

Behavioral Health Services and the ADA Settlement



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SETTLEMENT TARGETS AND COMPLIANCE

Settlement Agreement Behavioral Health Targets

	1-Jul-11		1-Jul-12		1-Jul-13		1-Jul-14		1-Jul-15	
Mental Illness Provisions	Target	Compliance	Target <small>(cumulative)</small>	Compliance	Target	Compliance	Target	Compliance	Target	Compliance
Crisis Line (no date)	1	Yes								
ACT Teams	18	Yes	20	Yes	22	Yes				
Intensive Case Management Teams	1	Yes	2	Yes	3	Yes	8	Yes	14	Yes
Supported Housing Beds	100	Yes	500	Yes	800	Yes	1400	Yes	2000	Yes
Bridge Funding (yearly)	90	Yes	360	Yes	270	Yes	540	Yes	540	Yes
Supported Employment	70	Yes	170	Yes	440	Yes	500	Yes	550	Yes
Community Support Teams			2	Yes	4	YES	8	Yes		Yes
Case Management Services			5	Yes	15	YES	25	Yes	45	Yes
Crisis Stabilization Units			1	Yes	2	YES	3	Yes		Yes
Peer Support Services			235	Yes	535	YES	835	Yes		Yes
Crisis Service Centers					1	Yes	3	YES	6	Yes
Mobile Crisis Services (counties)					91	YES	126	YES	159	Yes
Crisis Apartments					6	No	12	YES	18	Yes

Progress Toward Compliance

“As in each year of this Agreement, it is clear that the State of Georgia has undertaken its Settlement Agreement obligations with a commitment to systemic reform.”

“At this time, based on the information derived from myriad sources over the course of the year, it is the Independent Reviewer’s professional judgment that the State has reached substantial compliance with the majority of its obligations under the Settlement Agreement related to the development of a comprehensive community-based system of support for adults with a serious and persistent mental illness.”

Targets by service : Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

22 DBHDD contracted ACT teams by FY 2013

Provider	Region
Avita Community Partners, Cobb Douglas CSB, Highland Rivers CSB	1
Advantage Behavioral Health System, American Work, River Edge Behavioral Health System	2
Fulton-Dekalb Grady Hospital (3) Viewpoint Health(2) Georgia Rehabilitation & Outreach (2)	3
Albany CSB, South Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Georgia Pines Community Services	4
American Work (2) , Gateway Behavioral Health Services	5
Pathways Center for Behavioral Health, McIntosh Trail CSB, American Work	6

Current ACT census =1566

Progress Toward Compliance: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

“This author finds that the State of Georgia is in compliance with the Settlement Agreement requirement to establish twenty-two ACT teams by July 1, 2013. As of the end of June 2015, the twenty-two teams collectively were serving 1,477 consumers. The State is also in compliance with regards to additional requirements related to the composition of ACT teams with multidisciplinary staff, including dedicated team leader, and the range of services to be provided by the team, including the availability of 24/7 crisis services”.

State Health Authority Yardstick (SHAY)

Report for Georgia Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services

Angela L. Rollins, PhD

ACT Subject Matter Expert for the Independent Reviewer

August 12, 2015

Strengths, Support and Sustainability Efforts ACT

Strengths of ACT implementation

- Robust Fidelity Monitoring Process
- Continuous improvement in fidelity indicators
- Policy adjustments that support the service
- High quality content and methods of trainings for ACT providers
- Sustained improvements in funding

Fiscal Year 2014, Year 4 of ADA Settlement Agreement: Supported Employment

“...the data presented from DBHDD and the information confirmed by a variety of stakeholders (including providers) who were interviewed do indicate that DBHDD is in compliance with the Supported Employment provisions of the Settlement Agreement. As of June 1, 2015, there were 1,270 individuals receiving Supported Employment services, with in excess of 550 identified individuals receiving SE who met ADA criteria. The monthly rate of employment was 51.5 percent across Supported Employment programs in May 2015. It is worth noting that 51.5 percent employment represents a slight increase in the employment rate from last year and it constitutes a reasonable and appropriate rate for people in Supported Employment services”

Review of Supported Employment Services

**Under the United States v. Georgia Settlement Agreement
and the Findings from the State Health Authority Yardstick**

David Lynde, MSW

SE Subject Matter Expert for the Independent Reviewer

August 6, 2015

Targets by service: Supported Employment

2015 DOJ target		Compliance
✓ 550 consumers enrolled in SE meeting ADA criteria	May 2015 number of persons enrolled in SE meeting ADA Settlement Criteria= 621	Yes July 2015 total number of persons enrolled in SE = 1254 Employment rate=51.5%

Supported Employment Providers

Provider	Region
Cobb Douglas CSB, Avita Community Partners, Lookout Mountain Community Services, Highland Rivers CSB, Briggs & Associates, Inc.	1
Advantage Behavioral Health System, American Work, Oconee CSB, River Edge Behavioral Health Services, Serenity Behavioral Health System	2
Community Friendship, Inc., Dekalb CSB, Viewpoint Health, Briggs & Associates, Inc.	3
American Work, G & B Works, Inc., South Georgia Behavioral Health Services	4
Gateway Behavioral Health Services, Pineland CSB, Unison CSB, American Work,	5
New Horizons CSB, Pathways Center for Behavioral Health, American Work, Briggs & Associates, Inc., McIntosh Trail CSB	6

Strengths, Support and Sustainability Efforts Supported Employment

Strengths of SE Implementation

- Robust fidelity monitoring system
- High quality Supported Employment trainings and Technical Assistance
- Policy alignment with service delivery
- Partnership with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

Targets by service: Case Management and Intensive Case Management

	FY 2014 DOJ target	FY 2015 DOJ target
Case Management	✓ 25	45
Intensive Case Management	✓ 8	14

As of July 2015, our 14 ICM and 45 CM services are supporting a total of 2,814 persons statewide.

