

Service Area Planning

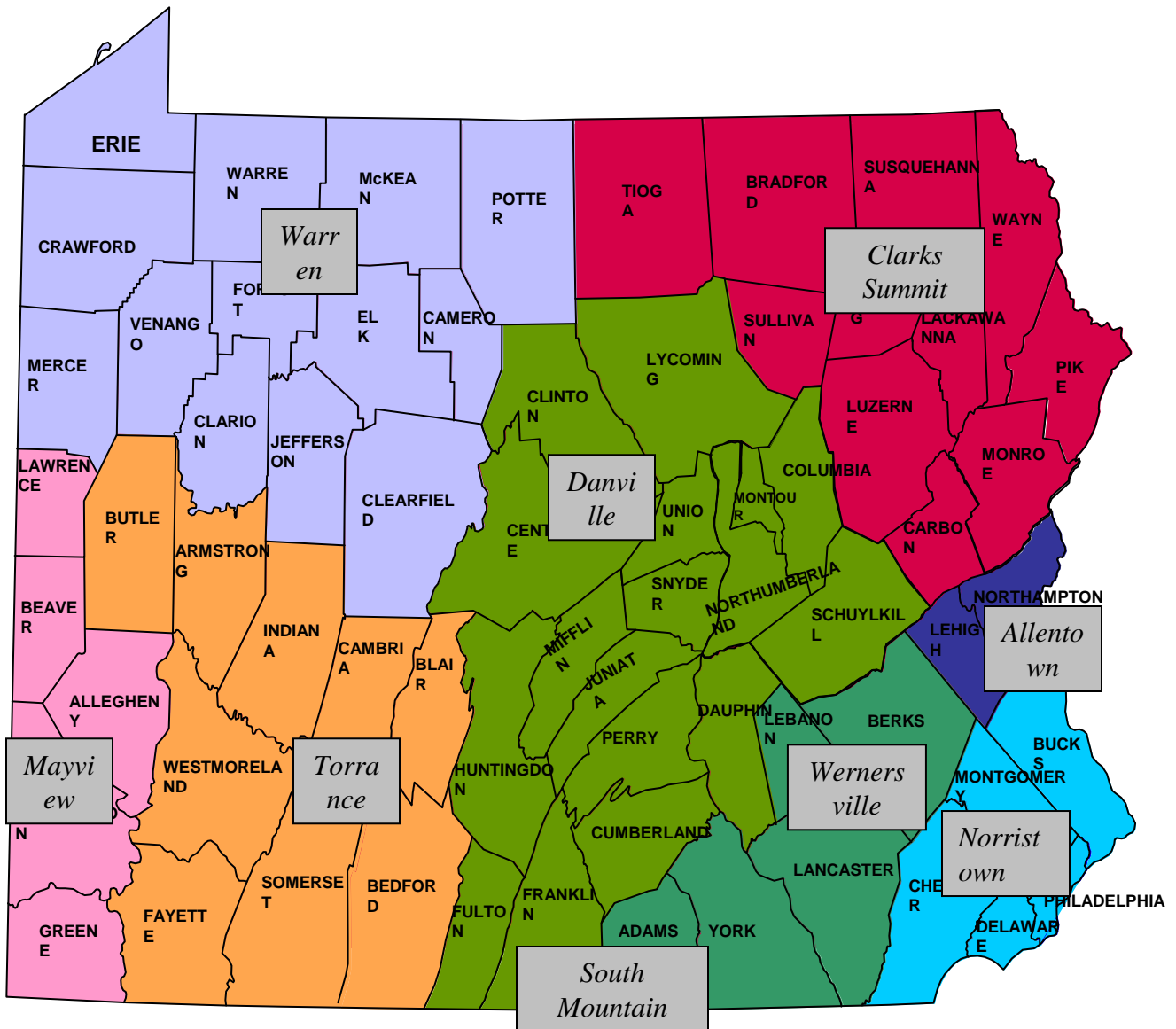
- To plan the development of a recovery oriented community and hospital services system that is responsive to the treatment and support needs of persons in state hospitals and persons who may potentially need state hospitalizations
- To identify the needs of persons who are in the priority population of having been diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness
- To determine the future role of the state hospital
- To determine the role of the community mental health program within the service area

Within five years, no person will be in a state hospital beyond two years.

Within five years, no person will be involuntarily committed to a community hospital more than twice in one year.

Within five years, the incarceration of the priority/target population will be reduced.

Pennsylvania State Mental Hospitals & Service Areas



Note: Carbon, Monroe and Pike counties are served by both Allentown and Clarks Summit State Hospitals. Each state hospital and the geographical area it serves, including all stakeholders, are defined as a service area

- Beginning in 2002, regular meetings have been held for the purpose of service area planning between the community and hospital systems of Pennsylvania combining state and community stakeholders
- Beginning in 2004, bi-annual meetings have occurred with OMHSAS Deputy Secretary Joan Erney; Bureau of Hospital Operations Executive Director Aidan Altenor and the Service Area Stakeholders to discuss progress, celebrate successes and plan for further initiatives within Service Area Planning
- Information is also conveyed to all stakeholders through written reports; steering committee communications; Community Support Meetings (CSP); Drop in Centers; Family Newsletters; Family Support Groups, SAP Newsletters, etc.
- While outstanding collaboration existed between the state hospitals and the counties they serve, the planning processes for each were separate processes
- Service Area Planning outcomes were integrated into County Planning Process beginning with the 2003/04 Fiscal Year
- State hospital and community Continuity of Care Meetings annually update the Service Area Plan and integrate into the hospital and community plans