



Goals and Objectives 2024-2027 Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

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Goal 1

Goal 1: Title Increase housing opportunities for people with behavioral health needs

Goal 1: Target Completion Date Dec 31, 2027

Goal 1: Description Dutchess county is facing a housing crisis that is impacting the entire community. In 2022, the county completed a housing needs assessment (uploaded document). Market conditions and affordability have impacted all residents and individuals with behavioral health needs are a part of that group. Homelessness impacts an individuals wellness in many ways and it is difficult if not impossible to focus on improving mental health without a roof over your head. The stability afforded to those who have consistent and adequate housing is so important and is a right that should be provided to everyone regardless of their cognitive ability, substance use or mental health challenges. Our local homeless shelters have many individuals who have significant developmental and behavioral health concerns. This population of people requires specialized intervention when approaching and planning for permanent housing. We intend to work with our local housing partners to coordinate and address the needs of people with unmet behavioral health needs that are homeless.

Goal 1: OASAS? Yes Goal 1: OMH? Yes Goal 1: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 1: Need Addressed 1 Housing

Goal 1: Need Addressed 2 Cross System Services

Goal 1: Need Addressed 3 Outpatient treatment

Goal 1, Objective 1: Title Partner with community agencies to provide mental health and substance use services for individuals experiencing homelessness

Goal 1, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 1, Objective 1, Description By 2025, there will be a community based provider who is able to offer substance use treatment services within the emergency shelter system. These services will be flexible, low barrier and on-site to reduce obstacles to treatment.

Goal 1, Objective 2: Title Develop an on-site county run mental health unit to overcome obstacles to housing associated with behavioral health needs

Goal 1, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 1, Objective 2, Description By 2025, the Department of Behavioral and Community Health will develop a small unit (2 clinicians) who are able to provide on site mental health services to overcome mental health needs that interfere with a person's ability to secure housing.

Goal 1, Objective 3: Title Advocate for the development of additional housing units

Goal 1, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 1, Objective 3, Description By 2027, the LGU will offer ongoing conversations with the community around housing for individuals with behavioral health challenges. This may be done through the "100 cups of coffee" model or public forum, or a combination. This is intended to address the "Not in my backyard" by actively engaging the community in conversations around the topic of housing.

Goal 1, Objective 4: Title Increase recovery housing options

Goal 1, Objective 4, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 1, Objective 4, Description The LGU will work with community based providers to increase recovery housing options that can accommodate people with a wide range of behavioral health needs.

Goal 1, Objective 5: Title Pursue IRA development with the State and local providers

Goal 1, Objective 5, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 1, Objective 5, Description Dutchess County residents desperately need respite resource for the I/DD population. This need is to be explored thoroughly and aggressively with OPWDD at the local and state level as this issue has been discussed for at least 15 years and little, if anything, has been accomplished. One provider within the County used to operate a respite facility but that program appears to no longer be a viable option. Consumers, families, and caregivers need this option.

Goal 2

Goal 2: Title Increase the number of peer advocates and certified recovery coaches

Goal 2: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 2: Description Dutchess County recognizes the value that people with lived experience bring to the table. We aim to increase the number peers (youth and adults) involved in decision making.

Goal 2: OASAS? Yes Goal 2: OMH? Yes Goal 2: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 2: Need Addressed 1 Workforce

Goal 2: Need Addressed 2 Non-Clinical supports

Goal 2: Need Addressed 3

Goal 2, Objective 1: Title Increase peers in sub-committees and advisory board

Goal 2, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 2, Objective 1, Description By 2025, there will be at least one individual with lived experience on each of the mental hygiene advisory board (Community Services board) sub-committees and on the full board. This valuable input will assist in developing a local services plan that accurately reflects the service needs of the community.

Goal 2, Objective 2: Title Increase training opportunities for peers

Goal 2, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2026

Goal 2, Objective 2, Description The LGU will hold training opportunities or collaborate with partner agencies to increase workforce for people with lived experience. This may include a certified recovery peer advocate (CRPA training) or peer advocate trainings.

