

Consortium Aim:

The Consortium is committed to ongoing collaboration where all partners are welcome, empowered, and unified to achieve the ideal behavioral health service and support system and to reduce the burden of mental illness by designing improved, efficient, patient centered care for El Paso County residents.

The Consortium defines an Ideal Behavioral Health System as:

- An inclusive collaborative system (including criminal justice, law enforcement, veterans' services, juvenile justice, child welfare, schools, homeless providers, health systems);
- Organized within whatever resources are available at every possible level (policy, program, procedure, and practice);
- Customer-driven and focused on meeting or exceeding the service and support needs of individuals and families;
- Person-centered, recovery and resiliency-oriented;
- Integrated, trauma-informed, culturally competent, and organized from a population health perspective;
- Set up to meet the needs of individuals and families with complex, co-occurring conditions of all types (mental health, substance abuse, medical, cognitive, housing, legal, parenting, etc.); and
- Prepared to support individuals and families as they make progress to achieve the happiest, most hopeful, and productive lives they possibly can.

A sound foundation has formed with a great forward momentum to address key areas of need identified in the 2014 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment.

With great leadership and collaboration, El Paso County is prepared to take the next steps toward developing the finest behavioral health system in the nation.

To view or download the full 2014 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment, visit www.pdnhf.org/initiatives.



Get Involved: The Consortium is committed to ongoing collaboration where all partners are welcome, empowered, and unified to achieve the vision. To learn more about the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium, the 2014 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment, or the Consortium Leadership Councils, contact Enrique Mata, Senior Program Officer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, at emata@pdnhf.org, or call **915-218-2617**.

Please Note: The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium does not provide health services of any type, such as mental health, substance abuse, or other services.

The following helplines provide assistance to those seeking behavioral health services:

2-1-1 El Paso Resource Referral System - Dial 211

24-Hour Mental Health Crisis Line - Dial (915) 779-1800

www.pdnhf.org/initiatives



Collaborating to build better options for our community



VISION & LEADERSHIP

The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium (Consortium) convened to examine the El Paso community behavioral health system in preparation for future service needs and funding trends.

The Consortium envisions an accessible, person-centered behavioral health system of care in the El Paso region. Its actions are informed by community leaders and available data including an El Paso County behavioral health system assessment conducted in 2014.

Knowing that existing groups have projects underway in various sectors of the behavioral health system, the Consortium developed strategic leadership councils to seek out and engage organizations in communication, coordination, and collaboration to achieve the vision.

Strategic Leadership Councils

The Consortium Leadership Councils include leaders and key stakeholders with influence on priority areas identified by the El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessment. Each Leadership Council is chaired by a Consortium Executive Committee member with background in the identified arena. Each Leadership Council engages existing community action groups in collaboration and organizational policy change for greater impact from behavioral health resources and services.



The Family Leadership Council works with child, adolescent and family health organizations, other child-serving agencies and natural support systems to transform El Paso County into a model community for child and family behavioral health services and support.



The Justice Leadership Council works with Justice System leaders and stakeholders as they transform the current system to support person-centered, recovery oriented care and treat as many people as possible in health care settings instead of within the criminal justice system.



The Integration Leadership Council works with healthcare providers to increase access to recovery-oriented behavioral healthcare by increasing the number of available providers and by integrating behavioral health and recovery supports into primary care settings.

2017-2020 Goals and Objectives

All Leadership Councils will collaboratively complete a behavioral health service and support resource list and adopt a process to update and disseminate the information in formats for both providers and families.

All Leadership Councils will adopt metrics for inclusion in the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Dashboard to monitor progress in addressing unmet needs for community and family-centered behavioral health services and support programs, including metrics on consumers' experiences of care.

Family Leadership Council Goals

- FLC partners will implement model interventions to increase the number of foster parents or other child placement options available to support child placement gaps.
- FLC partners will identify and implement evidence-based behavioral health community education and training programs for parents, youth mentors and professionals (teachers, faith leaders, physicians, etc.) to improve age appropriate social and emotional learning for children and youth. Program emphasis will be on strengths based and trauma informed approaches.
- FLC partners will implement a model for child and adolescent PHP – Partial Hospitalization Programs
- FLC partners will implement a model for child and adolescent IOP – Intensive Outpatient Programs
- FLC Partners will build connections among member agencies to improve understanding of silos and services and deepen partnership opportunities.

Justice Leadership Council Goals

- JLC partners will implement a multidisciplinary rapid response team model for adults experiencing a mental illness or substance use crisis.
- JLC partners will embed a behavioral health specialist with 911 dispatch to support appropriate approach to crisis.

- JLC partners will increase access to support services at the time of re-entry to include housing, transportation and healthcare support systems.
- JLC partners will adopt an ideal program model to serve individuals with complex needs (high-utilizing adults with mental illnesses who need intensive community-based treatment and supervision) (i.e. Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) framework).
- JLC partners will explore the feasibility of establishing a mental health court in order to support diversion, appropriate sentencing, treatment and support services for justice-involved adults and implement strategies to improve competency court outcomes.

Integration Leadership Council Goals

- ILC partners will increase availability of evidence based behavioral health community education and training programs for primary care providers (physicians, nursing, pharmacy, etc.) to improve behavioral health screenings and care coordination.
- ILC partners will implement a model for adult PHP – Partial Hospitalization Programs
- ILC partners will implement a model for adult IOP – Intensive Outpatient Programs
- ILC partners will support the identification and implementation of best practice substance use prevention and intervention programs (e.g. MAT, Naloxone and Opioid crisis service access) as informed by Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) members.
- ILC partners will collaborate with regional employers and educational institutions to introduce and enhance programs for students that will lead to reimbursable credentials in mental health occupations (e.g. LPC, LMSW, LCSW, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Psych NP, etc.).