



Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: Northern Wisconsin Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Access Project (CAPAP)

Grantee: St. Mary's Hospital

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Program: Development

Grant Duration: 03/01/2007 to 08/31/2008 (18 months)

Expenditures: \$38,188 of \$49,945 (76% expended)

Use of Funds: Needs assessment/plan

► **Description:** The goal of CAPAP was to design a coordinated system of psychiatric care delivery for children up to age 17 with significant mental health issues. The project focused on Oneida, Forest, Vilas, and Lincoln Counties. These counties include four tribal communities - Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, Sokaogon Mole Lake Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa, and Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

► **Results:** The CAPAP core team re-established the Ministry Behavioral Health Network and, through surveys and focus groups, identified four systemic obstacles to accessing mental health services for children: (1) workforce shortages, (2) complexity of patient care issues such as medications cautions and multiple systems involvement, (3) the fee-for-service methods of reimbursement for mental health services, and (4) traditional care delivery models that lead to fractured and inefficient care.

To address the workforce shortage, CAPAP created a workforce development plan that includes: (1) an information and recruitment forum for individuals in northern Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) interested in pursuing Advanced Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (APNP) credentials in psychiatry, child psychiatry, family practice, and pediatrics, and (2) a clinical practicum experience for APNP's in the community.

Team members also designed an integrated care delivery system which includes an integrated clinic with a multidisciplinary team, a referral and treatment network/system, and a coordinated system of care for complex cases, and hosted a community-wide forum on funding issues affecting

access to mental health services in the community. Not successfully completed was a ready-to-implement design for clinic services. The partners also created the Community-Based Collaborative System of Care group to develop policies and procedures for implementation.

► **Met Objectives:** Project completed

► **Baseline Progress on State Health Plan Objectives:** Not measured

► **Academic Partner Role:** Consultation

► **Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind):** \$41,764

► **Dissemination:**

- Presentations to several local groups as well as The Governor's Council Subcommittee on Mental Health for Children and Youth
- Committee advisory to the Department of Family Services

► **Sustained:** The Ministry Behavioral Health Network remains committed to developing an integrated, multidisciplinary psychiatric clinic for children and adolescents. The CAPAP-led development of a collaborative system of care for children continues in the form of the 2008-2009 Oneida County Mental Health Inter-Agency Council Community Team through the Healthier Wisconsin Leadership Institute which focuses on identifying funding sources for coordinated care. The CAPAP group was also successful in gaining approval from the Ministry Medical Group to pursue a child psychiatrist for a position which permits 50% of professional time to be used for case consultation throughout the region.