Goal 2, Objective 3: Title Create a youth advisory board

Goal 2, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2026

Goal 2, Objective 3, Description The LGU will create a sub-committee of the Community Services Board, or other advisory council, which will be comprised of youth who have used the behavioral health services in Dutchess County. The intent of this group will be to inform the improvement of the service delivery system for youth.

Goal 3

Goal 3: Title Improve the emergency response system within the 988 catchment area to better match the needs of the community with the appropriate service

Goal 3: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2024

Goal 3: Description Over the course of the last several years there has been increased dialogue in our community about having behavioral health experts respond to behavioral health crisis rather than police.

Goal 3: OASAS? Yes Goal 3: OMH? Yes Goal 3: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 3: Need Addressed 1 Crisis Services

Goal 3: Need Addressed 2

Goal 3: Need Addressed 3

Goal 3, Objective 1: Title Set up a comprehensive 911 to 988 diversion system such that non emergent 911 calls are handled by the 988 call center

Goal 3, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2024

Goal 3, Objective 1, Description This project will be part of the development of the 988 call center in Dutchess County which currently covers Dutchess, Sullivan and Ulster county. The aim here is to ensure that uniformed officers are not responding to behavioral health emergencies unless that is the best viable option. It also reduces the number of ambulances deployed to behavioral health emergencies, ensuring that the individual receives support from a mental health professional.

Goal 4

Goal 4: Title Increase opportunities for outreach and engagement with the whole community with a focus on individuals experiencing health disparities

Goal 4: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 4: Description Dutchess county has an increasing population of people who either do not speak English or English is a second language. According to data collected in the community health improvement plan (attached) mental health and substance use supports are rated as one of the highest needs expressed by all people who were surveyed. The LGU recognizes that there are pockets of communities within the county that have significant challenges accessing service due to transportation needs, poverty and stigma as well as language barriers. We aim to break down these barriers to accessing care.

Goal 4: OASAS? Yes Goal 4: OMH? Yes Goal 4: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 4: Need Addressed 1 Prevention

Goal 4: Need Addressed 2 Refugees and immigrants

Goal 4: Need Addressed 3 Non-Clinical supports

Goal 4, Objective 1: Title Utilize the DBCH Recreational Vehicle "Clinic on Wheels" to increase access to care

Goal 4, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 4, Objective 1, Description Programming for the RV will be developed over the next few years and will provide mental health screenings, connection to care and ongoing counseling supports to rural and urban parts of the county that have

been shown through data sources to reflect communities experiencing reduced access to care.

Goal 4, Objective 2: Title Partner with community based organizations to share resources and build relationships with black and brown communities.

Goal 4, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 4, Objective 2, Description the LGU will partner with local grassroots organizations regularly, creating a comprehensive health disparities committee to ensure that we are reaching communities in need of behavioral health services.

Goal 4, Objective 3: Title

Goal 4, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 4, Objective 3, Description

Goal 5

Goal 5: Title Decrease untimely death by overdose and suicide in Dutchess County.

Goal 5: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 5: Description Overdose and suicide deaths in Dutchess County are on the rise (data is attached). Given this grim reality, the LGU is posed to work with community partners and coordinate several initiatives in order to prevent deaths of despair by suicide and accidental overdose.

Goal 5: OASAS? Yes Goal 5: OMH? Yes Goal 5: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 5: Need Addressed 1 Crisis Services

Goal 5: Need Addressed 2 Prevention

Goal 5: Need Addressed 3 Non-Clinical supports

Goal 5, Objective 1: Title reduce suicide by firearms by collaborating with firearm safety instructors

Goal 5, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2024

Goal 5, Objective 1, Description The resiliency Council for Suicide Prevention will meet with gun shop owners and firearms instructors on an ongoing basis to distribute resources and educate people about suicide prevention and gatekeeper trainings.

Goal 5, Objective 2: Title The LGU will facilitate an overdose and fatality review to identify system breakdowns

Goal 5, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 5, Objective 2, Description Overdose and fatality review will be an ongoing, quarterly process in which cases are reviewed by a group of stakeholders in order to identify system breakdowns. Patterns will be collected and analyzed in order to make system changes to prevent untimely deaths.

