

The Behavioral Health Partnership

Statement of Principles Regarding Healthcare Reform and Behavioral Health



Local/Community and Person-Centered Care

We most effectively influence national healthcare reform by leading reform at the state and local levels through person-centered, family-involved, cost-effective community-based healthcare.



Integration

Healthcare reform should improve the overall health of people with mental health and substance use disorder needs. A transformed health care delivery system will integrate and boost funding for mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services with physical health services in all settings.

- Be integrated at the point of delivery and throughout the continuum of care
- Actively involve each person as a partner in his or her care, along with the active involvement of his or her family whenever possible and appropriate
- Be cost effective
- Be coordinated with other community resources through the use of trained mental health and substance use disorder systems navigators when appropriate.



Access for All

Healthcare reform and integrated services must ensure equal access to appropriate and high quality health care for all regardless of a person's income, health care need, or whether he or she lives in an urban, rural or frontier environment.



Workforce

Successful health care reform, as well as more successful outcomes for the Individual, depends on an adequate workforce trained to meet the diverse needs of an integrated service delivery system.

Prevention/Early Intervention/Wellness

Healthcare reform should put emphasis on prevention and early intervention with respect to mental health and substance use disorders with a focus on wellness and education.

