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Local Services Plan
For Mental Hygiene Services

Herkimer County MH & Chem Services
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Herkimer County MH & Chem Services
Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (6/5/17)

The Herkimer County Mental Hygiene Services Advisory Board was created in 2010 to advise and guide the local planning process, discuss needs and share information across service systems. The group includes OASAS, OMH and OPWDD service providers, family representatives and advocates, key agency, government and community stakeholders, and the members of the Community Services Board. Mental Hygiene Services Advisory Board members serve on the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Disorders Subcommittees as well as various other ad-hoc planning committees and groups.

During this planning cycle, the Herkimer County Mental Hygiene Services Advisory Board met in March 2017 to discuss the implementation of the 2017 Herkimer County Mental Hygiene Services Local Services Plan (LSP), review data, and to update on current initiatives and emerging trends in Herkimer County, including those related to federal and state policy changes which have impacted current operating environments and strategic directions within OMH, OASAS and OPWDD. Examples of these changes include the implementation of Children's Health Homes, HARP, HCBS Waiver and Medicaid Redesign, OPWDD Transformation Agenda, the RPC and the DOH DSRIP and PHIP initiatives. The LGU and mental hygiene services system representatives have spent time discussing and planning for these changes, and have made it a priority to implement and monitor strategies that improve the current service delivery system and address statewide goals and objectives.

The Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health and SUD Subcommittees each held meetings in May 2017 to review data, discuss policy changes and identify current needs to be addressed in the 2018 Mental Hygiene Services Local Services Plan. Discussions were also held with Integrated County Planning partners, including the Directors of Public Health, Department of Social Services and Probation, to review current needs and establish strategies that address priority areas of focus (i.e. suicide prevention and trauma-informed services for the juvenile justice population). Relationships with local school districts were enhanced, as districts became involved in suicide prevention efforts, implemented satellite mental health clinic services and planned for enhanced prevention efforts. Overall, the planning process elicited much discussion related to emerging trends and priority needs in Herkimer County, and as a result identified many new strategies to effectively address needs.

Mental Hygiene Goals and Objectives Form
Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
Certified: Darlene Haman (6/5/17)

1. Overall Needs Assessment by Population (Required)

Please explain why or how the overall needs have changed and the results from those changes.

a) Indicate how the level of unmet **mental health service needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

HCBS service availability has not kept pace with the number of HARP-eligible individuals that need the services. A local barrier for HARP eligible adults has been the inability to obtain HCBS services due to provider shortages. As Waiver youth transition to Health Home service provision, there is a concern that the delivery system will not be ready to accommodate the additional home and community based service needs of this population. It was noted that there may be a gap in availability for those individuals that have the same level of need but are not enrolled in Medicaid.

There is a need for ongoing education and training for professionals and consumers regarding the changes that are occurring in the service delivery system related to Health Homes, DSRIP initiatives and Medicaid redesign. The Mohawk Valley Regional Planning Consortium has been a great support and resource, and has helped local providers to identify and begin to address regional service delivery challenges.

There remains a barrier in access to home and community based mental health services for adults and youth, including psychiatrists and physicians that prescribe psychiatric medications. The large rural geography in Herkimer County has compounded these issues. The request for satellite clinic services in schools and communities has increased and is a priority area of focus.

Herkimer County is a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for mental health providers. According to County Health Rankings in 2015, there was one mental health services provider available for every 2,139 residents in Herkimer County. The availability of mental health providers is almost five times better in New York State as a whole, and is 5.5 times better in high-performing communities across the country.

The shift to Value Based Payment for clinic services and the development of a local IPA (independent practice association) to improve clinical integration and prepare for managed care transition have been identified as priority areas of focus for providers.

There is a need to better coordinate services for recipients of mental health services who have serious co-occurring medical and substance use problems.

There is a long waiting list for Supported Housing services in Herkimer County with an average of two years waiting time. Additional housing beds are necessary to meet the local need. The program receives an average of two referrals a month from a variety of sources. The individuals who are open to Supported Housing are often waiting to be opened to Section 8 which may take 3-4 years to secure. Compounding this issue is the lack of safe, decent, affordable housing options in the community for low income families and adults.

Increasing the availability of mental health services for young people involved with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems has been identified as an ongoing area of need. Enrolling Health Home eligible child welfare and juvenile justice youth in services was cited as a priority area of focus, and the ongoing education of staff and consumers was identified as an important area requiring attention. Training on trauma informed care and additional parent/peer/family support services for youth and families involved in the the mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice systems were also cited as needs.

Education and intervention for youth and adults at risk of suicide was identified as a priority area of focus.

Recruiting and retaining direct support professionals was identified as an area of concern. The rising minimum wage has affected the number of individuals entering the field and highlights the need to pay staff a fair wage commensurate with their duties and responsibilities.

Transportation is one of the main issues that consumers and families continue to struggle with, especially when home-based services are scarce.

Collaboration among mental health agencies and the LGU continues to be positive and effective.

b) Indicate how the level of unmet **substance use disorder (SUD) needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

Heroin and Opioid use has increased significantly in Herkimer County, as it has in most counties across NYS. The rise in Opioid and Heroin use has strained the existing resources in the county and those accessed outside the county. Heroin laced with fentanyl has proved to be highly dangerous, eliciting many negative consequences. The local correctional facility reports that a great number of individuals incarcerated in that facility experience significant withdrawal symptoms from these substances within the first few days of incarceration. The Department of Social Services noted that the rise in Opioid and Heroin abuse has caused an increase in foster care placements, and Public Health reported that there has been an increase in both drug addicted newborns and Hepatitis C patients.

Access to treatment continues to be an issue – there are long wait times to access inpatient treatment and detox services. There is not an inpatient treatment facility or detox services in Herkimer County, and as a result services are utilized out of county in a system that is already overburdened.

There is an increased need for assessment and outpatient treatment services, and for the provision of Vivitrol and Suboxone for the community at large and for the specialized populations served by the department of social services and the correctional facility.

Overall, more individuals accessing treatment services in Herkimer County have been identified as having co-occurring chronic medical and mental health issues. Communication, coordination and collaboration of service providers has been identified as a significant need.

Although more individuals receiving services appear to be insured, large deductibles and co-pays have prevented some individuals from being able to afford or remain in treatment.

Transportation continues to be a barrier for those who live in the rural areas of the county.

The Herkimer County Prevention Council (substance abuse prevention provider) is consistently dealing with new trends and emerging substances. Prevention for youth is on-going and consistent due to the positive relationships with the school systems. Providing information to parents regarding warning signs, and prevention, treatment, and recovery support services continues as an area of focus.

An increase in prevention services for adults is also needed.

The need to provide ongoing education and training for mental health services staff, law enforcement schools and community providers has been identified as a continuing area, particularly on the topic of Opioid, Heroin and fentanyl use and the administration of Narcan.

Collaboration among substance use disorder prevention and treatment agencies and the LGU continues to be positive and effective.

