

The Gulf Coast Center

2006 LOCAL SERVICE AREA PLAN SUMMARY

❖ 2006 Local Plan Goals and Strategic Initiatives

Goal 1: Individuals and families will be enabled and empowered to live quality lives.

Strategies:

- Mental Health Adult
 - Offer array of services that reduce the impact of mental illness on individuals, families, and community
 - Maintain Mobile Outreach Teams
 - Increase Supportive Care, Supported Housing, and Supported Employment
 - Support innovative opportunities for service delivery
 - Telemedicine
- Mental Health Child and Adolescent
 - Facilitate timely access to services
 - Support innovative opportunities for service delivery
 - Increase Involvement in Juvenile Justice System
- Mental Retardation Services
 - Expand the service provider network in underserved areas

Goal 2: The Center will manage and use resources effectively and efficiently to enable and empower individuals and families to live quality lives.

Strategies:

- Mental Health Adult, Child and Adolescent and Mental Retardation Services
 - Assure the successful implementation and management of resources
 - Contract Funding
 - Provide high quality staff recruitment and development programs.
 - Recruitment and/or maintenance of quality staff
 - Assure staff are well trained and qualified for position
 - Assure the safe and efficient operations of the Center and its staff
 - Expand and improve the service delivery system to meet the projected needs and growth of the community
- Mental Retardation Services
 - Assure the successful implementation and management of resources
 - Focus necessary resources on HCS enrollments
 - New participants of Center MR Services

Goal 3: The Center will work to improve understanding of mental illness, mental retardation, and/or substance use; and of the Center's responsibilities and/or role to people diagnosed with mental illness, mental retardation, and/or substance use; and work to build positive relationships in the community.

Strategies:

- Mental Health Adult
 - Provide continued support of Crisis Intervention Training ("CIT")
- Mental Health Adult, Child and Adolescent and Mental Retardation Services
 - Increase public awareness and understanding of the Center, its services, and responsibilities through the maintenance of Center website
 - Continued participation with community and regional collaborative efforts to improve community relations; increase educational opportunities; and on-going exchange of information