

MISSION STATEMENT

The Board's mission (as an oversight agency and a guardian of State, Federal and local laws and values) is to reduce the incidence and severity of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health problems experienced by persons of all ages.

VISION AND VALUE STATEMENTS

The Board does not have a vision statement; however we do have the following "Statement of Principles" that supports the mission.

In pursuing its mission, the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties shall adhere to the following principles and values:

1. Ensuring the range of services available to the citizens of the two counties includes assessment, treatment, rehabilitation and prevention as well as various combinations of medical, housing, vocational and support programs. Such services and programs shall be effective, available, appropriate, accessible and acceptable to and used by persons who need them.
2. Ensuring services are provided according to the least restrictive treatment setting based upon the client's need and which encourage the client's involvement in a treatment plan.
3. Initiating, developing and supporting innovative programs and services, and natural supports, which respond to the needs, hopes and choices of persons requiring such supports to accomplish independent lifestyles.
4. Ensuring mechanisms are in place to assist and individual or family until they are able to access needed services or resources.
5. Ensuring the equitable distribution of public funds for purchase of services between the two counties from State mental health, alcohol and drug addiction subsidies, Federal grants and local levy contribution from each county.
6. Ensuring no client shall be denied services because of inability to pay for services.
7. Recognizing systems that rely heavily on public funds will always be asked to do more than is fiscally possible; therefore, all stakeholders must work cooperatively to expand and maximize available Federal, State, local and private resources.
8. Committing to the effective, efficient use of public resources, both human and financial.

9. Identifying and designating the high risk needs of each county and its citizens according to needs assessment data. Ensuring that mental health, alcohol and drug addiction services are provided in a higher proportion to high risk groups and high need areas of each county.
10. Ensuring the mental health system has the capacity and flexibility to respond to a variety of persons who need its services, while providing continuing services for persons with ongoing needs.
11. Evaluating and assuring the quality of mental health, alcohol and drug addiction services provided to clients.
12. Ensuring the rights, wishes and needs of persons who use services and that of their families are the forces that drive the system.
13. Recognizing and implementing the belief that direct involvement from families and consumers in planning, development and evaluation of services is essential to quality services.
14. Developing partnerships among a broad range of service providers (housing, welfare, vocational rehabilitation, children's cluster, etc.), consumers, families and the community at large to promote creative funding strategies, and coordinated, comprehensive care and services to meet basic living needs.
15. Assuring providers and other community representatives are involved in the process of planning and prioritizing those needs for its community.
16. Ensuring the mental health, alcohol and drug addiction system recognizes and values individual cultural differences and considers such needs in the development of all policies, hiring practices, training and service delivery.
17. Ensuring the mental health, alcohol and drug addiction system is involved in and influences the broader public policy agenda as it impacts persons served with mental health, alcohol and drug addiction problems; particularly the structure and funding of the health care system.
18. Recognizes that alcohol and other drug addiction are treatable diagnoses.