

Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties

Principles, Values and Organizational Purpose

Erie-Ottawa will have a community behavioral health care system that is responsive, flexible and outcome-oriented and is based on the changing needs of the communities and the persons experiencing mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction problems.

Consistent with the Board's mission (as an oversight agency and a guardian of State, Federal and local laws and values) to reduce the incidence and severity of alcohol, drug addiction mental health problems experienced by persons of all ages, the following principles and beliefs underlie the determination of local values and priorities:

- State and federal funding earmarks, mandates and entitlements
- State and federal performance targets and outcome measures
- Statutory requirements for needs assessment and planning, including specific reference to severely mentally disabled adults, children and adolescents
- Conformance with guidelines for the Community Plan issued by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Recognition that funding flexibility of local values/priorities is based on available discretionary funds, and within the context of mental health and alcohol and drug addiction state and federal allocations

Within this framework, the following values or priorities serve as the Board's definition of organizational purpose:

- ❖ The Board supports the Recovery process for persons suffering from Serious Mental Disorders and/or addiction and will foster a Recovery-Oriented System of Care that provides services and supports to individuals, families and communities; thus Persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI), and persons with Substance Use Disorders will move toward Recovery.
- ❖ The Board will place emphasis on the provision of prevention and early intervention services; thus, The general public will understand the importance of prevention and early intervention relative to behavioral health.
- ❖ The Board will seek a balance between the availability of a basic continuum of care and Evidence-Based Programs, ensuring effective service delivery at all levels; thus, Clients of the public behavioral health system will benefit from effective programming across all levels of the continuum of care.
- ❖ The Board will place emphasis on service delivery within the family context and will target service delivery and program development to youth and families over other practices; thus, Youth and their families will benefit from targeted, family-focused interventions and treatment.
- ❖ Clients of the public behavioral health system will receive individualized treatment based on their mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
- ❖ The Board recognizes the importance of consumer choice among clinicians, service providers and treatment options and will incorporate choice in the system of care; thus, Consumers will have choice among clinicians, service providers and treatment options.
- ❖ The Board supports the provision of targeted mental health and alcohol and drug treatment and support services in conjunction with the Conestoga Program Community Development Collaboration; thus, Residents of a Conestoga Program neighborhood will receive targeted mental health and alcohol/drug treatment and support.
- ❖ The Board will place a priority on establishing stable funding for current and new or emerging Local, State and Federal funding sources; thus, Residents of Erie and Ottawa Counties will benefit from a stable and diversified economic base supporting local mental health and alcohol/drug services.

