



FY2013 RECOMMENDATION/FY13-DP02 REPLICATE THE SUMMIT VIEW MODEL OF STATE/LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT IN COMMUNITIES.

Status: Cannot Implement

Actions/Updates

2013 ACTION TO DATE

Implementation unknown. No further action or monitoring.

2012 ACTION TO DATE

Update pending.

Description

Expand residential treatment capacity by allowing a state funding mechanism to local governments for the capital construction or acquisition of real property for the purposes of providing residential treatment in the community. Regional collaboration is permitted to expand residential treatment options in rural or otherwise underserved areas. Clients could include referral from criminal justice, child welfare, other agencies or voluntary admissions. (Summit View, Grand Junction replication).

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

There is a critical shortage of residential treatment beds in Colorado. Substance abuse disorder and other mental health problems are significant cost drivers in criminal justice, child welfare and medical care systems. The overwhelming majority of residential treatment beds are available only for criminal justice involved persons who are accepted into a community corrections programs.

Mesa County made the decision to develop a community-based residential treatment program instead of expanding the local jail. In 2007, Summit View opened and accepts people from many referral systems, including criminal justice and child welfare, and also voluntary admissions. The results from Mesa County's experience could be a model for other communities throughout Colorado. Given the budget crisis faced by many county governments, the state could be a valuable partner in expanding capacity for residential treatment services. The Division of Behavioral Health may also be able to leverage and target its funding to help support operations for the delivery of residential treatment.