What Successes Have We Seen?

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SINCE 2010

- CLOSED 2 HOSPITALS AND A NURSING HOME
  - NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL
    - (268 beds in 2010)
  - SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL
    - (246 beds in 2010)
  - CRAIG NURSING HOME @ CENTRAL STATE
    - (205 beds in 2010)
THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROMPTED A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THIS ALLOWED THE SYSTEM TO MOVE ITS FOCUS TO
- MEANINGFUL LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY AND
- RECOVERY.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAMS
Pre-Settlement Agreement - 0 with fidelity
Required - 22 with fidelity
Now - 22 with fidelity

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMS (ACT LITE)
Pre-Settlement Agreement - 0
Required - 8
Now - 10
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT TEAMS
Pre Settlement Agreement - Not enough
Required – 14
Now – 16

CRISIS SERVICE CENTERS
Pre Settlement Agreement – 0
Required - 6
Now - 12
CRISIS HOTLINE

Pre-Settlement Agreement the Crisis Line was limited in scope.

It is now statewide 24/7 with clinical support.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

CRISIS APARTMENTS
Pre-Settlement Agreement – 0
Required – 18
Now – 19

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT)
- General training is mentioned in the Settlement Agreement.
- In 2016 Governor Deal, signed a law dramatically expanding CIT training for law enforcement personnel statewide.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

CRISIS STABILIZATION
Pre-Settlement Agreement – not enough
Required – 3
Now – 22

MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS
Pre-Settlement Agreement – small pockets, disorganized
Required - statewide
Now – statewide, with reach to all counties
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Pre-Settlement Agreement – 0 with fidelity
Required – serve 550 people
Now – well over 1,000 people served
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

Required – Capacity to serve 9,000 people in the target population

There is significantly more supported housing as a result of the Settlement Agreement.

The state has provided Georgia Housing Vouchers (state only dollars) to 4,467 people. Estimated current capacity is approximately 2,000 - 2,600.
PEER SERVICES

- No specific number required by Agreement
- ACT Teams must contain a Peer to meet fidelity standards.
- Over 1,700 Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) trained
- CARES (Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist)
  - CPS - Youth (18-26)
  - CPS - Parent
  - CPS - Forensic
HUGE REDUCTION IN IDD BEDS

- October 2010
  1,142 IDD state hospital beds

- Now
  237 IDD state hospital beds
SERVICES MOVING TO THE COMMUNITY

Waiver services have gone to 4,050 people to move to out-of-institutional settings or to prevent institutionalization.

1,075 waiver slots were required to prevent institutionalization. It appears the state had met that requirement.
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IDD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Family support has increased from $3.1 M in 2010 to $8.39 M appropriated for FY 2019.

- 6 Mobile Crisis Units were required. There are now 12.

- The requirement for 12 Crisis Apartments (4 beds each) has been met.
Vast majority of people with IDD who transitioned from hospital now live in integrated settings.
- own home or family home
- host home (2 people or less)
- small group home (4 people or less)

Almost all are scattered site.
The state reports that it now spends about

$314 M more

on BH and IDD community services
each year than it did in FY 2011.
Community & Hospital Budgets
State Funds Appropriation
FY2010 - FY2018

FY2010 Appropriation
$244,436,102

FY2011 Appropriation
$284,733,044

FY2012 Appropriation
$286,668,079

FY2013 Appropriation
$300,643,235

FY2014 Appropriation
$279,606,372

FY2015 Appropriation
$264,956,051

FY2016 Appropriation
$271,294,298

FY2017 Appropriation
$287,473,215

FY2018 Appropriation
$297,040,226

Community
$424,851,380 - $759,679,123

Hospitals
$244,436,102 - $297,040,226
CREDIBILITY WITH LEGISLATORS

- FY 2019 budget
  - Maintenance of effort
  - Plus **NEW MONEY** for FY 19
  - $5.7 M in new Supported Housing funding and Bridge funding
  - $9.1 M for IDD waivers
MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

Mobile Crisis Teams - $14.9 M annually
ACT/ACT LITE - $14.5 M annually
BH Crisis Apartments - $1.3 M annually

IDD Waivers approved for FY 19 - $100 M
By comparison, in FY 12 only $14 M was spent
WE’VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

- State dollars to implement Settlement Agreement in FY 12 - $60 M.
- State dollars approved for FY 19 - $260 M.
THE REAL STORY IS PEOPLES’ LIVES

- Hundreds of people moved from hospital to community.
- 4,850 people received bridge funding to enable them to get housing in the community.
- About 1,700 people are currently served by ACT teams.
- BH Mobile Crisis Teams respond to calls statewide in an average of 54 minutes.
OUR WORK IS NOT DONE

The system is improved BUT there is more to do.

- Supported housing requirements
- IDD requirements

Advocacy continues to be needed.
To relieve the pressure on the crisis system EARLY INTERVENTION is needed.

LET’S INSIST ON IT!