Goal 5, Objective 3: Title Increase the targeted distribution of Harm Reduction supplies to the community by developing an overdose response network, spike alerts and harm reduction kit leave behinds

Goal 5, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 5, Objective 3, Description Dutchess County would like to improve its real time response to overdoses in the community. We currently do not have a coordinated effort with first responders to respond to recent overdoses. This will be developed and implemented over the next years.

Goal 6

Goal 6: Title Increase access to inpatient and outpatient mental health services

Goal 6: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 6: Description Dutchess County is in desperate need of additional public mental health providers. There are very high caseloads, long wait lists and the need to pause intakes by our current providers. Part of this is a workforce issue. Providers state that because they are unable to recruit and retain staff, this remains an ongoing problem. However, capacity was an issue prior to the current workforce crisis we currently find ourselves in. We have two main providers for public mental health services in Dutchess. Astor provides services for children and youth and Family Services providers adult services. We also have other options such as PROS. However, we see a need to increase capacity for access to regular clinic services for adults and children. Dutchess County also does not have any in-patient beds for youth. Data provided to us by the Westchester Medical Center Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital indicates that 288 children were sent out of Dutchess County in one year for inpatient hospitalization. Having our youth sent out of county to Westchester or even further makes an already challenging situation for youth and their families worse. Transportation becomes a barrier to visitation and participation in treatment, furthering the disparities that many of our families face. Additionally, treatment of individuals with an IDD diagnosis within our public mental health system is very difficult to find. Individuals on the autism spectrum who may have a co-occurring psychiatric condition often find that they are excluded from our treatment system due to a deficit of clinicians able to work with this population.

Goal 6: OASAS? Yes Goal 6: OMH? Yes Goal 6: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 6: Need Addressed 1 Cross System Services

Goal 6: Need Addressed 2 Inpatient Treatment

Goal 6: Need Addressed 3 Outpatient treatment

Goal 6, Objective 1: Title Partner with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital on the Behavioral Health Center for Excellence

Goal 6, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 6, Objective 1, Description Over the next few years, Dutchess County has committed to working closely with our local 9.39 hospital. Through this process we aim to do perform quarterly site visits, review ongoing data and outcome metrics provided to us by the hospital to inform programmatic planning and decision making and advocate for in-patient beds for youth in Dutchess County.

Goal 6, Objective 2: Title Bring in at least two new providers of article 31 services to Dutchess County

Goal 6, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 6, Objective 2, Description Contract with or approve operations of at least two new providers of adult and youth out patient services in the county to increase capacity to treat and prevent the furtherance of behavioral health challenges.

Goal 7

Goal 7: Title Improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and development challenges

Goal 7: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 7: Description Dutchess County has a commitment to improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental challenges and their families. Through the ThinkDifferently initiative, and All Abilities Action plan has been developed that outlines a roadmap to accomplishing this in various ways.

Goal 7: OASAS? No Goal 7: OMH? No Goal 7: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 7: Need Addressed 1 Non-Clinical supports

Goal 7: Need Addressed 2 Employment/volunteer (client)

Goal 7: Need Addressed 3 Housing

Goal 7, Objective 1: Title Enhance the awareness and utilization of legal instruments related to health care, end of life and financial planning as they relate to persons with I/DD

Goal 7, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 7, Objective 1, Description Provide trainings, forums, discussion groups and presentations a in concert with the Providers Council, providers' forums, social media and various contact rosters.

Ensure families are aware of their options in estate planning, trusts and guardianship to protect their assets and IDD individuals' potential entitlements

Goal 7, Objective 2: Title formulate a Special Education Bootcamp Committee of professionals and, parents to discuss the Special Education System in Dutchess County.

Goal 7, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 7, Objective 2, Description In the first quarter of 2024 conduct at least 1 Special Education Bootcamp meeting to begin formulating outline of needs of the special education community.

Goal 7, Objective 3: Title Partner with community based organization to promote the hiring of individuals on the autism spectrum

Goal 7, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2024

Goal 7, Objective 3, Description Anderson Center for Autism will provide the Autism Supportive Employment training to local businesses/ employers.

