

# **GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE TASK FORCE (MH/SU Task Force) (2013)**

#### **MISSION OF THE COALITION:**

To improve the health status of residents of Genesee County. To improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the healthcare system in the community.

#### **VISION OF THE COALITION:**

A healthy Genesee County community practicing healthy lifestyles with access to the best and most cost effective health and medical care.

#### **CORE VALUES:**

Consensus, Collaboration, Fairness, Integrity, Continuous Improvement, Innovation, Public Participation

#### **VISION OF THE TASK FORCE:**

To improve the health of Genesee County by integrating mental health and addiction medicine into the vision and activities of the Coalition: in the focus areas of health improvement, access & environment, quality & innovation, and cost & resource planning.

#### **OUTCOME OPTION:**

1. Advocate that other committees/task forces/groups of the Coalition incorporate mental health and addiction medicine issues into their outcome options.
  - Work to incorporate mental health and addiction medicine issues into all Coalition activities.
2. Focus of the MH/SU Task Force will be in the areas of:
  - Education,
  - Stigma reduction,
  - Increased access
  - Improved screening, and
  - Improved treatment for mental health and addiction medicine issues in all areas of physical health.

3. Investigate innovative projects and opportunities that allow for greater incorporation of the focus areas for the MH/SU Task Force in the community.

### **MEASURABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES:**

- Monitor the percentage of Genesee County adults with unmet mental health and substance use treatment needs
- Monitor the percentage of Genesee County residents reporting depression
- Be engaged in one community-based project related to mental health and addiction medicine at any given time
- MH/SU Task Force members will participate on other committees and task forces of the Coalition (as assigned) as representatives of the MH/SU Task Force to advocate for the incorporation of mental health and addiction medicine issues into all activities of the Coalition

### **TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP:**

The MH/SU Task Force will be no larger than 20 individuals. All individuals will either be appointed by their organizations' chief executive officer/director or the president of the Coalition. **The individuals should be senior enough to be able to influence and represent their organization's policies on the subject matter.**

**Commitments:** The MH/SU Task Force will meet every other month for one and a half hours at the Coalition office, at a time to be determined by the Task Force members. Additional time commitments will occur through specific work/ad-hoc groups as needed.

The membership will be categorized by the Coalition "sectors":

Purchasers (1)	ValueOptions
Education (1)	Genesee Intermediate School District
Providers (10)	Catholic Charities Genesee Health System Genesys Health System Genesee County Medical Society Genesee County Psychiatrist Hurley Medical Center McLaren Flint Mott Children's Health Center

Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center  
University of Michigan-Flint, Urban Health and  
Wellness Center

Insurers (2)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan/Blue Care  
Network  
HealthPlus of Michigan

Consumers/  
Advocates (4)

NAMI Genesee County  
Priority Children  
Project Vox  
UAW/GM Community Health Initiatives

Chair (1)

Genesee Health System

Ex-Officio members:

President, Greater Flint Health Coalition

### **REPORTING:**

The MH/SU Task Force will report to the Cost & Resource Planning Committee.

### **STAFFING:**

The staffing of the Task Force will be handled by the Coalition.

### **BUDGET:**

It is anticipated that activities of the MH/SU Task Force could be funded through specific external grants; unrestricted contributions will also be pursued.

On October 18, 1999 the board approved the REACH Task Force Terms of Reference. In doing so, the board recommended the vision and outcome option of REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) become part of the operational terms of reference of every committee/task force of the Coalition.

#### THE REACH TASK FORCE

##### Vision:

To keep before the Coalition the issue of ethnic & racial disparities in health care.

##### Outcome Options:

- To assist a broad base of community leaders in health care in understanding the multifaceted challenges of race relations and its impact on individual community member's health.
- To keep front and center the issue of ethnic and racial disparities in the work of the Coalition.

Revised Terms of Reference approved by the Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force on January 16, 2013.

Approved by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2008.