

**Summary of Priorities Noted at March 2016 Steering Committee Meeting
Input for 2016 County Budget (updated 4/14/2015)**

Note: The numbering does not imply priority but the order ideas were shared.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Access to psychiatrists within a reasonable amount of time, especially for individuals on Medicaid.
2. Movement in Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) roll out in Milwaukee County to ensure eligible individuals get services more quickly and increase the number of people enrolled in CCS.
3. Reduce and/or eliminate waiting list for Community Support Program (CSP) and Targeted case Management (TCM). Reminder that CSP is an entitlement.
4. Increase availability of peer support during key transition times (i.e., between levels of service, when going through significant changes, etc.)
5. Increased access to employment supports including job development, job coaching and benefits counselling.
6. Availability of drop in centers in multiple locations (north side especially) and open for more hours --with various focus at each like art etc.
7. Increased community education to increase awareness of prevention, available services, etc, i.e., mental health first aid training
8. Community Resource Centers to provide information about mental health services, help with determining eligibility, benefits counselling, etc as shown in the Cultural Intelligence Model

CRISIS SERVICES

1. The Two Crisis Resource Centers (CRC) should expand their hours of intake coverage to have 24/7 intake capacity. Also more flexible with who they will admit and serve.
2. Need for more mobile crisis teams working with police. Note: Significant expansion will be needed if the state budget provisions regarding crisis assessment and emergency detention go forward.
3. Ability for mobile crisis teams to be able to respond much more quickly when needed.
4. Availability of peer run respite centers in Milwaukee County

ACROSS THE BOARD

1. More peer support throughout the system, throughout all programs.
2. Make individuals with high criminal justice concerns and high mental health concerns a priority in accessing services. We are hearing concerns from the community that some individuals experiencing a mental health crisis who have had interaction with the criminal justice system are no longer being admitted at the Complex when there is a need for inpatient care – and instead begin sent to jail.

3. More transitional housing, as well as the entire continuum of housing –supportive and independent living. Lack of affordable housing.
4. Mental health board too focused on inpatient and not enough on community services