

**Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Goal 3 Work Group – Final Recommendations
November 3, 2011**

The Goal 3 Work Group of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), Older Adult Advisory Committee has completed work on Goal 3 – *Monitor mobile outpatient and other models for home and community-based behavioral health services to assess effectiveness in serving older adults*, concluding that mobile mental health treatment and other mobile/home and community-based behavioral health services have been ineffective for older adults as currently designed. The work group examined OMHSAS data from FY 2008/09, the most recent available at the time the project began, that indicated that very few older adults received mobile services. The data was limited with no information available for most counties. Where data was available, service provision was extremely low. A few examples are listed below:

HealthChoices Managed Care Adult Mobile Mental Health Treatment

County	Age Group	Recipients	Units	BH-MCO
Blair	21-64	92	807	Community Care Behavioral Healthcare Network
	65+	1	2	
Bucks	21-64	3,022	10,270	Magellan Behavioral Health
	65+	73	272	
Philadelphia	21-64	36,730	199,155	Community Behavioral Health
	65+	835	4,497	

HealthChoices Managed Care Adult Peer Support Services

County	Age Group	Recipients	Units	BH-MCO
Allegheny	21-64	20	1,744	Community Care Behavioral Healthcare Network
	65+	1	149	
Blair	21-64	39	2,749	Community Care Behavioral Healthcare Network
	65+	0	0	
Bucks	21-64	50	2,388	Magellan Behavioral Health
	65+	0	0	
Dauphin	21-64	86	9,870	Community Behavioral HealthCare Network of PA
	65+	7	1,153	
Erie	21-64	33	5,196	Value Behavioral Health
	65+	1	90	
Montgomery	21-64	115	10,900	Magellan Behavioral Health
	65+	4	230	

It is possible that some increases in utilization have occurred since 2009 as services have evolved, but anecdotal information does not support this premise. The work group also reviewed 2010 census data that reinforced that access to services was inadequate. The work group recommends examination of the payment structure for mobile services. The interaction of Medicare and Medical Assistance (MA) for dual eligible individuals must also be examined. Mobile behavioral health services are not covered services for Medicare, but should be available through MA. Mobile services are valuable tools that should be available to meet the needs of older adults to engage them in service and to provide ongoing care and support.