc groups as needed.

The membership will be categorized by the Coalition “sectors”:

Purchasers (3)	Genesee Intermediate School District University of Michigan-Flint ValueOptions
Providers (9)	InSight Recovery Services Genesee County Community Mental Health Genesys Health System Genesee County Medical Society Genesee County Psychiatrist Help-Net Hurley Medical Center McLaren Regional Medical Center Mott Children’s Health Center
Government (1)	Genesee County Health Department
Insurers (2)	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan/ Blue Care Network HealthPlus of Michigan
Consumers/ Advocates (4)	NAMI Genesee County Priority Children Project Vox UAW
Chair (1)	Genesee County Community Mental Health
Ex-Officio members:	President, Greater Flint Health Coalition

REPORTING:

The MH/SU Task Force will report to the Cost & Resource Planning Committee.

STAFFING:

The staffing of the Task Force will be handled by the Coalition.

BUDGET:

It is anticipated that activities of the MH/SU Task Force could be funded through specific external grants; unrestricted contributions will also be pursued.

On October 18, 1999 the Coalition Board of Directors approved the REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Task Force Terms of Reference. In so doing, the Board recommended the vision and outcome option of REACH become part of the operational terms of reference of every committee/task force/group of the Coalition.

THE REACH TASK FORCE

Vision:

To keep before the Coalition the issue of ethnic & racial disparities in health care.

Outcome Options:

- To assist a broad base of community leaders in health care in understanding the multifaceted challenges of race relations and its impact on individual community members' health.
- To keep front and center the issue of ethnic and racial disparities in the work of the Coalition.

Approved by the Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force on May 21, 2008.

Approved by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2008.