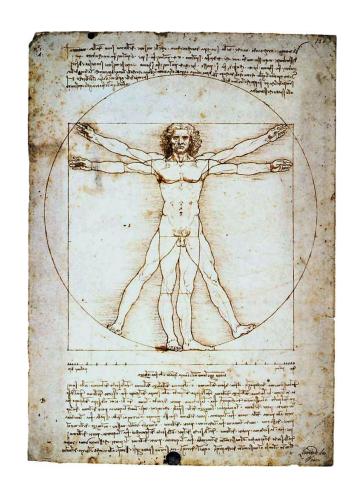
Introduction to Integrated Care NCIOM Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

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Whole-person Care

- The majority of people have comorbid mental health and medical problems but do not receive care consistent with established practice guidelines (Institute of Medicine, 2006).
- Developing an interdisciplinary team of healthcare and behavioral health providers who work with patients and their loved ones can ensure that wholeperson, evidence-based care is the standard of care (Kaslow et al., 2007).



Integrated Care



• "Care that results from a practice team of primary care and behavioral health clinicians, working together with patients and families, using a systematic and cost-effective approach to provide patient-centered care for a defined population."

(Peek, 2013)

Defining Integrated Care

- Mental health and medical care providers working together to address both the physical and mental health needs of their patients.
- Evidence-based, strategic framework that addresses the whole person, no matter which "door" the person enters.
- Assumes that health is a shared community responsibility and can be achieved through the dissolution of barriers that result in silo-style service provision (Mauer & Jarvis, 2010).

Defining IC in NC

The NC Integrated Care Steering Committee defined IC as both an orientation to as well as a model of providing healthcare that encompasses the goals of the Triple Aim.

Core Concepts that must be present:



- Person-centered and team-based,
- Coordinated across systems of care and professions,
- Comprised of shared information systems,
- Longitudinal and evolves to meet patient needs
- Evidence-based,
- Comprehensive, and
- Cost-effective.

How does it work?

- Medical and behavioral health providers partner to coordinate the detection, treatment, and follow-up of the patient's behavioral and physical conditions.
- The patients' entry into services drives the model: Behavioral health into the healthcare setting, healthcare into the behavioral healthcare setting, and other models (e.g. school-based, tertiary care settings).
- ▶ The level of integration is on a continuum -- from minimal collaboration to fully integrated, whole person care.

Working toward Unified IC in NC

- Developing state-wide accountability for quality metrics to encourage greater coordination between physical and behavioral health -- Outcome measures workgroup through DHHS.
- Redefining IC IC Steering Committee that emerged from the IC Policy Summit.
- Identifying IC policy and practice barriers – Workgroups to make recommendations/changes to the current system and policies.



IC Outcome Measures

DHHS Outcome Measures Benchmarking Task Force

- Six subcommittees
 - Recommendations for Adult and Child Sub populations
- Three criteria for selection
 - Measurable (could be extracted from claims data)
 - Evidenced-based
 - Developmental measures (quality of care to watch)

Policy and Systems Barriers

- Payment model/reimbursement
- Lack of NC data to support IC
- Licensure/competencies/ethics
- Workforce deficits
- Uninsured
- Lack of consistent policy/laws interpretation
- Lack of Communication HIE
- Historical systems issues



Brief Review of Integrated Care in NC

ICARE project

- Built the foundation for IC in NC
- Made Policy Recommendations
- Developed multidisciplinary partnerships that are still going on today

Funded IC Projects

 Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust (multiple projects over the last decade for populations across the lifespan; Chronic Pain)

The Duke Endowment (pediatrics and telepsychiatry)

Federal PCMH grants

 Other regionally, community, and State-funded projects

Federally-funded IC Projects

Just a few that promote Integrated Care concepts and models

- CHIPRA,
- Project LAUNCH,
- HRSA Grant awarded to UNC to increase the number of Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners,
- 2014 HRSA PCMH grant awarded to 18 community health centers,
- SAMHSA/HRSA 2014 Workforce Training grant awarded to 4 universities
- SBIRT
- Federally-funded Chronic Pain Initiative at MAHEC

Models in NC

- IC programs being creative and making it work
 - Collaborating with other providers and systems
 - Communicating with policy and lawmakers
- Models of IC meeting people where they are and seek help
 - Primary Care/Medical Home
 - Mental Health/Substance Abuse Bidirectional Sites
 - School-based IC Health Centers
 - Faith-based, Community Centers
 - Health Departments
 - University-based Health Centers
 - Private Practices
 - Specialty Medical Care
 - Tertiary Care
 - Hospitals and Emergency Departments
 - Residential Settings



NCIOM Task Force on Rural Health

Action Plan: 6 Key Strategies

- Expand Jobs and Economic Security
- Early Care, Parenting Supports, and Education
- Healthy Eating and Active Living
- Behavioral Health Services in Primary Care Settings
- Insurance Coverage and Safety Net Programs
- Recruitment and Retention of Healthcare Professionals in Rural Settings

Who Needs Integrated Care in NC

Providers addressing and treating

- children and adolescents in conjunction with their families
- the growing number of older adults with complex medical and behavioral health needs
- the IDD population
- all populations with chronic pain and substance use disorders, and
- the mild-to-moderate who do not need traditional, long-term mental health treatment but who have behavioral health issues affecting their health outcomes

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