Goal 7, Objective 4: Title partner with local recreation programs to offer all abilities programming

Goal 7, Objective 4, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 7, Objective 4, Description ThinkDIFFERENTLY Event Planning Committee combined will discuss with at least 6 organizations, programs, agencies, etc. about all abilities programming.

Goal 7, Objective 5: Title Partner with the Regional Housing Collaborative to promote housing opportunities for people of all abilities

Goal 7, Objective 5, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025

Goal 7, Objective 5, Description NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation has created a Regional Housing Collaboratives (RHCs) meeting. RHC is committed to gathering housing stakeholders regionally for the sole purpose of resourcing and creating housing opportunities for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). RHCs will include landlords, Housing Navigators, housing developers, NYS Government i.e., OPWDD, NYS Homes & Community Renewal, funders, and provider agencies and each will be led by the New York Housing Resource Center (NYHRC) team

Goal 7, Objective 6: Title Develop a community Certification Program for new and existing buildings for exceeding ADA standards

Goal 7, Objective 6, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2026

Goal 7, Objective 6, Description Dutchess County ThinkDIFFERENTLY will begin to formulate a Community Certification Program for new and existing buildings/ businesses in Dutchess County. The creation of best practices for accessibility and inclusion beyond standard ADA compliance on new projects and remodels. The ThinkDIFFERENTLY Community Certification program will promote businesses and locations that commit to design spaces that are welcoming, accessible, and inclusive for all.



Update to 2024-2027 Goals and Objectives Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

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Goal 1	
Title	Increase housing opportunities for people with behavioral health needs
Update	Several housing options have been added to the community over the course of the year. There were 3 Oxford House residences introduced during 2023-2024. A request for Proposals was initiated to bring additional beds online through NYS OASAS. The Department of Behavioral and Community Health is partnering closely with the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services to provide outreach, treatment and support to address the behavioral health needs of individuals who are unhoused.
OBJECTIVES	
Partner with community agencies to provide mental health and substance use services for individuals experiencing homelessness	Ongoing
Develop an on-site county run mental health unit to overcome obstacles to housing associated with behavioral health needs	Ongoing
Advocate for the development of additional housing units	Ongoing
Increase recovery housing options	Ongoing
Pursue IRA development with the State and local providers	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 2	
Title	Increase the number of peer advocates and certified recovery coaches
Update	Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health has partnered with the Office of Mental Health and the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services to create a local youth advisory board through the Youth Services divisions of DCFS. We have successfully added new members to the Community Services Board that have lived experience including people with substance use disorder, people with serious mental illness, parents of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, individuals with developmental disabilities. This will continue to be an ongoing effort as the benefits are apparent. In 2024, DBCH will be holding a free recovery coach academy to increase coaching capacity across the county. DBCH has added three additional full time coaches to the department. One coach at the Dutchess County jail, a full time coach at the Alternative to Incarceration Program (ITAP) and two positions to the Empowerment Center.
OBJECTIVES	
Increase peers in sub-committees and advisory board	Ongoing
Increase training opportunities for peers	Ongoing
Create a youth advisory board	Complete
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 3	
Title	Improve the emergency response system within the 988 catchment area to better match the needs of the community with the appropriate service
Update	The Department of Behavioral and Community Health answers 988 calls for Ulster, Dutchess and Sullivan counties. We were able to successfully set up a warm transfer protocol for our 911 operators. Once this was successfully launched, we were able to replicate this protocol in Ulster and Sullivan counties as well.
OBJECTIVES	

