



FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-GP21 INCREASE FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2013 UPDATE/COMPLETED

The Commission has put efforts into this over recent years. In addition, the Colorado General Assembly and Governor Hickenlooper have made substance abuse and mental health treatment and awareness a top priority issue in 2013.

2010 UPDATE

Implementation underway. See 2010 Update for GP-20.

2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

No action has been taken on this recommendation.

The Commission formed a Behavioral Health Subcommittee to prioritize areas where there exists a critical intersection of the criminal justice system and behavioral health systems. It will not address this recommendation.

2009 BARRIERS

Funding and access to services represent significant barriers. This broad recommendation exceeds the purview of the Commission but is an essential component to providing access to services by individuals who may face entry into the criminal justice system. Addressing the need for adequate services requires significant collaboration and reform of current practices.

Description

The General Assembly must substantially increase state funding for evidence-based and promising practices in substance abuse and mental health treatment.

Agencies Responsible

General Assembly, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Safety

Discussion

This recommendation reflects a decisive need for reform. This specific reform is embedded in the Commission's statutory mandates to "...ensure justice..." [C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1)].