There is a need to improve data collection methods to better assess the scale and scope of Opioid and heroin use by age group and the administration of Narcan

doses by first responders, law enforcement and community members.

c) Indicate how the level of unmet needs of the **developmentally disabled** population, in general, has changed in the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

There has been progress made with enrollment and access to services (Front Door) but some needs remain unaddressed. Developmental Disabilities stakeholders report ongoing concerns that systemic changes have impacted the availability of services, the ease of access for families in need of services, and family voice and choice. Rate Rationalization has resulted in changes in programs being offered and/or the amount that families may become responsible for paying for some services.

There is a need for appropriate and varied residential living settings and opportunities for adults, including integrated community housing options.

The number of individuals enrolled in self-directed services has fluctuated and remains lower than originally anticipated. Subcommittee members report that some families have experienced challenges recruiting and retaining staff to provide services.

The transformation agenda and the transition from sheltered work to integrated and community opportunities has been limited by the lack of local employment opportunities. This has been an ongoing concern for the community at-large for many years, with many working individuals underemployed and/or competing for jobs that earn minimum wage.

Day Habilitation sites and ongoing site-based vocational training were cited as essential for those who want to work but still require added support, and concerns were raised regarding the loss of that resource. Transitioning adults from that setting was identified as a continued area of concern. It was noted that the changes to wage requirements for some integrated work may affect the competitive nature of contract bidding in integrated employment settings.

Maintaining and increasing the skill level and professional status of direct support professionals was also identified as a need. The rising minimum wage has affected the number of individuals entering the field and highlights the need to pay direct support professionals a fair wage commensurate with their duties and responsibilities.

There is a lack of public and other transportation options for adults and families in the community.

There is a need for additional social and recreational opportunities for children and adults that are in integrated community settings.

Collaboration among developmental disabilities agencies and the LGU continues to be positive and effective.

2. Goals Based On Local Needs

Issue Category	Applicable State Agenc(ies)		
	OASAS	OMH	OPWDD
a) Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Crisis Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Workforce Recruitment and Retention (service system)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Employment/ Job Opportunities (clients)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Prevention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Inpatient Treatment Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Recovery and Support Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Reducing Stigma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) SUD Outpatient Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) SUD Residential Treatment Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Coordination/Integration with Other Systems for SUD clients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Mental Health Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Other Mental Health Outpatient Services (non-clinic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p) Mental Health Care Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q) Developmental Disability Clinical Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r) Developmental Disability Children Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
s) Developmental Disability Adult Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t) Developmental Disability Student/Transition Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u) Developmental Disability Respite Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
v) Developmental Disability Family Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
w) Developmental Disability Self-Directed Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
x) Autism Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
y) Developmental Disability Person Centered Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
z) Developmental Disability Residential Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
aa) Developmental Disability Front Door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- ab) Developmental Disability Service Coordination
- ac) Other Need (Specify in Background Information)

2a. Housing - Background Information

Supported housing for mental health consumers is a significant need in Herkimer County. The OMH Supported Housing program operated by Upstate Cerebral Palsy (UCP) currently has 23 people on the waiting list. There has been close to 100% utilization of this program and the program receives an average of two referrals a month from a variety of sources (i.e. care management, clinics, hospitals). The time on the Supported Housing waiting list averages about two years. The individuals who are open to Supported Housing are often waiting to be opened to Section 8 and that waiting list is often 3-4 years. Compounding this issue is the lack of safe, decent, affordable housing options in the community for low income families and adults.

Since the individuals who are referred to supported housing are homeless or at risk of homelessness, they often need immediate assistance. They often need to use the natural supports in their community (family, friends) and are sometimes forced to reside in substandard housing or even relocate out of the area where there are available shelters.

Housing alternatives for individuals with Developmental Disabilities has also been identified as an area of need. Please refer to section 2z. *Developmental Disability Residential Services* for additional information.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Develop new housing options for individuals with a mental health and/or developmental disability diagnosis.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The LGU will advocate for additional OMH Supported Housing slots in Herkimer County and will work with UCP to develop strategies to address housing needs

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The LGU will utilize the DD and MH subcommittees as a forum to discuss housing needs and identify strategies/solutions.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

A request has been made to OMH for additional supported housing beds.

To help address current needs, the OMH Supported Housing program continues to provide assistance and support to those individuals currently on the waiting list for services.

Please refer to section 2z. *Developmental Disability Residential Services* for additional information on DD activities.

2b. Transportation - Background Information

Transportation is one of the main issues that individuals and families struggle with in Herkimer County. Most communities in Herkimer County are rural and lack public transportation options. Commercial bus service is available during limited timeframes between Little Falls and Utica (in Oneida County) along the Routes 5 and 5S Valley Corridor, providing a limited number of stops in the communities of Little Falls, Herkimer, Ilion, Mohawk and Frankfort. While this service is valuable it does not meet the needs of the majority of Herkimer County residents. Due to schedule limitations there are long lapses between route stops and the service is unavailable on nights and weekends.

There are two companies in Herkimer County that provide commercial taxi services. Medicaid transportation services are available for those that qualify.

One community in northern Herkimer County and two local non-profit agencies have created small, localized transportation services to meet the needs of specific populations. These services are limited, predominately serve the elderly, and do not meet the needs of the general population.

Due to transportation issues, Herkimer County has consistently struggled with access to services. Herkimer County residents to the north and south of the Valley Corridor often have problems getting to needed services. Due to a lack of service providers in the county, many individuals must also travel outside the county to access specific services to meet their needs, which compounds the problem.

Those that are able to obtain public transportation and/or Medicaid transportation sometimes have a hard time making their scheduled appointments or getting to work in a timely manner. Many individuals do not have access to a vehicle or their vehicle is unreliable, which also interferes with access to services.

All three Mental Hygiene Services subcommittees identified transportation as a need for the populations they serve.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Improve access to behavioral health, SUD, and developmental disability services in Herkimer County.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The LGU will utilize the DD, MH and SUD subcommittees as a forum to discuss transportation needs and identify strategies/solutions.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: MH Clinic service providers will provide bus passes to service recipients that reside near the bus route and will continue dialogue with Medicaid transportation providers to ensure timely clinic appointment attendance.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Whenever possible, the LGU will work with agencies and key stakeholders to develop and implement home, school and local community based service delivery options to address consumer needs,

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Utilizing bus passes for clinic patients has proven to be effective, and conversations with Medicaid transportation providers have resulted in a decrease in the number of late and/or missed clinic appointments.

Satellite MH clinics have opened in the northern and southernmost regions of the county (community and school-based respectively) and planning has begun for additional school and community-based clinic service options in the county to better address local service needs.

2c. Crisis Services - Background Information

Detox services are not available in Herkimer County. Services must be accessed out of the county in a system that is already overburdened and where there are long wait times for services. In order to obtain services, people are either leaving the region for help or opting out of treatment altogether.

A 50 bed inpatient residential treatment facility has been proposed by a non-profit community agency to be located in Herkimer County. It is proposed that a 5 bed medically monitored withdrawal and stabilization component would be part of that facility. Single rooms will be utilized for stabilization and will be located separate from the rehabilitation treatment allowing for round the clock observation/care.

