

Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation 2006 - 2007 Work Plan

(not listed in order of priority)

- 1 The Corporation will continue to provide independent analyses of the state's substance abuse and mental health systems.
- 2 The Corporation will promote the need for enhanced diversion and aftercare substance abuse and mental health services for juvenile and adults entering and leaving the criminal justice system and will be making specific programmatic and budget recommendations.
- 3 The Corporation will continue to lead the Mental Health Transformation effort. The Corporation will encourage broad agency and stakeholder involvement to assist the Department of Children and Families with its goals of transforming and reforming the state's mental health system.
- 4 The Data Committee will continue to promote and drive the development of an integrated behavioral health care database across state agencies, collecting and sharing behavioral health care data across agencies and improving collection of client satisfaction and pharmacy data.
- 5 The Corporation will be monitoring the implementation of Medicaid managed care and Medicaid Reform as it relates to behavioral healthcare.
- 6 The Corporation will collaborate with the University of Florida which conducting an evaluation of Medicaid Reform services and will provide input as to what elements and components should include in the evaluation.
- 7 The Corporation will be identifying specific state prevention and early intervention programs, which need to be enhanced to meet mental health and substance abuse prevention/treatment needs through the work of the Corporation's Children's Committee.
- 8 The Corporation is sponsoring a working group on workforce development issues and facilitated a summit in October on the issue.
- 9 The Corporation will study the issue of substance abuse and mental health parity in commercial insurance. The Corporation will continue to promote its recommendation that full mental health and substance abuse coverage should be added to the state employees' health plans.
- 10 The Corporation will continue to facilitate meetings among agencies involved in the substance abuse and mental health systems to solve interagency coordination issues.



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About the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation

The Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation is a non-profit corporation created by the Legislature to oversee the state's publicly funded substance abuse and mental health services. The Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House appoint its 12 directors.

The corporation is charged with making recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislature on policies designed to improve coordination and effectiveness of the state's publicly funded mental health and substance abuse systems.

The Corporation has two full-time staff, **Ellen Piekalkiewicz**, Executive Director and **Amanda Sanford**, Policy Assistant.

Summary of Legislation

Florida Statutes, 394.655

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation shall direct efforts designed to improve interagency coordination of substance abuse and mental health services in order to ensure that these services promote recovery and resiliency-based systems of care. The Corporation shall provide oversight of the publicly funded substance abuse and mental health systems and make policy and resource recommendations that will promote system transformation by providing mechanisms for input from stakeholders, including primary consumers, family members, providers and advocates, concerning the management of the overall system, and that will improve the coordination, quality, and efficiency of the system.

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