

Butler County
Olmstead Plan
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I. OLMSTEAD PLANNING PROCESS

Butler County first developed an Olmstead Plan in July 2012. Butler County continues to engage community stakeholders in the development and implementation of the Olmstead Plan. Stakeholder input is essential to the planning and development of additional supports, services and infrastructure utilized in the implementation of the Olmstead Plan. Stakeholders include but are not limited to; Catholic Charities, Butler County Prison, Center for Community Resources, Mental Health Association, the Local Housing Options Team, Service Integration Committee, Community Support Program, Criminal Justice Advisory Board and annual focus groups held with program participants by mental health providers. Butler County has a heightened awareness of the critical need for safe, affordable housing as evidenced by overwhelming feedback gathered through numerous public hearings held in our community. In addition, housing, mainly the lack thereof, funding and integration is frequently discussed at provider meetings, biweekly and monthly stakeholders meetings.

II. SERVICES TO BE DEVELOPED: Overall Goal is to increase the availability of safe, affordable housing by establishing cross system partnerships.

In an effort to increase the availability of safe, affordable housing options which allows for further integration within our community, Butler County intends to strengthen and develop cross system partners and establish a firm foundation of both private and public partnerships. A goal of Butler County Human Services is to increase landlord engagement and establish an active Landlord Association which will allow for private/ public educational components to discuss landlord/tenant needs within our community and open up the doors to discuss how we can continue to integrate housing to the best of our ability. In addition, it is our intention to form partnerships with both non-profit and for-profit housing developers to increase housing stock both within the city of Butler and in outlying rural areas. In line with Federal and State best practices, Butler County is also dedicated to following the Housing First approach to the maximum extent possible. It is recognized that the Housing First philosophy works best when staff are skilled in motivational interviewing and other engagement strategies such as wellness coaching, relapse prevention, illness self-management and tenancy support and these types of educational opportunities are being pursued and encouraged for all providers.

Butler County fully intends to establish a strong working relationship with the Butler County Housing Authority who has also accepted the role of the Local Lead Agency for the County of Butler. It is also our intention to provide support and assistance to the Housing Authority in meeting their requirements as the LLA. One of which

is to establish an admission preference for individuals with mental disabilities who are included in the PHFA-DPW 811 PRA Priority Target Populations and are also in one or more of the Olmstead target populations.

Butler County has developed a wide-array of mental health services designed to support individuals in the community rather than in restrictive, residential settings. 15 Butler residents currently receive treatment at Torrance State Hospital. Several of these individuals have been deemed appropriate for a nursing home level of care with a mental health component. As part of the Torrance Service Area Planning process Butler has begun to explore the option of partnering with other counties to develop and implement a program to support these individuals.

Over the past several months, Butler County has witnessed the closure of one of the largest Residential Treatment Facilities in the region. This facility provided services for children 10 and above. As a result, we have seen the wait time for children’s residential treatment increase significantly in the western part of the state. Butler County typically has 15-17 children involved in this level of care. The region has begun to work together to develop and implement alternatives to this level of care, but the options are still many months away.

A. Prevention and Early Intervention

Housing program	# of individuals expected to serve	Age of participants	Projected timeline for development	Potential resources needed
Housing Choice Voucher Maintenance	10	18 and above	Implemented	Blended Case Management, ACT

*Removed the “recovery house” program

B. Non-Institutional Housing Options

Housing program	# of individuals expected to serve	Age of participants	Projected timeline for development	Potential resources needed
Affordable Housing Enhancement Project	5	18 and above	1 year	PHARE funds, Act 137
Affordable Housing Rental Assistance Program	5	18 and above	1 year	PHARE funds, Act 137
Increase the Supportive Housing program	24	18 and above	7 months	Housing Liaison , Case Management, Psych Rehab, PH/BH Coordinator
Develop Public/Private	8		6 months	Housing Coordinator,

Partnerships				Case Management , Human Services Block Grant
Physical Health/Behavioral Health Permanent Supportive Housing	3	18 and above	7 months	PH/BH Coordinator, Blended Case Management, Psych Rehab