Targets by service: Community Support Team

FY 2014 target: 8 CST teams . There is no new 2015 Settlement requirement.

Provider	Region
Highland Rivers CSB Avita Community Partners	1
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Serenity Behavioral Health Systems	2
Albany CSB	4
Pineland CSB, CSB of Middle Georgia	5
Phoenix Center CSB	6

As of July 2015, there were 289 persons meeting ADA Settlement criteria enrolled in CST community based services.

Targets by service: Peer Support Services

FY 14 Settlement Target=provision of peer support services to 835 persons meeting ADA Settlement Criteria

- 1673 persons meeting ADA settlement criteria have participated in Peer Support services, which include:
 - Peer Mentoring
 - Peer Support Wellness & Respite Centers

Mobile Crisis Response, Crisis Respite Apartments , Crisis Stabilization Unit , Behavioral Health Crisis Center

Service	FY 2015 target	Provider	Compliance
Mobile Crisis Response	159 Counties covered	Benchmark 1,2,4,6 BHL 3,5	Yes Statewide Mobile Crisis Coverage
Crisis Respite Apartments (CRA)	18 apartments	No Gap (Cobb/Avita) Advantage and Serenity CSB Viewpoint Health CSB Aspire CSB Behavioral Health Services of South GA, CSB Gateway CSB McIntosh Trail CSB	Yes 19 crisis respite apartments
Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)	No new requirement	Coastal Harbor Health Systems Phoenix Center CSB Pathways CSB	Yes Provision and maintenance of 3 CSU's
Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC)	6 BHCC's	Aspire CSB Behavioral Health Services of South GA, CSB GA Pines CSB Cobb Douglas CSB McIntosh Trail CSB Bradley Center River Edge CSB	Yes 7 Crisis Service Centers

Adult Mobile Crisis call dispatches in July 2015: 1,356
Average response time for all adult calls dispatched in July: 53 mins
Total Fiscal Year 2015 adults served in BHCCs=7,139

Settlement Target: Transition Planning

Provision of one transition specialist to support each state hospital in transition planning via:

- Reviewing transition plans
- Monitoring planning for persons with inpatient stays of +45 dys
- Collaboratively coordinating care between state hospital and regional field office and community service provider

Supported Housing and Bridge Funding

- **Targets**

- **‘By July 1, 2015, the State will provide a total of 2,000 supported housing beds’**
- **‘By July 1, 2015, the State will provide Bridge Funding for 540 individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness’**
- **‘By July 1, 2015, 50% of Supported Housing units shall be provided in scattered-site housing’**

“DBHDD continues to exceed GHVP numerical targets. There were 2,428 individuals housed by the end of FY 2015. This is the fifth year DBHDD surpassed 110% of its annual leasing target”

“Bridge funding was provided to 871 participants in FY 2015, which is 39% above the goal for the year. The state also met its overall target for bridge funding required in the Settlement Agreement”.

“A survey conducted by DBHDD in June, 2015 found that 87% of housing was scattered site, 37% above the minimum standard”.

FINAL REPORT In the Matter of United States of America v. The State of Georgia Civil Action No. 1:10--CV--249--CAP

Submitted By: Martha Knisley, Subject Matter Expert for the Independent Reviewer, September 14, 2015 .

Targets by service: Supported Housing and Bridge Funding

Service	Fiscal year 2015 Settlement Target	Compliance
Supported Housing	Provision of 1400 supported housing beds	Yes Provided 2,428 supported housing beds
Bridge Funding	No increase required (2014 target of funding for 540 ADA eligible persons)	Yes exceeded 2014 target Provided funding to 872 ADA eligible persons

Strengths, Support and Sustainability Efforts Supported Housing

- Well trained, knowledgeable, community-integration focused regional housing coordinators
- Strong partnership with DCA
- Effective service collaboration; ICM, ACT, CST , PATH
- Increased coordination in discharge/transition planning process
- Internal funds reallocation to increase GHVP

Target by service: Supported Housing

‘By July 1, 2015, the State will have the capacity to provide Supported Housing to any of the 9,000 persons in the target population who need such support. The Supported Housing required by this provision may be in the form of assistance from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, and from any other governmental or private source’

Meeting the need of the Target Population

- Housing need and Choice Survey
- Housing First
- DBHDD-DCA Unified Housing Referral process
- Section 811 funded housing units
- DBHDD residential services
- GA Housing Voucher Program (GHVP)
- Department of Community Affairs Housing Choice voucher (HCV)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers (VASH)
- Blending of Medicaid funds and state funds, to allow for redirection of state funds to support additional capacity
- Increasing partnerships with PHA's; Columbus and Metro Atlanta housing authorities

More Information



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