Please refer to *2g. Inpatient Treatment Services* for additional information

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Advocate for the development of Detox services in Herkimer County

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The LGU will work with the Neighborhood Center and NYS OASAS to help the Neighborhood Center move forward with the proposal to open an inpatient treatment facility that will include the provision of detox services in Herkimer County

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The LGU will monitor progress and will provide assistance as needed.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The Neighborhood Center has had ongoing dialogue with NYS OASAS and the LGU regarding the development of this facility. The Neighborhood Center has purchased a building in Herkimer County and they are currently working to secure the funding required for capital improvements.

2d. Workforce Recruitment and Retention (service system) - Background Information

Increasing the skill level and professional status of direct support professionals has been identified as a need by MH and DD agencies. The field has experienced high turnover in recent years and salary compensation is low. The demands of the field combined with the rising minimum wage has affected recruitment and highlights the need to pay direct support professionals a fair wage commensurate with their duties and responsibilities.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Increase the skill level and professional status of direct support professionals.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Arc Herkimer will advocate and develop proactive plans for Direct Support Professionals and Self-Advocates to participate in advocacy efforts for provider rates more supportive of service needs and adequate staff pay.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The LGU will monitor progress and will provide support as needed.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

A Direct Support Professional Career (DSP) Ladder has been implemented by Arc Herkimer. The Ladder includes various educational and competency-based skill milestones that are associated with increase in wages for DSPs. Milestones include the College of Direct Support on-line program, DSP credentialing, and Associate's and Bachelor's degrees.

A DSP advisory group has been formed by Arc Herkimer and been involved statewide to raise awareness regarding issues such as high turnover, recruitment, training and salary compensation. The Governor has added additional funding for pay increases in 2018.

UCP is also involved in advocacy efforts for Direct Service Professionals in MH and DD care settings.

2e. Employment/ Job Opportunities (clients) - Background Information

Day Habilitation sites and ongoing site-based vocational training were cited as essential for those who want to work but still require added support, and concerns are being raised regarding the loss of those resources. Transitioning adults from those settings is a continued area of focus for DD providers.

Finding community employment opportunities has proven to be challenging due to the lack of general employment opportunities in the community and remains the focus of both DD and MH providers.

Community providers will continue working with OPWDD to implement the Transformation Agenda and are working to expand community inclusion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Provide skill development through classroom education and community experiences.
Promote meaningful employment opportunities in a community and/or integrated work setting.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Arc Herkimer, in coordination with Herkimer College, will continue to grow its Supportive Training and Education, a Plan for Success (STEPS) program which assists individuals 18 – 34 years old enhance their knowledge of possible work opportunities and develop their “soft” employment skills through classroom education and community experiences of work suited to their abilities and interests.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Arc Herkimer Career Connections Department will enhance the ongoing supports for employed individuals to increase the likelihood of sustained employment, and will advocate for the additional availability of community employment positions.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Arc Herkimer has submitted a proposal to transition individuals currently working in a sheltered setting into an integrated business environment located in the Herkimer Business Park. Job positions at this site will also be utilized by MH individuals enrolled in Career Connections services.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Upstate Cerebral Palsy will offer additional employment choices and opportunities to individuals in Herkimer County eligible for SEMP, ACCESS and other employment services. Upstate Cerebral Palsy will contact public sector employers in Herkimer County for the purpose of establishing competitive employment opportunities.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 5: The LGU will utilize the DD and MH subcommittees as a forum to discuss employment needs and identify strategies/solutions.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Arc Herkimer has been working to prepare young adults for employment through Project Search. Project Search is an international, trademarked and copyrighted intern program model that focuses solely on employment for young adults 18 – 34 years old in collaboration with Herkimer College. Project Search has an intensive focus on achieving competitive employment and maximum independence for each individual. Each intern participates in daily classroom instruction and gains hands on work experience by rotating among three unique unpaid internships. Interns learn skills that are marketable in their search for community employment.

Career Connections of Arc Herkimer has been working with individuals with developmental disabilities through “Pathways to Employment & Community Prevocational Services.” The STEPS (Supportive Training & Education, a Plan for Success) program creates community integrated supports through a community based, integrated learning environment that assists individuals in moving forward in career choice, vocational exploration, and life skill acquisition. This is a person-centered, whole person approach to support the person with a disability in the life they choose.

Arc Herkimer Career Connections continued to develop supports and services assisting individuals with mental health challenges to obtain and keep employment through the Assisted Competitive Employment Program.

Upstate Cerebral Palsy has provided employment choices and opportunities to developmentally disabled individuals in Herkimer County that are eligible for SEMP, ACCESS and other employment services.

2f. Prevention - Background Information

The Herkimer County Prevention Council (HCPC), a program of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, provides prevention education services in six school districts in Herkimer County. Through the work of the Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County (CPCHC), the HCPC works with other community agencies to provide the most current information through sponsored trainings on the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse. A full time CPCHC Coordinator works with members of the Coalition to plan for and implement specific environmental strategies that address these issues. An increase in prevention services for adults is needed and is being addressed as part of the work of CPCHC.

A new grant has been awarded to the HCPC to develop a partnership among regional coalitions. This new partnership will strengthen and expand all coalition activities currently being provided and will assist in updating resources and developing a comprehensive and easy to use database.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Expand evidence-based prevention education in Herkimer County school districts
Provide education and training services for Herkimer County first responders, law enforcement, agency personnel, and community members on current substance abuse trends.
Increase communication and collaboration among SUD prevention and treatment providers throughout the Mohawk Valley Region.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Herkimer County Prevention Council will expand Prevention Education Services to one additional school district in Herkimer County.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Herkimer County Prevention Council, as a Certified Education and Training Provider through OASAS, will collaborate with the Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County and other community agencies to provide the most current information through sponsored trainings on the prevention of substance abuse. The HCPC will provide two trainings on current trends in substance abuse in 2017 and 2018

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Catholic Charities of Herkimer County will develop the Mohawk Valley Prevention and Recovery Collaborative and will work with key leaders from six county coalitions to streamline the resources, activities, and events offered in each county. The Collaborative will strengthen and expand activities currently being provided by coalitions and will assist in developing a comprehensive and easy to use database of resources.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: The Herkimer County LGU will work with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, the HCPC and the Community Partnership to develop and expand prevention activities in Herkimer County.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The Community Partnership Coalition is in the second year of a five year Drug Free Communities Support Program grant. The CPCHC was also recently awarded a grant to address underage drinking in Herkimer County

The Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County (CPCHC) has been working to address underage drinking and the dangers of prescription & synthetic drugs and heroin use. Community trainings have been held for first responders, law enforcement, agency personnel, and community members on NARCAN use.

Catholic Charities of Herkimer County was recently awarded a grant to develop a regional coalition that would coordinate six county coalitions into a cohesive collaboration to address substance use prevention, treatment and recovery efforts. The *Mohawk Valley Prevention and Recovery Collaborative* (MVPRC) will include existing coalitions and OASAS prevention providers from Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties. This new initiative is scheduled to begin July 2017.

2g. Inpatient Treatment Services - Background Information

Inpatient SUD treatment services are not available in Herkimer County. Services must be accessed out of the county in a system that is already overburdened and where there are long wait times for services. The rise in Opioid and Heroin use has compounded the need for additional services.

A 50 bed inpatient residential treatment facility has been proposed by a non-profit community agency and it is currently in the preliminary development stage in Herkimer County. It is proposed that a 5 bed medically monitored withdrawal and stabilization (detox) component would be part of this facility.