C. Non Residential Treatment Services and Community Supports

Support/Service	# of individuals expected to serve	Age of Participants	Projected timeline for development	Potential resources needed
Housing Engagement Specialist	20	18 and above	implemented	Human Services Block Grant
Expansion of Mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services	25	18 and above	6 months	Medical Assistance and Human Services Block Grant
Mobile Medication Program	80	18 and above	7 months	Human Services Block Grant, Medical Assistance
Representative Payee Expansion	30	18 and above	7 months	Human Services Block Grant, Participant Contribution
Crisis Services Expansion	100	Any age	3 months	Human Services Block Grant, Medical Assistance

D. Peer Support and Peer Run Services

Support/Service	# of individuals expected to serve	Age of Participants	Projected timeline for development	Potential resources needed
Certified Peer Specialist – Forensic	15	18 and above	7 months	Medical Assistance, Human Services Block Grant

E. Supported Employment Services

Support/Service	# of individuals expected to serve	Age of Participants	Projected timeline for development	Potential Resources Needed

20% of existing services utilize supported employment	25	18 and above	implemented	Assertive Community Treatment, Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Blended Case Management
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III. HOUSING IN INTEGRATED SETTINGS

A. Butler County Housing Inventory

Housing Resources For Butler County																			
Eligibility Criteria:																			
Program/ Agency	# of units	Single Female	Single Male	age: 18-21	age: 18-24	age: 18-29	age: 18-62	Domestic Violence	Single parent family	Two parent family	Chronic Homeless	Homeless	At-Risk of Homeless	D&A	MH	Veteran	Emergency Housing	Transitional (18 to 24 mos)	Permanent Supportive Housing
VOICE Shelter								X									X		
Safe Harbor/CC	4 Fam, 9 Ind											X					X		
Winter Relief Center		X	X					X				X					X	Nov. 1 to Mar 31	
Respite-Diversion/Care Center	5	X	X				X					X			X		X		
ESG/ CC		X	X						X	X		X	X	Up to 9 mos. rent assist for literally homeless and up to 3 mos for at risk, income limits					
SSVF/CCR		X	X						X	X		X	X			X	& at risk of homeless, income limits		
Deshon Place / BCHA	20	X	X				X					X				X	Priority	X	
Blanchard House / LH	4	X			X				X			X	X					X	
Penney House/LH	5		X			X						X	X					X	
Kaufman Drive / Armour Apts/LH	11								X (KD/A)	X (A)		X	X					X	
Tomorrow's Voice/ VOICE	5	X						X	X			X						X	
Full Care CRR/ Care Center	8	X	X				X								X			X	
Franklin Court / BCHA	5	X	X				X				X								X
Enduring Voice / VOICE	27	X						X	X		X			X	X				X
HOPE Project / CCR	18	X	X				X				X				X				X
Path Project/ CC	9	X	X		X							X		X	X				X
Home Again Butler County/CC	13								X	X	X	X			X				X
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Housing Choice Voucehers/BCHA	1400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
VASH Vouchers/ BCHA	100											X				X			X
Family Units /BCHA	83	X	X				X		X	X									X
Senior Communities	150	X	X	Age 55 & Over															X
Supportive Housing/ Care Center		X	X				X					X	X		X				X
PHARE Units	17	X	X				X					X	X	Target populations: Successful reentry program participants and D&A tx discharges/ CYS families					
Sober Living - Three Quarter Houses																			
Home for Hope	4	X					X					X	X	X				X	X
Second Chance	6	X					X					X	X	X				X	X
Oxford House	43M, 8WC	X	X				X					X	X	X				X	X

B. Progress toward integration of housing services has occurred in the following ways:

Since the initial plan from July 2012, progress toward integration has occurred in the following ways:

