



Goals and Objectives 2024 Suffolk County Community Mental Hygiene Services

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Goal 1

Goal 1: Title Workforce

Goal 1: Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 1: Description Increase recruitment and retention rates of behavioral health professionals and support staff across all disciplines in Suffolk County.

Goal 1: OASAS? Yes Goal 1: OMH? Yes Goal 1: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 1: Need Addressed 1 Workforce

Goal 1: Need Addressed 2

Goal 1: Need Addressed 3

Goal 1, Objective 1: Title Workforce development

Goal 1, Objective 1, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 1, Objective 1, Description Promote professional training programs, pursue workforce development scholarships, explore developing internship opportunities for all levels of staff, and encourage continuing education and professional advancement.

Goal 1, Objective 2: Title Promoting interest in behavioral health field.

Goal 1, Objective 2, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 1, Objective 2, Description Encourage agencies to participate in all hiring events, develop interest and expand job opportunities for eligible individuals to gain valuable work experience in the behavioral health field.

Goal 1, Objective 3: Title Collaboration

Goal 1, Objective 3, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 1, Objective 3, Description Collaborate with agencies to identify and address specific challenges in order to improve workforce recruitment and retention.

Goal 2

Goal 2: Title Aging Populations

Goal 2: Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 2: Description Support individuals and families to access and maintain supports through the lifespan.

Goal 2: OASAS? Yes Goal 2: OMH? Yes Goal 2: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 2: Need Addressed 1 Transition age services

Goal 2: Need Addressed 2

Goal 2: Need Addressed 3

Goal 2, Objective 1: Title Education and Training

Goal 2, Objective 1, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 2, Objective 1, Description Foster opportunities for education and training to staff from all systems of care to better understand the overmedication and polypharmacy risks for older clients, and provide efficacious care accordingly.

Goal 2, Objective 2: Title Specialized Care

Goal 2, Objective 2, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 2, Objective 2, Description Identify the needs of agencies across all systems of care to provide specialized and appropriate care to senior and geriatric individuals to promote positive health outcomes and quality of life.

Goal 2, Objective 3: Title Pathways for Transition

Goal 2, Objective 3, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 2, Objective 3, Description Ensuring pathways for transition to appropriate levels of care for individuals with behavioral health needs through the lifespan (i.e. youth to adult systems of care, etc.).

Goal 3

Goal 3: Title Reduce Opioid Overdose Deaths
Goal 3: Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 3: Description Reduce fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses in Suffolk County.
Goal 3: OASAS? Yes Goal 3: OMH? Yes Goal 3: OPWDD? No
Goal 3: Need Addressed 1 Other
Goal 3: Need Addressed 2 Prevention
Goal 3: Need Addressed 3

Goal 3, Objective 1: Title Expand opportunities to enhance prevention, treatment and recovery
Goal 3, Objective 1, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 3, Objective 1, Description Utilize opioid settlement funds to expand opportunities throughout Suffolk County to enhance the prevention, treatment, and recovery landscape for people who misuse opioids and other substances.

Goal 3, Objective 2: Title Data collection
Goal 3, Objective 2, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 3, Objective 2, Description Enhance the collection and synthesis of available opioid overdose information to enable data informed prevention and response efforts for opioid overdoses and other substance use, with a focus on health equity and appropriate resourcing.

Goal 3, Objective 3: Title Harm Reduction
Goal 3, Objective 3, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 3, Objective 3, Description Promote the normalization and expansion of harm reduction services for people who use drugs and their social networks.

Goal 4

Goal 4: Title Access to Care
Goal 4: Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 4: Description Improve access to services across the continuum of care.
Goal 4: OASAS? Yes Goal 4: OMH? Yes Goal 4: OPWDD? Yes
Goal 4: Need Addressed 1 Other
Goal 4: Need Addressed 2 Forensics
Goal 4: Need Addressed 3 Inpatient Treatment

Goal 4, Objective 1: Title Justice Involved Individuals
Goal 4, Objective 1, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 4, Objective 1, Description Expand access to behavioral health services for justice involved individuals.

Goal 4, Objective 2: Title Strengthen pathways to appropriate resources
Goal 4, Objective 2, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 4, Objective 2, Description Expand mental health, substance use, and OPWDD services, and strengthen pathways to link individuals to appropriate resources.

Goal 4, Objective 3: Title Inpatient and Community Based Beds
Goal 4, Objective 3, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 4, Objective 3, Description Increase capacity of inpatient and community based beds by building community partnerships and grant opportunities.

Goal 5

Goal 5: Title Housing
Goal 5: Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 5: Description Advocate for all types of accessible and affordable housing possibilities across Suffolk County for individuals with disabilities and special needs.
Goal 5: OASAS? Yes Goal 5: OMH? Yes Goal 5: OPWDD? Yes
Goal 5: Need Addressed 1 Housing
Goal 5: Need Addressed 2
Goal 5: Need Addressed 3

Goal 5, Objective 1: Title Recovery Housing
Goal 5, Objective 1, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 5, Objective 1, Description Support the expansion and availability of quality recovery housing in the community for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

Goal 5, Objective 2: Title Access to Housing
Goal 5, Objective 2, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028
Goal 5, Objective 2, Description Collaborate with local agencies to maximize access to housing by utilizing existing resources, information sharing and effectively facilitating the timely implementation of any additional housing resources.

Goal 5, Objective 3: Title Development of Secure Housing Opportunities

Goal 5, Objective 3, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 5, Objective 3, Description Optimize housing accessibility by promoting the development of secure housing opportunities for people with disabilities and special needs.

Goal 6

Goal 6: Title Transportation

Goal 6: Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 6: Description Improve access to efficient, affordable, and reliable transportation across the system of care.

Goal 6: OASAS? Yes Goal 6: OMH? Yes Goal 6: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 6: Need Addressed 1 Transportation

Goal 6: Need Addressed 2 Non-Clinical supports

Goal 6: Need Addressed 3

Goal 6, Objective 1: Title Understanding unmet transportation need

Goal 6, Objective 1, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 6, Objective 1, Description Understand the unmet transportation needs of individuals across all systems of care.

Goal 6, Objective 2: Title Advocacy

Goal 6, Objective 2, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 6, Objective 2, Description Engage with community partners in their advocacy for accessible and reliable transportation that meets the needs of persons across all systems of care.

Goal 6, Objective 3: Title Transportation for non clinical needs

Goal 6, Objective 3, Target Completion Date May 31, 2028

Goal 6, Objective 3, Description Support people across all systems of care to access transportation for non-clinical needs to facilitate community participation, independent living, and improve quality of life.



Office of Addiction
Services and Supports

Office of
Mental Health

Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

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Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Crisis services is represented in the goal related to Access to Care.

Housing Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Inpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Prevention Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Transition Age Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Transportation Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

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