The facility will utilize evidenced based holistic clinical and behavioral health recovery/discovery treatment for individuals addicted to chemically altering substances and alcohol with or without a mental health diagnosis. Single rooms will be utilized for stabilization and will be located separate from the rehabilitation treatment allowing for round the clock observation/care.

On-going supportive help and follow-up when individuals return to their home community will be a component of the program, and linkages and follow-up with local community treatment providers will occur up to one year following discharge.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Advocate for the development of SUD inpatient treatment services in Herkimer County

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The LGU will work with the Neighborhood Center and NYS OASAS to move forward with the Neighborhood Center's proposal to open a treatment facility in Herkimer County

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Neighborhood Center will pursue other grants and sources of funding to assist with capital costs.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The Substance Use Disorders subcommittee and the CSB will receive regular updates on facility development. The groups will have an opportunity to provide input on SUD treatment needs and will facilitate collaboration among providers and key stakeholders.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The Neighborhood Center has had discussions with NYS OASAS and the LGU regarding the development of this facility. The Neighborhood Center has purchased a building in Herkimer County and they are currently working to secure the funding required for capital improvements.

2j. SUD Outpatient Services - Background Information

Beacon Center, the SUD treatment provider, currently serves an average of 130 youth and adults for a variety of substance use disorders each month. The Beacon Center now prescribes Vivitrol and Suboxone as a component of Heroin and Opioid treatment. The demand for services continues to increase, especially for specialized populations such as those who are involved with the department of social services and for those exiting the Herkimer County Correctional Facility.

An increasing number of individuals accessing SUD treatment services in Herkimer County have been identified as having co-occurring mental health issues. Many correctional facility inmates screened by Herkimer County Department of Mental Health clinic staff to identify those who may be at-risk of doing harm to themselves or others or who are requiring treatment of an existing mental illness are also identified as having alcohol and substance abuse problems (especially heroin). Communication, coordination and collaboration among service providers has been identified as a significant need.

The Herkimer County Department of Mental Health continues to provide alcohol/substance abuse screening services to social service beneficiaries identified as having alcohol/substance abuse disorders. These individuals are mandated to participate in screening or treatment services as a condition of program eligibility.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Expand the availability and capacity of SUD treatment services in Herkimer County.
Improve communication, coordination and collaboration among service providers

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Beacon Center has added an additional physician's assistant to enhance prescribing and monitoring capabilities of Vivitrol and Suboxone

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Beacon Center will work with organizations such as the Department of Social Services and the correctional facility to address increasing local needs.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The LGU and Herkimer County Mental Health Clinic staff will meet with Beacon Center staff on a monthly basis to streamline referral processes and better meet the assessment and treatment needs of individuals with co-occurring disorders

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The Beacon Center has prescribed Vivitrol and Suboxone as a component of Heroin and Opioid treatment since 2016. Due to the increased need for this service, an additional physician's assistant has been recently added to the program.

Although more individuals receiving services appear to be insured, large deductibles and co-pays have prevented some individuals from being able to afford or remain in treatment. The Beacon Center now has trained Navigators on staff to help with obtaining or changing insurance based on needs.

Initiation and engagement in treatment services had been an ongoing area of focus and has seen improvement. According to the DSRIP Regional Needs Assessment (2016), in the Mohawk Valley region 52% of individuals initiate treatment within 14 days of AOD dependence diagnosis and 21% engage in treatment within 30 days after initiation (79% do not). Herkimer County has the highest percentage of AOD initiation of treatment (54%) in the region and the second highest percentage of AOD engagement in treatment (23%). The Beacon Center has improved three-month retention rates for individuals in SUD treatment by utilizing "Service First" Customer Service Training and Motivational Interviewing techniques to improve and maintain client engagement. The Nichol's House Supportive Living residence also improved their three-month retention rates for individuals who are admitted into the program by improving client screening and individualized service planning to improve client engagement.

2l. Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services - Background Information

Opioid and Heroin abuse is as rampant in this county as it is elsewhere. The rise in Opioid and Heroin use has compounded the need for detox and treatment services, and increasing numbers of individuals who abuse opioids and heroin are seeking mental health services and are encountered in the local correctional facility. The correctional facility also reports that a great number of individuals incarcerated in that facility experience significant withdrawal symptoms within the first few days of incarceration. The Department of Social Services noted that the rise in Heroin use has caused an increase in foster care placements,

There is an increased need for assessment and outpatient treatment services, and for the provision of Vivitrol and Suboxone.

There is a need to improve data collection methods to better assess the scale and scope of Opioid and heroin use by age group and the administration of Narcan doses by first responders, law enforcement and community members.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Develop a community response to enhance prevention and treatment efforts for individuals abusing Opioids and Heroin.
Improve data collection efforts to better assess the scale of the Opioid and Heroin epidemic.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Beacon Center will expand Vivitrol and Suboxone prescribing and monitoring capabilities by adding a physician's assistant to the program.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The HCPC and the Community Partnership will offer training to first responders, law enforcement, agencies and the community on Heroin and Opioid use and the use of Narcan

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The Herkimer County Community Partnership will develop a mechanism to collect and analyze the number of Narcan doses administered by first responders, law enforcement and community members.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: The LGU will participate on the Herkimer County Community Partnership Coalition to monitor and support the collaborative efforts to reduce heroin and opioid use

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The Beacon Center has prescribed Vivitrol and Suboxone as a component of Heroin and Opioid treatment since 2016. Due to the increased need for this service, an additional physician's assistant has recently been added to the program.

The Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County (CPCHC) has been working to address opioid and heroin use. Community trainings have been held for first responders, law enforcement, agency personnel, and community members on NARCAN use.

2n. Mental Health Clinic - Background Information

The Herkimer County Department of Mental Health operates an outpatient mental health clinic for adults and youth with serious mental illnesses and emotional disorders. The department employs fifteen full-time staff and nine part-time staff. There are five full-time Licensed Social Workers and two full-time Community Health Nurses. Part-time clinical staff includes two Licensed Social Workers, one Registered Nurse, a CASAC, and four part-time physicians.

In 2016, department staff provided 8,897 visits to 1262 children and adults. There were over 1,200 more clinic visits in 2016 than in the previous year. Of the 8,897 clinic visits made in 2016, 7,135 visits were with adults and 1,762 were with children below the age of 18. There was on average of 498 people open to clinic services each month. Approximately 20% of individuals open to clinic services are children.

Demand for services is very high. There has been an increase in both the number of referrals and the severity of needs for individuals. Clinicians have average caseloads of 85-90 clients.

All correctional facility inmates are screened by Herkimer County Department of Mental Health clinic staff to identify those who may be at-risk of doing harm to themselves or others or are requiring treatment of an existing mental illness. An increasing number of inmates are also identified as having alcohol and substance abuse problems (especially heroin) in addition to mental health problems. In 2016, 872 visits were provided to 484 correctional facility inmates. The number of inmates served and the number of inmates identified as at-risk to self or others continues to increase each year. Out of the 872 visits made, 194 were visits for inmates that were on constant watch.

