

# Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse 2007-2010 Objectives

2009 Update

# OMHSAS Objectives

- Transform the children's behavioral health system to a system that is family driven and youth guided
- Implementation of services and policies to support recovery and resiliency in the Adult Behavioral Health System
- Assure that behavioral health services and supports recognize and accommodate the unique needs of older adults

# **Older Adult Objective**

Assure that behavioral health services and supports recognize and accommodate the unique needs of older adults

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Expand access to services for older adults with the flexibility to provide services wherever they are
  - *Ensure that implementation of peer services includes training of older adults as providers of the service to older adults as well as younger adults - Complete*
  - Monitor access of peer specialist and mobile mental health services to older adults – *In Process*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Increase awareness of and planning for suicide prevention for older adults
  - Adopt at least one recommendation of the Suicide Prevention Plan for Older Adults - *Complete*
  - Coordinate an annual Suicide Prevention Day in Harrisburg - *Complete*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Review the impact of dual eligibility on service provision
  - Compile Medicare and Medicaid inpatient and outpatient data for older adults – *Inpatient, Complete*
  - Develop information and resources to help older adults better understand services under Medicare and Medicaid (OMHSAS/AGING/APPRISE) – *In process*
  - Use regional behavioral health Older Adult forums to share information on Medicare/Medicaid – *Complete*
  - Increase collaboration with Area Offices of Aging - *Ongoing*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Expand access to the interagency planning project for older adults with complex needs
  - Compile information for case reviews - *Complete*
  - Encourage greater county participation through access to training and continued collaboration with Aging - *Ongoing*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Increase awareness of needs of older adults for substance abuse treatment and programs structured to accommodate those needs in a culturally competent manner
  - Identify facilities appropriate to serve older adults – *To be determined*
  - Define type of services older adults are likely to use by getting their feedback - *Ongoing*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Ensure community consumer involvement by providing support to individuals transitioning from South Mountain Restoration Center into communities where they live
  - Ensure consumer participation in discharge planning teams - *Ongoing*
  - Ensure consumer resources are identified and utilized in community where they return - *Ongoing*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Continue to assure appropriate mental health services are available to older adults experiencing dementia who have behavioral health problems
  - Continue to monitor complaints or concerns regarding access to care - *Ongoing*
  - Engage in educational efforts with public and managed care partners - *Ongoing*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Develop a collaboration with physical health partners (Home Health, Visiting Nurses Assn, etc.) to promote behavioral health screenings for older adults
  - Assess willingness of MCOs/providers to partner on provision of screenings - *Ongoing*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Ensure an active role for the Older Adult Advisory Committee in the Money Follows the Person (MFP) project
  - Older Adult Committee will identify representatives to serve on the MFP Advisory Work Group anticipating receipt of grant award - *Complete*

# Older Adult Supporting Projects and Actions

- Support efforts to promote a study of Older Adults through the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC)
  - When presented with a request for legislative analysis, respond with positive support and background research on the bill soon to be introduced - *Ongoing*
  - Advisory Committee members may advocate for support, either as individuals or members of their respective organizations - *Ongoing*