

**OMHSAS Advisory
Older Adult Committee
Priority Projects
Goals 5 - 11**

“In Process” Goals 5 through 7:

Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Target Date	Activity Update
Goal 5. Ensure that peer services are available to older adults.				
A. Obtain CMS approval of the Peer Project.	1. Peer Project submitted to CMS as part of the OMHSAS State Plan Amendment (SPA).	OMHSAS	Completed 3.31.07	The SPA for this project was approved by CMS in Feb 2007. It will allow for reimbursement of peer services in most MH care settings.
B. Issue OMHSAS Bulletin on Peer Project	1. Draft bulletin containing language on Peer Project specifics.	OMHSAS/PDA	Completed 3.31.07	The peer providing services must complete a certification program, provide services in an allowable reimbursement setting, and have appropriate supervision.
	2. Issue Peer Project Bulletin	OMHSAS/PDA	Completed 5.22.07	Bulletin and Provider Handbook released on 5.22.07
C. Engage the Older Adult Advisory Committee in quality monitoring for the Peer Project	1. Determine role of Older Adult Advisory Committee with the Peer Project.	OA Committee OMHSAS/PDA	Completed 11.1.07	Bill Boyer, OMHSAS, is the point of contact for the Older Adult Committee. Mr. Boyer provides periodic updates to the Committee. No additional Committee involvement has been identified at this time.
	2. Develop on-going oversight/monitoring procedures.	OA Committee OMHSAS/PDA	Ongoing	OMHSAS provides regular updates.

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D. Ensure that the Peer Services Training includes issues specific to Older Adults	1. Review peer services training curriculum and modify as needed to include older adult issues.	OMHSAS	Completed 10.21.08.	On 12.11.07 OMHSAS received a SAMHSA grant to develop a peer support services training program specifically for individuals over age 55 who will be providing peer services to older adults. Univ. of Penn was contracted to develop the curriculum. Older Adult Peer Support training was held in Summer 2008 (3 1-day trainings and 1 3-day training). Final report submitted to SAMHSA in Oct. 2008 and will be disseminated to the Aging and BH Networks. OMHSAS has committed to sponsoring additional trainings in 2009.
Goal 6. An advisory role through the life of the Money Follows the Person project in transitioning geriatric state hospital consumers to a least-restrictive community setting.				
A. Determine extent of advisory role for the Older Adult Advisory Committee with the Money Follows the Person project.	1. Obtain appropriate points of contact to ensure the Older Adult Advisory Committee participation in an advisory role for this project.	OA Committee/OMHSAS/PDA	Completed 6.30.07	CMS approved the grant in June 2007. OMHSAS Bur. Of Hosp. Operations is the point of contact for the Older Adult Committee. Transition coordination at each State Hosp will include 4 part assessment: Aging, Peer, Family, and Clinical. Community Support Groups will monitor individuals.
	2. Determine MFP project meeting schedule and solicit advisory committee participation.	OA Committee/OMHSAS/PDA	Ongoing	OMHSAS provides periodic updates to the Older Adult Advisory Committee. Committee members participate in the MFP stakeholder meetings. No additional Committee involvement has been identified at this time.

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Goal 7. A monitoring role in transitioning identified individuals from South Mountain Restoration Center.				
A. Determine extent of monitoring role for the Older Adult Advisory Committee for these transitions.	1. Obtain appropriate points of contact to determine the role that the Older Adult Advisory Committee members can have in monitoring these transitions.	PDA/OMHSAS OA Committee	Completed 3.31.07	Gretchen Hathaway from OMHSAS Bur. Of Hosp. Operations is the point of contact. Ms. Hathaway presented an update on the project at the May Older Adult meeting. Suggestion from 3.1.07 OA Advisory meeting: include peer support services in transition.
	2. Determine on-going monitoring role.	PDA/OMHSAS OA Committee	Ongoing	Ms. Hathaway provides periodic updates to the Older Adult Advisory Committee. No additional Committee involvement has been identified at this time.