Department staff continue to provide alcohol/substance abuse screening services to social service beneficiaries identified as having alcohol/substance abuse disorders. These individuals are mandated to participate in screening or treatment services as a condition of program eligibility.

An increasing number of individuals accessing clinic services in Herkimer County have been identified as having co-occurring mental health and substance use issues. Communication, coordination and collaboration between the Mental Health Clinic and Beacon Center has been identified as a significant need.

The Neighborhood Center (agency provider) has established satellite mental health clinics in the Mount Markham and Town of Webb school districts to address the needs of youth and families in the southern and northernmost regions of the county. This response in the Town of Webb area was also prompted by an outpouring of requests by the school district and community members to provide treatment options for those affected by a number of tragic events, including a number of suicides, which took place in the community over the past several years. This year, additional school districts have made requests to have satellite clinics located within their districts.

The Herkimer County Mental Health Clinic is involved with the PSYCKES QI project to assist with the move toward Value Based Payment and will participate in the Care Transitions Network project. This project will enable primary and behavioral health care integration, ensuring that inpatient and outpatient providers bridge the gap at discharge and payer and provider priorities are better in sync. Working with practice coaches, Herkimer County will move through five phases of transformation, which will include setting aims around the use of data and improving outcomes.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Enhance the quality of services and increase treatment compliance with consumers who are dually diagnosed
Expand the availability of Mental Health Clinic services
Develop a process to move towards Value Based Payment

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Herkimer County Mental Health staff and Beacon Center staff will meet monthly to discuss mutual cases and to further enhance treatment planning

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Neighborhood Center will work with the Central Valley School District to establish a satellite mental health clinic to better address the needs of youth and families in that community

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The Herkimer County Mental Health Clinic will participate in the PSYCKES QI project to assist with the move toward Value Based Payment

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: The LGU will monitor clinic service needs and will work with community providers to develop services in identified schools and communities

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The mental health department has successfully implemented an electronic medical record system that is fully operational. The system utilizes approved documentation that addresses program operating certification items and improves billing system efficiencies.

2o. Other Mental Health Outpatient Services (non-clinic) - Background Information

There has been a need identified to provide additional prevention and support services to at-risk youth in local school districts. The Neighborhood Center, Inc. provides an asset development program to support youth at risk due to emerging mental health issues, economics, or negative social behaviors that a local school district has selected for implementation. Project AIM (Achieve-Inspire-Motivate) recognizes that a stable environment (including family, school and community engagement) is crucial to success; that youth may have experienced trauma, have inadequate coping or planning skills, have poor communication skills, been victims of child abuse/neglect or experienced other stressors including poverty, substance abuse, mental illness, criminal activity, and parental incarceration. Project AIM takes an approach that integrates the Search Institute Perseverance Process with a model that unites youth, natural supports and the community.

AIM groups are led by an adult mentor that provides case management, referral service and group peer led programs to help youth access services and connect them to their community while enhancing self worth. Participants have the opportunity to experience first hand various social and cultural events to strengthen connections to the community and gain a deeper appreciation for the cultural diversity offered in our area. This program is in the planning stages and will be implemented in the fall.

The LGU and other county health and human service departments participate in Herkimer County's Integrated County Planning initiative to identify, prioritize and address county needs across service systems while maximizing resources. One area of need identified by county leaders has been at-risk youth (and their families) who are involved in the juvenile justice system. These youth and families have a multitude of needs that require intensive intervention, including serious emotional and behavioral challenges and substance use disorders. Parent support and skills training, as well as trauma informed approaches to care, have been identified as priority areas of need for this population.

IMPACT, a Family Support Program operated by the Center for Family Life and Recovery and funded by the Department of Mental Health, was fully integrated into the county Family Support PINS Diversion Program in 2016. Staff members now provide family support and counseling services for PINS and JD youth and their families. The LGU and the Center for Family Life and Recovery have worked with the Herkimer County Department of Social Services and Probation Department to implement best practice trauma-informed treatment and support programs, AF-CBT and AFP respectively, to address the needs of youth and families enrolled in the Program. A Certified Family Peer Advocate is also available to work with families to provide individualized in-home supports, Family Peer Advocacy services, and Common Sense Parenting training. This service is also available to parents and caretakers of SED youth through the children's SPOA.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Increase the availability of home and school based prevention services that address the needs of SED and at-risk youth and their families.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Neighborhood Center will implement the AIM Program in the Central Valley School District and will serve up to 40 youth in the program.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: CFLR, through its work in the Family Support PINS Diversion Program, will fully implement the AF-CBT and AFP programs and will continue to provide Family Peer Advocacy Services for SED and at-risk youth and their families.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The LGU will monitor implementation and will work with contract providers to identify and respond to emerging community needs

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Neighborhood Center representatives met with the LGU and the Central Valley School District to discuss implementation of the AIM (Achieve, Inspire, Motivate) program as a means to provide additional support services for SED and at-risk youth and their families in that district.

Counseling staff in the Family Support PINS Diversion program were trained to implement AF-CBT, an evidence-based trauma-informed treatment and support program designed to improve the relationship between children and caregivers in families involved in arguments, frequent conflict, physical force/discipline, child physical abuse, or child behavior problems. Other program staff (family support workers, family peer advocate, Probation Officers and DSS Preventive workers) were trained in Alternatives for Professionals (AFP), a trauma-informed support program designed to help families achieve treatment goals.

To further the conversation on trauma-informed practices, the Herkimer County Mental Health, in collaboration with the UCP Central New York Health Home Network (CNYHHN), sponsored training on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and hosted a showing of the film Paper Tigers in May 2017 to illustrate the need for trauma informed care for multi-systems youth.

2r. Developmental Disability Children Services - Background Information

There is a need for additional social and recreational opportunities for children that are in integrated community settings.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Expand and enhance social, recreational and educational programming for Herkimer County Children and Youth

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Arc Herkimer will apply for a Stewart's Holiday Match grant to support the purchase of learning and recreational supplies for youth in Herkimer County

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Arc Herkimer will open a completely accessible outdoor recreational park in collaboration with the Village of Herkimer in June 2017. With accessible facilities for people of all ages and abilities, the park's focus will be on accessible playground equipment for children six months through 12 years who have ambulatory disabilities that preclude use of typical playground facilities.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Arc Herkimer will maintain opportunities and supports for Pre-School and School-age Youth. The Children's Respite/Recreation Program continues to provide day activities for school age children during summer months and all school breaks. This program will continue through 2018.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Arc Herkimer has been working with the Village of Herkimer to complete the outdoor recreational park so that it will be ready for the grand opening in June 2017.

Previous Stewart's Holiday Match grants have enabled Arc Herkimer to purchase Leap Pad computer-assisted learning technology to help a therapeutic play group of 3 – 5 year olds improve vocabulary and academic skills through recreation activities, and allowed for the purchase of recreation supplies for play and structured activities that promote physical, mental, emotional, social, and creative development.

2u. Developmental Disability Respite Services - Background Information

A need has been identified to develop and enhance adult recreational programs and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and those on the Autism Spectrum.

