

Productivity:

- *353 On-Site Activities*
- *63 Documents*
- *Assistance to all 50 states, Pacific territories, DC, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico*

Member Organizations:

- *CMHS/SAMHSA*
- *National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors*
- *Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law*
- *NAMI*
- *Mental Health America*
- *Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health*
- *National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils*
- *National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare*

Targeted Technical Assistance

Implementing the Recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health

Overview

Targeted TA delivers **written analysis** or **on-site training and technical assistance** on a range of policy issues, including state-of-the-art policy analysis to multiple stakeholders in state public mental health systems. We draw upon a network of policy experts available through our seven leading national mental health organizations and all activities are grounded in and guided by the President's New Freedom Commission Report and its underlying themes. This assistance includes activities which incorporate multiple state agencies, activities between multiple states, and activities which focus on comprehensive state planning.

National Partners

Targeted TA has demonstrated effective collaboration among national organizations and their counterparts at the state level. Our partners have included:

- The National Governors Association
- Council of State Governments
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- The Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project
- Policy Research Associates
- The Technical Assistance Collaborative
- Advocates for Human Potential
- National Alliance to End Homelessness
- The National Council of State Housing Agencies
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
- National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

Grassroots Reach:

- *The \$27.3 BILLION public mental health service delivery system, including the State Mental Health Authorities and the Planning Councils in all 50 states and territories, which serve 6.1 million people annually.*
- *Most local provider community mental health centers in all 50 states which serve 4.5 million people annually.*
- *750,000 consumers, families, and mental health advocates in 1,700 local and state affiliates.*
- *Trusted relationships between the national, state, and local affiliates of all major mental health advocacy*

“Without (Targeted TA) and the coordination across our affiliates, we would not have been able to plan and deliver six (6) two-day transformation summits, garner a Governor’s Executive Order to charge this work, or been able to enlist the assistance of Governor Sebelius in charging her cabinet secretaries to make mental health transformation a priority in non-mental health state agencies.”

---Jane Adams, Former New Freedom Commissioner and Dr. Roy Menninger, Chair of the Kansas Mental Health Coalition

Multiple State Agency Activities

Targeted TA facilitates and encourages collaboration across state agencies to decrease the “silo” mentality. Example deliverables include:

- Illinois – assisted the departments of mental health and education break new ground in children’s mental health and early intervention strategies.
- Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Louisiana – worked with state mental health departments and relevant police or correctional agencies.
- Georgia, Tennessee – assisted in coordination of housing options and policy for mental health consumers

Multi-State Activities

Through multi-state meetings and conference calls, Targeted TA has provided assistance on a variety of issues facing most states and territories. Some of these multi-state activities have focused on the following:

- Creation and expansion of school-based mental health services
- Medicare, Medicaid and Mental Health
- Housing and Homelessness
- Leadership within state mental health systems

Working Across and Within Systems

Targeted TA state-level activities have engaged non-mental health agencies, such as education, criminal justice, employment, housing, child welfare, juvenile justice, and Medicaid. Example deliverables include:

- Multiple events regarding the implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003
- Meetings on cross-system evidence-based practices
- Summit between NASMHPD, the National Governors Association, and the National Council of State Housing Agencies on supportive housing collaboration

Comprehensive State Planning

Examples include:

- Assisted New Mexico in planning its mental health purchasing collaborative.
- Assisted the Nevada Mental Health Plan Implementation Commission.
- Assisted California in planning the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63).
- Assisted Oklahoma, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Washington, Colorado, Oregon, and Kentucky in developing state mental health plans or systems of care, informed by New Freedom Commission recommendations.
- Helped Kansas to organize six summits based on the six goals of the New Freedom Commission report and assisted the National Governor’s Association in convening a Governor’s Cabinet Transformation Workgroup charged with coordinating mental health transformation activities in all Kansas state agencies.

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