- In April 2014, a behavioral health/physical health coordination program was implemented with an approved Community Hospital Integration Plan (CHIPP). The program consists of a full time registered nurse who was added as a position under the Base Service Unit. The primary responsibilities of the RN are to support medically fragile individuals with their transition back to the community from restrictive levels of mental health treatment including Torrance State Hospital and Long Term Structured Residence. In addition to the RN, individuals involved in this program will have access to additional psychiatric time which improves accessibility and ultimately decreases the risk for the need of further longer term hospitalizations.
- In April 2014, Butler County Human Services hired the position of Community Housing Development Coordinator. This position's primary function, as well as being responsible for assessing the housing needs of the various populations served by human services on a system wide level, is to increase the county's availability of safe and affordable housing options which will further foster our special populations road to recovery
- Community Support Plans properly document consumer housing choice and rationale prior to considering discharge to a personal care home over 16 beds.
- In January 2016, Butler County experienced a change of residential providers. The Care Center, Inc. assumed responsibility for the operation of the Community Residential Rehabilitation, Crisis Diversion, and Long Term Structured Residence programs. This provider has been integral in the planning process to expand and enhance the permanent supportive housing program.
- A HealthChoices reinvestment plan was approved in January 2017 for implementation in calendar years 2017 and 2018. The purpose of the plan is to increase capacity of the permanent supportive housing program in Butler County. The plan consists of the procurement and management of 16 scattered site dwellings throughout the county. The majority of the sites will be within city limits, allowing for accessibility to transportation, shopping, and socialization opportunities. Apartments, townhouses, duplexes and free standing houses will be the options for residents. The program will have the capacity to serve 24 residents at any given time and will merge the services of existing medical assistance programs (i.e. psych rehab, bcm) and a housing liaison.
- Butler County will be exploring options with regional partners to address the residential needs of state hospital residents with serious medical needs. Several people being treated at Torrance State Hospital have been identified as needing nursing level of care (as identified through the CSP process) , but many nursing homes are not able to meet the psychiatric needs of these individuals. Therefore, Butler would like to partner with other counties to develop and implement an alternative.

C. Please describe the plans for CRR conversion

A CRR conversion plan has been submitted to convert 21 CRR beds to a Permanent Supportive Housing Program with capacity for 24 individuals. The conversion was made possible by the pending sale of the apartment building in which the current CRR is located. The 24 PSH slots will be scattered throughout Butler County and will be supported by existing behavioral health services and subsidies.

The 8 bed CRR will remain in operation.

D. Butler County Human Services is also an active participant in the Local Housing Options Team (LHOT). The LHOT currently has over 30 partner organizations, growing in its membership each year. It is co- chaired by Butler County Human Services Service Integration and Quality Management Director and regularly attended by the Director of Community Action and the Community Development Housing Coordinator. The Regional Housing Coordinator and Housing Authority are both active participants of the LHOT and regular communications occurs regarding services, programs, strengths and gaps within our community.

On a larger scale, Butler County is an active member of the Western Region Continuum of Care. The purpose of the Western Region CoC, which encompasses 20 counties, is to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness, promote access to funding for efforts for rapid re-housing homeless individuals and families, promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs, and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

IV. SPECIAL POPULATIONS

In Butler County the needs of special populations are addressed in the following ways:

A. Individuals with dual diagnosis (MH/ID)

In August 2015, the Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team was implemented. This team is a recovery oriented, person centered approach to supporting individuals who are diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness and a developmental disability. This program offers a team approach to service coordination and treatment for individuals who have encountered challenges with more traditional treatment modalities. The target population for this service is individuals 18 and older.

B. Individuals with co-occurring disorders (MH/SA)

The integration of mental health and substance abuse has significantly improved over this past year. Provider meetings are integrated and the co-occurring workgroup has been re-established. The workgroup will focus on furthering the competence of providers to treat both mental health and addiction issues simultaneously. Both the children's and adult mental health/drug/alcohol systems will benefit from gained competence in this area.

C. Individuals with both behavioral health and physical health needs

In April 2014, a behavioral health/physical health coordination program was implemented with an approved Community Hospital Integration Plan (CHIPP). The program continues to serve individuals with both physical health and behavioral health issues. The purpose of the program is to support medically fragile individuals with

their transition back to the community from restrictive levels of mental health treatment including Torrance State Hospital and Long Term Structured Residence. In addition to the RN, individuals involved in this program have access to additional psychiatric time which improves accessibility and ultimately decreases the risk for the need of further longer term hospitalizations.

Butler County Human Services has implemented a children's consultation committee (3C) to focus on coordinating a multi-system approach to extremely complex situations. Representatives from juvenile probation, children and youth, mental health and intellectual disabilities participate in the committee. Children with complex behavioral health and physical health needs are brought to this committee for plan development. The plans may include additional financial resources, fast-tracking in the mental health system, educational advocacy, etc.

D. Individuals with traumatic brain injury

Butler County has limited resources for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury. This population will be discussed in future planning meetings to determine available resources and identified needs.

As part of Butler County's Veteran's Court docket, trainings were held for many county staff regarding the prevalence and symptomology associated with Traumatic Brain Injury. The Veterans' Administration will continue to conduct trainings on as needed basis. The VA has also agreed to consult when Butler County is ready to develop a specialized program. Children with TBI are assisted by way of the 3C and the coordination from the multi-system experts on that committee.