Arc Herkimer has begun to provide Autism Movement Therapy (AMT) for individuals on the Autism spectrum. AMT is a sensory integration strategy that connects the left and right hemispheres of the brain by combining patterning, visual movement calculation, auditory receptive processing, rhythm and sequencing into a "whole brain" cognitive thinking approach to significantly improve behavioral, emotional, academic, social and speech and language skills. AMT combines music and dance and appeals to all ages. Arc Herkimer plans to expand program participants to include individuals with other developmental disabilities

Upstate Cerebral Palsy continues to expand recreational and social based inclusion opportunities in Herkimer County and will provide information through a Recreation Calendar.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Develop and enhance adult recreational programs and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and those on the Autism Spectrum.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Arc Herkimer will implement Autism Movement Therapy and will expand program participants to include all individuals with developmental disabilities

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Upstate Cerebral Palsy will provide information through a Recreation Calendar which includes programs based on woodworking, pet care/therapy, outdoors sports, piano lab and movement as well as arts and crafts, the A.R.T. and Studio Art programs, and the development of an Equine Center and associated farming enterprise.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The LGU will receive updates on implementation progress

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2v. Developmental Disability Family Supports - Background Information

The Herkimer County LGU is committed to identifying and addressing the unmet needs of the DD population and evaluating those programs that are in place to ensure effectiveness.

The Eastern Region of Central New York DDSO Family Support Advisory Council, which includes four counties (Herkimer, Oneida, Madison and Lewis), has the task of reviewing all contracted services and family support-like waiver programs. The Council meets nine or ten times a year to review programs, meet with Agencies and review consumer surveys. The Council acts as advocates for the developmentally disabled population and advisory to the central region director, discussing the unmet needs and evaluating those programs that are in place. Family members contact new members and any person or family member who is eligible for family support services are invited to attend the meetings. Service coordinators and family members are encouraged to present any concerns and unmet needs they are aware of so that advocacy for future funding of programs can be discussed.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Continue DDSO Family Support Advisory Council representation on the DD Subcommittee

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee will include a member of the DDSO Family Support Advisory Council. The representative will inform the LGU and subcommittee of the needs, concerns, and issues that affect individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The LGU has had a long standing positive relationship with DDSO Family Support Advisory Council representatives.

2w. Developmental Disability Self-Directed Services - Background Information

The number of individuals enrolled in self-directed services has fluctuated and remains lower than originally anticipated. It has been reported that some families have experienced challenges recruiting and retaining staff to provide services.

Upstate Cerebral Palsy continues to provide Self Direction Services that offer an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to make choices about the services they receive and who provides the service, including choices regarding independent community living. UCP plans to develop non-certified apartment living opportunities for individuals identified through referral and public forums that will be funded through Self Direction Services.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Encourage the provision of informational outreach and education forums in Herkimer County regarding the availability of Self Direction Services

Objective Statement

Objective 1: UCP's Self Direction Services program will provide informational outreach and education forums in Herkimer County to Herkimer County Service Provider Agencies, MSCs, Family Support Advisory Board members, and/or to the public through presentations in the community.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The LGU and Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee will discuss the needs, concerns, and issues that affect individuals enrolled in Self Direction Services and will explore strategies for improvement

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2z. Developmental Disability Residential Services - Background Information

There is a need to provide alternative, affordable housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Herkimer County that promote community inclusion. The Arc Herkimer residence in Mohawk was closed due to structure flooding. Through a grant received, residents were moved to a residence in Herkimer. A portion of the Herkimer residence will be renovated and rented out to low income individuals.

The need to support and serve parents with intellectual disabilities and their children is a continued priority. Arc Herkimer operates the Valley Commons Learning Center which provides education, parent training and support for this population.

Upstate Cerebral Palsy provides Self Direction Services and is working to develop living opportunities for developmentally disabled individuals enrolled in that program.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Provide varied residential living settings and opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Arc Herkimer residence in Herkimer will be renovated to accommodate apartment style living on the lower level for individuals with disabilities, and the upper level will be renovated and rented out to low income individuals.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Arc Herkimer will continue to support and serve parents with intellectual disabilities by continuing to operate the Valley Commons Learning Center and will provide education and parent training to residents.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Upstate Cerebral Palsy will develop non-certified apartment living opportunities for individuals identified through referral and public forums. These opportunities will be funded through Self Direction Services.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: The LGU will utilize the DD Subcommittee as a forum to discuss housing needs and identify strategies/solutions.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2aa. Developmental Disability Front Door - Background Information

There has been progress made with enrollment and access to services (Front Door) but some needs remain unaddressed. Developmental Disabilities stakeholders report ongoing concerns that systemic changes have impacted the availability of services, the ease of access for families in need of services, and family voice and choice.

Arc Herkimer has worked to expand and enhance services and supports to underserved area in the county, including northern Herkimer County. This work will continue and be expanded.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Enhance services and supports in the Old Forge area (northern Herkimer County).

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Arc Herkimer, through the Outreach Development Connections program, will provide an outreach coordinator to work with schools, families, agencies and community members in the Old Forge area to link individuals with developmental disabilities to OPWDD screening (front door) and services.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The LGU will utilize the DD Subcommittee as a forum to discuss outreach and engagement needs and to help identify strategies/solutions.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

3. Goals Based On State Initiatives

State Initiative	Applicable State Agenc(ies)		
	OASAS	OMH	OPWDD
a) Medicaid Redesign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) NYS Department of Health Prevention Agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3a. Medicaid Redesign - Background Information

The LGU and mental hygiene services system representatives have spent a great deal of time discussing Medicaid Redesign and planning for upcoming changes. All have made it a priority to respond to these changes and implement and monitor strategies that improve the current service delivery system and address statewide goals and objectives.

The shift to Value Based Payment for clinic services and the development of a local IPA (independent practice association) to improve clinical integration and prepare for managed care transition have been identified as priority areas of focus for providers.

The Herkimer County Mental Health Clinic and the LGU are involved with the PSYCKES project to assist with the move toward Value Based Payment and will participate in the Care Transitions Network project. This project will enable primary and behavioral health care integration, ensuring that inpatient and outpatient providers bridge the gap at discharge and payer and provider priorities are better in sync. Working with practice coaches, Herkimer County will move through five phases of transformation, which will include setting aims around the use of data and improving outcomes.

Kids Oneida, a local community provider, has been approved as an Integrated Community Alternatives Network Independent Practice Association (ICAN IPA, LLC), and they are pursuing implementation funds under the recently announced Behavioral Health Value Based Payment Readiness Program to help prepare for system transformation and the provision of an array of Home and Community Based Services for children. Support from this program would improve the ability to develop shared infrastructure for the Behavioral Health Care Collaborative including clinical quality standards, data collection, analytics, and reporting.

HCBS service availability for adults has not kept pace with the number of HARP-eligible individuals that need the services. A local barrier for HARP eligible adults has been the inability to obtain HCBS services due to provider shortages. As Waiver youth transition to Health Home service provision, there is a concern that the delivery system will not be ready to accommodate the additional home and community based service needs of this population. It was noted that there may be a gap in availability for those individuals that have the same level of need but are not enrolled in Medicaid.

Kids Oneida is planning for new provision of Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH HCBS). Four Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services will be provided: Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR), Habilitation, Family Support and Training, and Empowerment Services- Peer Supports. Other agencies are also planning for the provision of these services.

