

BCJDC CHILDREN'S
COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

"Today's strengths make
tomorrow's dreams come true"

Historical Perspective

- Established with licensing as a Mental Health Clinic and certification for case management in September 2001
- Vision: To provide behavioral health support and a continuum of care within a child's community as a means of minimizing institutional care.
- Collaborative effort with BCJDC, Medical Assistance Division and Medical Managed Care Organizations.
- Initial Team:
 - 2 Psychiatrists totaling 12 hours a week
 - 3 Clinicians totaling 51 hours a week
 - 2 Case Managers – full time
 - 1 Nurse/Clinical Administrator totaling
20 hours
 - 1 Administrative Officer – full time
- Initial Referrals were received from the juvenile courts with other community referrals following shortly thereafter

GETTING CREATIVE

- Reallocating BCJDC staff and providing a physical plant
- Obtain special licensure that is portable and good at seven additional sites
- Population has been reduced and housing units closed
- Currently two case managers and more projected
- One Nurse Practitioner
- Portable Buildings
- Billing Clerk
- All Inclusive with medication management, out-patient services, and case management
- HMO's Contributed:
- Recognized our youth were high cost clients:
 - Repetitive intervention
 - Replace RTC's and/or In-patient placement
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 - Technical expertise for management
 - Avoid expensive out of home placement
 - 80% Juvenile Justice & 20% Community
- Developing private, community, county and state entities relationships:
 - Community Providers
 - Detention Staff
 - Public Defenders
 - Client Advocates
 - City, County and State Governments
 - Funding Sources
 - Judges and Hearing Officers
 - Probation Department
 - Detention Reform Staff
 - Education Systems



Funding Sources

- **Initial Start Up**

- **Investment from Bernalillo County**

- **Investment from Medicaid Managed Care Organization (\$72,000.00 from three participating HMO's)**

- **Ongoing funding is facilitated through billing Medicaid for services rendered**

Lessons Learned

- Strategic Planning
- Trained Staff
- Understanding of Licensure requirements
- Need for diversified funding and understanding of contracts
- Diversified programming
- Adequate infrastructure
 - Billing
 - Data collection
 - M I S (Management Information System)



Problems:

- Initially not set up to run a business
 - Billing and Collection
 - Record keeping/HIPPA Compliance
 - Running a mental health office
 - Need private sector experience and knowledge
- HMO loans staff for 20 hours/weekly
- Shows level of cooperation with private sector



The Clinic Team Today

- 3 Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- 1 Clinical Psychologist
- 4 Behavioral Health Providers
- 2 Case Managers
- 1 Administrative Officer
- 1 Receptionist
- 1 Billing Clerk
- 1 Clinical Coordinator



THE FUTURE

- Multi-site location within the state
- Use vacated detention units for transitional living units (Reimbursable Service)
- Enhance Continuum of Service Care
- Clinic Expansion needed to match growth of clientele
- Tele Medicine Conferencing
- Centralization and improved coordination of detention alternatives and clinic services