E. Individuals with Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice History

The Grapevine Center obtained grant funding to establish a Forensic Certified Peer Specialist (CPS). The CPS has access to the prison and begins engaging the individual pre-release and will continue services once released to the community.

Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is also being offered to all inmates prior to release so that there can be improved collaboration and coordination amongst the individual, the family, the justice system and services within the community to increase the individuals chances for success.

In April 2015, a Reentry Coalition was formed to address the needs of individuals returning to the community from incarceration. The Coalition has members from various stakeholders within the community that include education, faith based, mental health, housing, youth, families, law enforcement, drug and alcohol. The goal of this coalition is to identify and address barriers to successful reentry.

Children with criminal justice involvement are assisted through the 3C planning process.

F. Individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired

Butler County offers interpreter services and requires that providers expose their staff to trainings that address these issues. This expectation is enforced through annual monitoring visit by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

A Health Choices Reinvestment plan has been approved to develop and implement an outpatient mental health facility to meet the needs of individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired. The plan has been approved and an RFP has been issued for case management and outpatient services. Once the provider is chosen services will be developed for all ages.

G. Individuals who are experiencing homelessness

In April 2014, Butler County Human Services hired the position of Community Housing Development Coordinator. This position is responsible for assessing the housing needs of the various populations served by human services on a system wide level, identifying gaps and barriers related to housing and forging private/public partnerships to address those needs.

In July 2014, Butler County Human Services also provided MH Base Funds to the Grapevine Center to support a part time position for a Housing Engagement Specialist (HES). The Grapevine Center is an independent, non-profit organization that is consumer operated to benefit persons with mental illness. The function of the HES is to connect hard to reach individuals and assist them in navigating the system by providing outreach, assessment, advocacy and referrals.

In July 2014, Catholic Charities became the central intake location for homelessness in Butler County. As a result, we are more accurately able to get a true picture of homelessness and identify gaps in housing and barriers to mainstream services. Another benefit to central intake is that all individuals are assessed based on need and referred to programs based on their vulnerability and no longer on a first come, first serve basis.

In 2017, Butler County was able to obtain 15 Housing Choice Vouchers which were leveraged through the 811 program. These vouchers are for people in the priority groups eligible for 811 and who are able to live in the community with permanent supportive housing.

H. Older Adults

Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is being offered to older adults within Butler County. This process allows families to develop a plan specific to the needs of what their family needs to support the identified older person.

Butler County has begun the process of establishing a Joint Older Adult Crisis Team (JOACT) to address the needs of older individuals involved in multiple systems. Meetings will be scheduled in January 2017 to begin the development of the team.

i. Medically Fragile

As part of the Torrance Service Area Planning process, the need for a nursing home equipped with mental health expertise was identified. Several counties within the region have begun to discuss options for this level of care. This level of care would allow for many people residing at the state hospital to return to their home communities and get both the physical health and behavioral health care they need.

j. Linguistic minorities

Butler County offers interpreter services and requires that providers expose their staff to trainings that address cultural issues. This expectation is enforced through annual monitoring visit by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

k. Transition age youth including young adults

The 3C is utilized to ascertain the needs of transition age youth on a case by case basis. Referrals, program development, funding, and housing are able to be fast-tracked for this population through this process.

In addition to addressing needs specific to the above populations, Butler County addresses the overall needs of the populations above through the development of:

1. The position of the Community Housing Development Coordinator. As previously mentioned, in April 2014, Butler County Human Services hired the position of Community Housing Development Coordinator. This position is primarily responsible for assessing the housing needs of the various populations served by human services on a system wide level. Another area of focus is to increase the counties availability of safe and affordable housing options which will further foster our special population's road to recovery.
2. A Suicide Task Force, established in 2013, that continually analyzes county data to determine appropriate strategies for issues related to suicide.
4. A Behavioral Health Court was established in September 2015. This problem solving court is a collaboration between the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) and Butler County Human Services. Participants are encouraged to obtain recovery oriented housing as part of their court plan and the team assists the individual with maintaining community tenure whenever possible.
5. Butler County continues to offer Mental Health First aid monthly to all residents of Butler. Both the youth and the adult versions of Mental Health First Aid are available throughout the calendar year.