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.