Completed Goals 8 through 11:

Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Target Date	Activity Update
Goal 8. Adopt at least one recommendation of the Suicide Prevention Plan.				
A. Promote awareness that suicide is a preventable public health problem.	1. Identify strategies to continue to raise public awareness on suicide as a preventable public health problem.	Suicide Prevention (SP) subcommittee/ PDA/OMHSAS	Ongoing	The OMHSAS S.P. Subcommittee meets several times per year to discuss suicide prevention awareness activities. The OA Committee will be updated on activities as they occur.
B. Create web resources for Older Adult Suicide Prevention	1. Post Older Adult Suicide Prevention Plan on DPW website.	OMHSAS	Completed 10.31.06	Plan posted on DPW website.
	2. Post Older Adult Suicide Prevention Plan on PDA website.	PDA	Completed 1.31.07	PDA developed a S.P. webpage that was activated on 2.2.07
	3. Create Internet based resource directory.	PDA/OMHSAS	Completed 2.28.07	Resource directory of S.P. links was posted to DPW website on 12.19.06 and to PDA website on 2.2.07.
C. Conduct a Suicide Prevention Awareness Conference	1. Hold monthly conference planning meetings	S.P. subcommittee/ PDA/OMHSAS	Ongoing	Planning meetings are held regularly. Suicide Prevention Awareness conference held on 9.9 and 9.10.08. 2009 conference planning will begin soon.
Goal 9. Coordinate an annual Suicide Awareness Day in Harrisburg.				
A. Coordinate Suicide Awareness rally at the Capitol Rotunda	1. Hold the Suicide Awareness rally at the Capitol Rotunda.	Suicide Prevention committee/PDA /OMHSAS	Completed in 2005 and 2006	This event was held in 2005 and 2006. In 2007, the event was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict at the capitol rotunda, and the planning committee decided to focus efforts on the annual conference and to discontinue the annual rally.
Goal 10. Support efforts to promote a study of older adults through the LBFC (Legislative Budget & Finance Committee).				

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A. Draft letter requesting a study by the LBFC of mental health services for older adults in Pennsylvania.	1. Draft and submit letter to legislative contacts requesting a study.	OA Committee/ PA Behavioral Health and Aging Coalition	Completed 11.1.07	State Agency under the Governor's Office unable to endorse or request LBFC action. Such requests are best made from non-State entities such as the OA Advisory Committee. Linda Shumaker shared a sample letter with the committee on 11.1.07 and suggested that committee members send similar letters to the LBFC.
Goal 11. Compile information from case review pilot.				
A. Compile information from initial case review pilot.	1. Review and compile findings of the case review pilot.	PDA/OMHSAS	Completed 1.31.07	During 1.29.07 call with PDA and facilitator from Delaware County, majority of barriers identified were at the individual and local level. Univ. of Penn will facilitate for next phase.
B. Determine future participating counties in the Case Review Project	1. Review county MOUs to identify regions of the state that would benefit most from the Case Review project.	OA Committee OMHSAS/PDA	Completed 2.28.07	Sub-group of OA Committee reviewed MOU's; meeting held on 2.26.07 to identify 6 counties for next phase.
	2. Work with identified counties to establish their case review teams and facilitator.	OMHSAS/PDA	Completed 6.30.07 7.31.08 4.8.09	6 counties took part in cross-systems training and case discussions during May and June. Univ. of Penn prepared a final report that was distributed to PDA, OMHSAS, and participants on 8.20.07. Additional 27 counties took part in the project in 2008 and 15 counties in 2009.
C. Share best practices of the Case Review Project with stakeholders.	1. Share initial case review findings with OMHSAS Older Adults Advisory Committee	PDA/OMHSAS	Completed 11.1.07 11.6.08	Case review cases and finding were shared with the OA Advisory Committee in Sept. and Nov. 2007 and in Nov. 2008.
	2. Share best practices at Aging/Behavioral Health Forums	PDA/OMHSAS PA Behavioral Health & Aging Coalition	Completed 5.2.07	Gateway Program from Delaware County included in the April 19 forum agenda. JOACT Clearfield Jefferson included in the May 2 forum agenda.