

Michigan Partners in Crisis (PIC): The Justice-&-Mental Health Coalition
2017 Initiatives

1. Educate the public and policy-makers on mental health issues and justice systems.
2. Promote and procure legislative and executive branch attention to problems identified in PIC-stimulated studies of correctional mental health and juvenile justice released by the University of Michigan and the Mental Health Association in Michigan in 2010 and 2015.
3. Continue to oppose the executive branch's 2016 proposal that called for transfer of CMH Medicaid clients and funding to the state's 11 Medicaid HMOs. Monitor related developments coming out of the state's workgroup on this issue, and keep PIC members informed of those developments.
4. Analyze and react as appropriate to the work and reports of the state's Mental Health & Wellness Commission and the Governor's Diversion Council. Stimulate broader stakeholder participation opportunities regarding the latter entity.
5. Assure that Public Act 452 of 2014, requiring policy for suspension (rather than termination) of Medicaid for those incarcerated or detained, is incorporated into the State Medicaid Plan.
6. Seek state funding for expansion (where most useful) and periodic independent evaluation of Michigan's mental health courts.
7. Establish corrections anti-segregation language in state budget regarding adults and children with mental illness/emotional disorder, with an oversight board, including citizens from outside the Department of Corrections, on segregation and security issues.
8. Ensure continued state budget funding level for Legislative Corrections Ombudsman Office.
9. Ensure existence of an adequate safety net of state-operated secure residential facilities for juvenile corrections cases, including continued operation of Shawono & Bay Pines Centers.
10. Analyze and react as appropriate to the 2015 report from DHHS and U-M on prevalence of substance use and emotional disorders among juvenile justice detainees in Michigan. Included will be an examination of policy recommendations that would be supported by the report.
11. Seek legislative language improving discharge planning and implementation, including linkages to community services and medication, for state corrections inmates slated for release.