The Herkimer Image Center (drop in center operated by Upstate Cerebral Palsy) has applied for HCBS status and continues to provide recreation, socialization and support services for SMI adults.

Arc Herkimer is an approved HCBS provider and will partner with Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to deliver services to eligible individuals. The agency has attained accreditation from the Council on Leadership to increase focus on personal outcomes, a key aspect of the managed care service delivery model.

There is a need for ongoing education and training for professionals and consumers regarding the changes that are occurring in the service delivery system.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

Prepare for systemic changes and monitor and address issues related to Medicaid Redesign

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Herkimer County Mental Health Clinic and the LGU will Participate in the Care Transitions Network project.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Herkimer Image Center (drop in center operated by Upstate Cerebral Palsy) has applied for HCBS status and continues to provide recreation, socialization and support services for SMI adults.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Arc Herkimer will seek out and pursue initiatives to expand services to people with disabilities (Community pre-vocational services, community habilitation and ADL skill development, and home and community based services) in the most responsive and fiscally responsible manner through the managed care service delivery and funding model, as implemented by NYSARC, Inc. and the State of New York.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: The LGU will continue to utilize Mental Hygiene Services planning meetings and subcommittees to educate and update service providers and key stakeholders on the changes made to the service delivery system for both children and adults. Topics will include Health Homes for Children and Adults, HARP and adult Home and Community Based Waiver services, the OPWDD Transformation Agenda, local IPA development, and the shift to Value Based Payment

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Arc Herkimer completed its assignment as an OPWDD Case Study Organization and attained accreditation from the Council on Leadership to increase focus on personal outcomes, a key aspect of the anticipated managed care service delivery model. Arc Herkimer is an approved HCBS provider and will partner with Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to deliver services to eligible individuals.

The Herkimer County LGU and the SPOA have worked with Children's Health Home designated agencies, downstream providers, and the local Department of Social Services to effectively implement Children's Health Home enrollment procedures in Herkimer County. This work is ongoing.

The LGU became a member of the Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) Behavioral Health subcommittee to help identify and address population level issues.

3b. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program - Background Information

The LGU, contract agencies and county partners continue to participate in the Delivery System Reform and Incentive Program (DSRIP) sponsored through the state health department designed to reconfigure the health delivery system to achieve greater fiscal efficiencies, including reducing reliance and use of Medicaid funds. Participants continue to become informed about and participate in statewide efforts to redesign service delivery systems.

The role of local governmental units has not been defined well by state agencies, although the county mental health clinic and many agency providers have been identified as a participating service providers in DSRIP initiatives. It is hoped that this and related initiatives are successful however, they are not addressing some current serious service liabilities, including a severe shortage of psychiatric staff. The availability of psychiatric staff has always been limited and has grown worse as staff retire and/or reduce their workloads to part time.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

Participate in the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP)

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Herkimer County LGU will participate in Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) planning meetings and will work with the Leatherstocking Collaborative Health Partners Group to explore physical and behavioral health integration strategies that will address needs and improve service outcomes.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Beacon Center will participate in Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) planning meetings, to include the Mental Health Substance Abuse Committee and the Withdrawal Subcommittee, and will work with the Leatherstocking Collaborative Health Partners Group to explore strategies that will address needs and improve service outcomes. Special attention will be paid to the development of treatment services for the Opiate and Heroin addicted population.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The LGU will continue to utilize Mental Hygiene Services planning meetings and subcommittees to educate and update service providers and key stakeholders on DSRIP activities and the changes made to the service delivery system

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

3c. Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs) - Background Information

Local agencies and providers report that the Mohawk Valley Regional Planning Consortium has already become a great support and resource, and has helped local providers to identify and begin to address regional service delivery challenges in preparation for behavioral health services transition to Medicaid Managed Care.

The group has identified a list of ten challenges unique to the Mohawk Valley Region to be addressed by state and local partners as the system shifts to managed care. One recommendation, *developing a set of standards for SPOA operation as it relates to Children & Adult Health Homes, Medicaid Managed Care, and related services to improve communication and care coordination*, is of particular interest in Herkimer County for its anticipated benefit to the service delivery system.

Subcommittees are in the process of being formed. The Herkimer County LGU will serve as the co-chair of the Children and Youth subcommittee.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

The Herkimer County LGU will serve on the OMH Regional Planning Consortium (RPC) and will participate in the development of a community based, recovery-oriented system of behavioral health care.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Herkimer County LGU will participate in RPC initiatives and will co-chair the Children and Youth Subcommittee

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Beacon Center will attend and participate in RPC meetings to identify service delivery challenges and explore strategies that will address needs and improve service outcomes

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The Herkimer County LGU will advocate for and participate in activities to develop standardized operating procedures for local SPOAs.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: The LGU will continue to utilize Mental Hygiene Services planning meetings and subcommittees to educate and update service providers and key stakeholders on RPC activities

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

3d. NYS Department of Health Prevention Agenda - Background Information

The issue of Suicide Prevention has been a topic of focus for many years in Herkimer County. Over the past year there have been many successful efforts to implement suicide prevention activities in the county, particularly in the Town of Webb where there has been development of new prevention and clinic treatment services in partnership with the Suicide Prevention Center of New York and the Neighborhood Center. The Town of Webb School District, with assistance from the University of Rochester, adopted the Sources of Strength (SOS) curriculum for students and faculty. In addition, the Herkimer County Prevention Council received postvention funding to be used for needed services. These funds have been used to provide consultation and training for the both the Town of Webb and Central Valley School Districts, as both have experienced deaths by suicide in their school districts and communities.

It was decided that Herkimer County would pursue the development of a county-wide Suicide Prevention Coalition to improve prevention, intervention, and post-vention efforts in the community.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

Representatives of the Herkimer County LGU, the county Integrated Planning Project and the Herkimer County Prevention Council will work with Herkimer County Public Health and the Suicide Prevention Center of NY to create a Suicide Prevention Coalition. This strategy addresses the 2013-2018 DOH Prevention Agenda 'Promote Mental Health and Prevent Substance Abuse' priority area (2.3 Prevent suicides among youth and adults).

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Herkimer County Suicide Prevention Coalition will complete all Coalition Academy modules offered by the SPC-NY

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The Herkimer County Suicide Prevention Coalition will participate in the training offered by the SPC-NY to enhance coordinated postvention response capacity in Herkimer County.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The Herkimer County Suicide Prevention Coalition will develop and implement a comprehensive education and awareness campaign

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

In April 2016, Herkimer County was awarded a Suicide Prevention Coalition-Building grant from the Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPC-NY) and began to participate in coalition-building activities. In the summer of 2016, meetings were held to identify the preliminary structure and membership of the key stakeholders group that would participate in the coalition. Key leaders from education, health, social services, law enforcement mental health, and SUD prevention organizations were identified to participate in upcoming coalition planning and development meetings.

In October 2016, the SPC-NY facilitated a Stakeholder Investment Training for these key stakeholders in Herkimer County to provide an overview of local and regional data, information on using Coalitions to reduce the burden of suicide in a community, and the next steps required for building and maintaining a coalition.