Set up a comprehensive 911 to 988 diversion system such that non emergent 911 calls are handled by the 988 call center	[*]
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 4	
Title	Increase opportunities for outreach and engagement with the whole community with a focus on individuals experiencing health disparities
Update	The Department of Behavioral and Community Health continues to work on developing an ongoing calendar of outreach for screening and connection to services on the Health RV. This year, we held several public mental health forums across the county. Each forum, located in different corners of the county, was interpreted in both Spanish and sign language to increase accessibility. We continue to foster relationships with local grassroots organizations in order to improve our dialogue and service offerings to better meet the needs of communities of color and individuals that do not speak English.
OBJECTIVES	
Utilize the DBCH Recreational Vehicle "Clinic on Wheels" to increase access to care	Ongoing
Partner with community based organizations to share resources and build relationships with black and brown communities.	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal #5	
Title	Decrease untimely death by overdose and suicide in Dutchess County.
Update	Dutchess county holds in depth, suicide and overdose fatality reviews meetings quarterly. This multi stakeholder collaboration seeks to explore the full lives of individuals who have passed away from birth to death. The committee seeks to understand how to improve the system in order to prevent untimely deaths in the future by examining the treatment trajectory, or lack thereof, of individuals lost to suicide and overdose. Recommendations are turned into action items to improve our system. The Resiliency Council for Suicide Prevention is partnering with gun shops across the county to increase access to resources and to include suicide prevention efforts into gun safety classes. Dutchess county has now become a syringe exchange provider through the Department of Health. We are aiming to increase access to harm reduction supplies through various touchpoints throughout the county. We have added several recovery coach positions to the department whose role is to provide outreach and services at the Empowerment Center. The Empowerment Center encourages multiple Pathways to recovery and will assist an individual with substance use disorder in any way in which they feel comfortable engaging. We have also developed our spike alert system through the use of a text messaging system. Anyone can sign up for text messages that will alert the community if there is a higher than usual amount of overdoses. After the alert is received, a team of responders (recovery coaches, outreach workers, CASACs, and more) come together to blanket the area affected with information and resources. We have also held a conference with all of our local first responders to begin to roll out the Naloxone Leave Behind Kit initiative. First responders were trained in motivational interviewing and we are currently working on creating protocols for first responders. Kits will be provided by the Department of Behavioral and Community Health and will contain naloxone and resources for the individual who has overdosed and their family.
OBJECTIVES	
reduce suicide by firearms by collaborating with firearm safety instructors	Ongoing
The LGU will facilitate an overdose and fatality review to identify system breakdowns	Ongoing
Increase the targeted distribution of Harm Reduction supplies to the community by developing an overdose response network, spike alerts and harm reduction kit leave behinds	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal #6	
Title	Increase access to inpatient and outpatient mental health services
Update	We continue to meet quarterly with Mid Hudson Regional Hospital to evaluate performance metrics related to their Center of Excellence. There has not been progress on increasing access to inpatient psychiatric treatment for youth in Dutchess County. There are two new providers that are currently in the licensing process with the Office of Mental Health.
OBJECTIVES	
Partner with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital on the Behavioral Health Center for Excellence	Ongoing
Bring in at least two new providers of article 31 services to Dutchess COunty	Ongoing

OBJECTIVE UPDATES

Goal #7

Title	Improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and development challenges
Update	<p>A request for proposals (RFP) for Parent Empowerment Programming was awarded to a local service agency to assist families understanding of the system that serves individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An RFP was also awarded for the Autism Supportive Employment training to improve accessibility to work opportunities for individuals on the spectrum. Through collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and the Workforce Investment Board, this training will be made available to all businesses throughout the county. We are working to partner with the Northeast ADA Center to assist in providing training about accessibility and accommodations for their employees with disabilities. The Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund (HTF) was created in the fall of 2022 in response to long standing housing availability and affordability challenges throughout the county, the HTF provides a flexible and nimble funding source to aid the implementation of a variety of affordable housing efforts as outlined in the 2022 Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment.</p> <p>By making the All-Abilities Program Director a key member of the committee that will review and recommend projects for award as part of the HTF, the program will prioritize the creation of affordable housing including supportive, accessible, and inclusive housing units in our community.</p> <p>The New York Housing Resource Center (HRC) for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities was developed by the NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation. The HRC acts as a clearinghouse for information and resources for the housing professional across the state and helps to foster collaboration between and among the housing industry and related professions, service provider agencies and people with I/DD. The HRC provides all housing stakeholders with technical assistance on housing matters and community training for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families. We are also in the beginning planning stages of formulating criteria and creating a ThinkDIFFERENTLY Community Certification program where businesses (and other locations) are recognized for their inclusive, accepting, and welcoming environment for people of all abilities. Not just from meeting ADA requirements, but from engaging in the Anderson Center for Autism's, Autism Supportive Environment training for their guests with varying abilities to feel welcomed and understood, to going beyond ADA to ensure individuals of all abilities are comfortable, can easily move around their location, and have a safe space to go should the need arise. And lastly, to hiring individuals of all abilities.</p>

