

Lake County Mental Health Coalition
Data Sharing Pilot Project
Questions That Will be Answered through Data Reporting
DRAFT 6-27-18
Amended per the June Subcommittee Discussion

The Lake County Mental Health Coalition (Coalition) - Data Sharing Pilot Project Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee) has been charged with creating aggregated data reports. The data reports are to be developed based on the recommendations and Go-First Strategies that surfaced out of the prior year's Coalition efforts.

Based on the Sub-Committee's discussions this document is intended to convey the questions that will be answered through data collection and reporting.

The Sub-Committee concurred that the initial data to collect will focus on answering some overarching questions followed by more specific questions per sector. Following is information on the overarching questions followed by the more specific questions to be answered by sector.

Focus of Overarching Questions

The first round of data collection and reporting of aggregated data will focus primarily on responding to the following question:

- **Who is in need of or seeking behavioral healthcare?**

Also, the first round of data collection and reporting of aggregated data will focus on a few data points that begin to respond to the following question:

- **Are the service needs of those accessing behavioral care being met?**

At this time, the Pilot Project will defer to a later time collecting data that responds to the following question:

- Are the services provided impacting outcomes and making a difference for individuals and families served?

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Specific Questions Organized by Sector

The Data Sharing Pilot Project Sub-committee has identified the following more detailed questions to answer by sector.

I. Community-based providers who provide behavioral health services

Community based behavioral health providers could provide information in aggregated form to answer the following system questions.

Who is in need of or seeking behavioral healthcare?

- How many individuals/families are receiving services (over the past month)?
 - By payor source
- How many new individuals/families are accessing services (over the past month)?
 - By payor source
- Who are the system partners *referring* to the aforementioned level of care (e.g. self-referral, police, fire, schools, homeless provider, probation, religious organization, employer, etc.)?
- What are the demographics of those seeking services (e.g. age, gender, race/ethnicity, zip code)?
- What behavioral health conditions are individuals/families seeking services for using ICD codes (e.g. relationship problems, psychosis, depression, suicidal thoughts/actions, substance abuse/dependence, anxiety, etc.)?
 - What are the co-occurring physical health conditions for individuals seeking services using ICD codes?
 - What are the co-occurring mental and substance abuse conditions for individuals seeking services using ICD codes?

Are the service needs of those accessing behavioral care being met?

- **Timelines of services -**
 - What is the length of time to receive a service (referral date to receipt of service)

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II. Emergency Departments

Emergency Departments could provide information in aggregated form to answer the following system questions.

Who is in need of or seeking behavioral healthcare?

Identifying individuals/families seeking services within Emergency Departments

- How many individuals/families are accessing care for behavioral health needs at an Emergency Room (those seeing specifically for BH need and those seeking physical health care with secondary BH needs)?
 - By payor source
- Who are the system partners referring to the Emergency Departments (e.g. self-referral, police, fire, schools, homeless provider, probation, religious organization, employer, etc.)?
- What are the demographics of those seeking services (e.g. age, gender, race/ethnicity, zip code)?
- What behavioral health conditions are individuals/families seeking services for using ICD codes (e.g. relationship problems, psychosis, depression, suicidal thoughts/actions, substance abuse/dependence, anxiety, etc.)?
- What are the co-occurring physical health conditions for individuals seeking services using ICD codes?
- Where was the individual discharged to (e.g. home, group home, inpatient care)?

Are the service needs of those accessing behavioral care being met?

- **Time in Emergency Departments**
 - Length of time to disposition and discharge
 - By payor
 - By disposition placement (e.g. home, group home, inpatient care)
- **Recidivism - repeat service within 30/60/90 days**
 - % of individuals with repeat service in an **Emergency Department**

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III. Jail

Who is in need of or seeking behavioral healthcare?

- # of individuals entering jail who have a behavioral health need based on a screening tool
- # of individuals with repeat bookings that have a behavioral health need
- Crime offenses

IV. Probation

Who is in need of or seeking behavioral healthcare?

- # of individuals on probation with an identified behavioral health need