The newly formed Herkimer County Coalition met in November 2016 to begin to identify areas of focus. Additional Coalition members were also identified, to include a Herkimer County Coroner, a representative from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the SUD treatment provider, and leaders from the Office for the Aging, Probation, Employment and Training and the Veteran's Administration. The LGU and the Director of Public Health will serve as co-chairs of the Coalition.

The newly expanded Coalition participated in the Coalition Academy Module One training provided by SPC-NY in January 2017. Additional grant funding was received in April 2017 to develop technical assistance for increasing Postvention response capacity and to develop a community level awareness and education campaign. The Herkimer County Prevention Council at Catholic Charities will take the lead in helping to raise awareness.

4. Other Goals (Optional)

Other Goals - Background Information

To ensure program quality and effectiveness and maximize scarce resources, Herkimer County has utilized the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework since 2011 to measure and improve outcomes for all programs and services operated and/or funded by the county across several county departments and service disciplines. This initiative is coordinated through the county Youth Bureau. County departments, including the Mental Health Department and all Mental Hygiene Services contract agencies/programs, collect program performance data every six months to generate a program "Scorecard". This scorecard is used to analyze program and client progress toward the successful achievement of performance targets and outcomes and to identify the areas in which there is a need for improvement. Program scorecard reviews have resulted in modifications to existing programs to better meet the needs of the current populations being served and to address system service gaps. In 2017, population level outcomes will be added to the programs to better link county level indicators with individual program performance.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Only 5 goals can be selected as priority goals)? Yes No

The Herkimer County LGU will improve system and program accountability by utilizing the Results Based Accountability framework to measure and evaluate program performance and track county level outcomes.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The Herkimer County Community Services Board will review Mental Health Department and contract agency Results Based Accountability Scorecards to analyze program and system performance and county level outcomes

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 5: The LGU will utilize Mental Hygiene Services planning meetings and subcommittees to educate and update service providers and key stakeholders on the changes made to the service delivery system for both children and adults.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Office of Mental Health Agency Planning Survey
Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (3/28/17)

Consult the LSP Guidelines for additional guidance on completing this exercise.

1. For Criminal Procedure Law 730 Chargeback Budgeting: Please indicate the department within your county that is responsible for budgeting CPL 730 restoration chargebacks.

- Mental hygiene/community services
- Sheriff/county law enforcement
- Other

If "other" please indicate how these charges are budgeted

Questions regarding the above survey item should be directed to Hank Hren at hank.hren@omh.ny.gov or 518-474-2962.

2. For Local Administration of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program:

- a) Please describe the system used in your locality to ensure that petitions are filed for individuals requiring Assisted Outpatient Treatment. AOT referrals are reviewed by the Director of Community Services (DCS). the DCS would investigate for appropriateness and file with court if warranted.
 - b) Please describe the system used in your locality to ensure that such individuals requiring Assisted Outpatient Treatment receive the services included in the AOT treatment plan. The DCS oversees clients that are receiving AOT services. This is communicated through monthly SPOE meetings. If an incident report is filed, the DCS is notified. Monthly updates are also provided to OMH.
 - c) Please list the Care Management Programs your Single Point of Access (SPOA) uses to assign AOT referrals. AOT referrals are screened by the Adult SPOE Coordinator and assigned to an Intensive Case Manager (ICM) for care management and monitoring.
- Questions regarding this survey item should be directed to Rebecca Briney at Rebecca.Briney@omh.ny.gov or 518-402-4233.

Thank you for participating in the 2018 Mental Hygiene Local Services Planning Process by completing this survey. Any technical questions regarding the online
County Planning System,
please contact the OASAS Planning Unit at 518-457-5989 or by email at oasasplanning@oasas.ny.gov

Community Service Board Roster
Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (5/31/17)

Consult the LSP Guidelines for additional guidance on completing this exercise.

Note: There must be 15 board members (counties under 100,000 population may opt for a 9-member board). Indicate if member is a licensed physician or certified psychologist. Under item labeled "Represents", enter the name of the member's organization or enter "Consumer", "Family", "Public Representative", etc. to indicate the particular community interest being represented. Members shall serve four-year staggered terms.

Chairperson		Member	
Name	Gina Giacobelli	Name	Christina Cain
Physician	No	Physician	No
Psychologist	No	Psychologist	No
Represents	Youth Bureau	Represents	Public Health Department
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Member		Member	
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Physician	No	Physician	No
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Member		Member	
Name	Bonnie Muffett	Name	Maureen Petrie
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Psychologist	No	Psychologist	No
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Member		Member	
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Psychologist	No	Psychologist	No
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Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Subcommittee Roster
Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (5/31/17)

Consult the LSP Guidelines for additional guidance on completing this exercise.

Note: The subcommittee shall have no more than nine members. Three subcommittee members must be members of the board; those members should be identified here. Under item labeled "Represents", enter the name of the member's organization or enter "Consumer", "Family", "Public Representative", etc. to indicate the perspective the member brings to the subcommittee.

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Mental Health Subcommittee Roster
Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (5/31/17)

Consult the LSP Guidelines for additional guidance on completing this exercise.

Note: The subcommittee shall have no more than eleven members. Three subcommittee members must be members of the board; those members should be identified here. Under item labeled "Represents", enter the name of the member's organization or enter "Consumer", "Family", "Public Representative", etc. to indicate the perspective the member brings to the subcommittee.

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Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee Roster
 Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
 Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (5/31/17)

Consult the LSP Guidelines for additional guidance on completing this exercise.

Note: The subcommittee shall have no more than nine members. Three subcommittee members must be members of the board; those members should be identified here. Under item labeled "Represents", enter the name of the member's organization or enter "Consumer", "Family", "Public Representative", etc. to indicate the perspective the member brings to the subcommittee.

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2017 Mental Hygiene Local Planning Assurance
Herkimer County MH & Chem Services (70070)
Certified: Kristen Snyder-Branner (6/5/17)

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Pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, we assure and certify that:

Representatives of facilities of the offices of the department; directors of district developmental services offices; directors of hospital-based mental health services; directors of community mental health centers, voluntary agencies; persons and families who receive services and advocates; other providers of services have been formally invited to participate in, and provide information for, the local planning process relative to the development of the Local Services Plan;

The Community Services Board and the Subcommittees for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Developmental Disabilities have provided advice to the Director of Community Services and have participated in the development of the Local Services Plan. The full Board and the Subcommittees have had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the plan and have received the completed document. Any disputes which may have arisen, as part of the local planning process regarding elements of the plan, have been or will be addressed in accordance with procedures outlined in Mental Hygiene Law Section 41.16(c);

The Community Services Board and the Subcommittees for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Developmental Disabilities meet regularly during the year, and the Board has established bylaws for its operation, has defined the number of officers and members that will comprise a quorum, and has membership which is broadly representative of the age, sex, race, and other ethnic characteristics of the area served. The Board has established procedures to ensure that all meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, which requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the general public, that advance public notice of meetings be given, and that minutes be taken of all meetings and be available to the public.

OASAS, OMH and OPWDD accept the certified 2018 Local Services Planning Assurance form in the Online County Planning System as the official LGU assurance that the above conditions have been met for the 2018 Local Services planning process.