OBJECTIVES

Enhance the awareness and utilization of legal instruments related to health care, end of life and financial planning as they relate to persons with I/DD	Ongoing
formulate a Special Education Bootcamp Committee of professionals and, parents to discuss the Special Education System in Dutchess County.	Ongoing
Partner with community based organization to promote the hiring of individuals on the autism spectrum	Ongoing
partner with local recreation programs to offer all abilities programming	Ongoing
Partner with the Regional Housing Collaborative to promote housing opportunities for people of all abilities	Ongoing
Develop a community Certification Program for new and existing buildings for exceeding ADA standards	Ongoing

OBJECTIVE UPDATES



Office of Addiction
Services and Supports

Office of
Mental Health

Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

2024 Needs Assessment Form Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Cross System Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Forensics Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Housing Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Inpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Non-Clinical Supports Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes
Need description (Optional):

Outpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Prevention Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Refugees and Immigrants Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

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Submitted for: Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health



2025 Needs Assessment Form Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

Cross System Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): There are two areas that are quickly becoming High need in Dutchess County. Youth that are experiencing significant mental health challenges but do not meet the criteria for in-patient hospitalization frequently have nowhere to go. In several cases this year, a youth presented at the Emergency Department or to another access point in the system. They did not meet criteria for inpatient hospitalization (or were being discharged from a crisis residence) and the family will not accept the child back due to an expressed inability to manage the child's behavior or for fear of safety concerns for themselves or other people in the home. There is nowhere for these young people to go where they will receive adequate and long term treatment necessary to succeed and that provides families the support they need to ultimately bring the youth home again. We have also had several cases this year where an individual has OPWDD eligibility and a serious mental health condition. OPWDD will not house them due to significant mental health needs, they are placed in housing through SPOA but then told they must terminate their eligibility with OPWDD so they lose all of their supports through that system. This has also happened on multiple occasions and is becoming a high need. Although there are not a tremendous number of these cases they are extremely resource intensive and continue to have poor outcomes.

Housing Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Inpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Outpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Residential Treatment Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Transition Age Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): The Department of Behavioral and Community Health recently held public forums to hear the needs of the community related to behavioral health service provision. In every forum held, there was concern about young people aging out of high school and having a serious gap in support to their transition to adult services.

Transportation Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Medicaid transportation continues to be extremely unreliable resulting in missed appointments, late arrivals, significant wait times. In addition, transportation to access services in the rural parts of our county is a serious obstacle to receiving behavioral health care, especially for people without Medicaid.

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Agency

Abilities First
Access Supports For Living
Anderson Center Services, Inc. dba Anderson Center Consulting & Training
Astor Services For Children & Families
Careers Support Solutions, Inc.
Community Based Services Inc
Council On Addiction Prevention & Education
Ellen Marx Psy.D., Abpp
Family Services
Gateway Community Industries
Hudson River Housing
Hudson Valley Clubhouse, Inc.
Jaya Save-Mundra, Psy.D.
Lexington Center For Recovery
Mental Health America
NAMI, Mid-Hudson
New Horizons Resources Inc
NYSARC, Inc., Sullivan-Orange-Dutchess Counties Chapter dba Th Arc Greater Hudson Valley - Mh
Oxford House, Inc
People: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc.
Primecare Medical Of New York, Inc.
Ramapo For Children, Inc.
Rehabilitation Support Services
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, Inc., dba St Joseph's Addiction Treatment And Recovery Centers
Sullivan County Department Of Community Services Mental Health
Taconic Resources For Independence Inc
The Mental Health Association Of New York City, Inc. dba Vibrant
Ulster County Mental Health
Westchester County Healthcare Corporation dba Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital Of Westchester Medical Center
Vassar Brothers Hospital/Nuvance Health