

Recent reports on mental health and substance abuse funding gaps:

1. Colorado Behavior Healthcare Council study.

Milliman, Inc. *A researcher will present on the findings of this study at the May 28 Roundtable meeting.*

Date: To be released May 19, 2008.

Description: Actuarial analysis of what it would cost for Colorado to cover everyone in the state for Mental Health and Substance Abuse services that are equivalent to the Medicaid Mental Health Capitation program, plus an expansion of that program to include prevention and early intervention.

2. Invisible Wounds of War: Mental Health and Cognitive Care Needs of America's Returning Veterans

RAND Corporation. *The research brief can be found on this page:* http://rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9336/index1.html *and the full report can be found here:* http://rand.org/pubs/monographs/2008/RAND_MG720.1.pdf

Date: April 2008

Description: This national study details the mental health and cognitive needs of returning service members and veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Includes findings about the costs of treating veterans' mental health needs and the existing gaps in the systems of care. Not specific to Colorado.

3. The Shortage of Public Hospital Beds for Mentally Ill Persons

Treatment Advocacy Center. *A copy of that report can be found at the following link:* <http://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/documents/TheShortageofPublicHospitalBeds.pdf>

Date: March 19, 2008

Description: Survey of decrease in number of public hospital beds for persons with mental illness, carried out in 2004 and 2005 by the Center for Mental Health Services, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Lists Colorado in the category of having a "Severe psychiatric bed shortage" (12–19 beds per 100,000 population).

4. Colorado HJR 07-1050 Behavioral Health Task Force Report

Center for Systems Integration (CSI) and NPM Consulting in partnership with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). *An executive summary, the full report and its appendices can be found here:* <http://www.csi-policy.org/1050taskforce/>

Date: January 2008

Description: The final report of the 1050 Task Force, which studied mental health and substance abuse services and made recommendations on how to coordinate state agency efforts, streamline services provided, and maximize federal and funding sources. Tom Dillingham, a member of the Task Force, presented on this report at the April Roundtable meeting.

5. 2006 Population in Need study – Behavioral Health Prevalence Estimate for Colorado.

Draft report produced by WICHE Mental Health Program for Behavioral Health Services, Office of Behavioral Health and Housing, Colorado Department of Human Services. *A copy of that draft report is attached to this email. The last Population in Need study can be found on the CDHS website: http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dmh/de_pin.htm*

Date: January 28, 2008

Description: Statistical report on the number of individuals with serious disorders who are most likely to qualify for some level of public support for services. Prevalence estimates are presented for four mutually exclusive target groups: youths with serious emotional disturbance, adults with serious mental illness only, adults with substance use disorders only, adults with co-occurring disorders.

6. The Status of Mental Health Care in Colorado

Prepared for the Mental Health Funders Collaborative by TriWest Group. *That report can be found at the following link:*

<http://www.coloradotrust.org/repository/publications/pdfs/MHCC/MHCCfinalreport.pdf>

Date: October 2003

Description: Extensive assessment and critical analysis of the public and private mental health systems in Colorado. Includes data about funding trends and implications on public services. This report is somewhat outdated now, but pages 117-129 are the most relevant for funding discussions.

7. Shoveling Up: The Impact of Substance Abuse of State Budgets

The Nation Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. *The report is available here: <http://www.casacolumbia.org/absolutenm/articlefiles/379-Shoveling%20Up.pdf>*

Date: January 2001

Description: Looked at 1998 General Fund budget of Colorado and compared to other states. Also explored how little Colorado spends on education, research prevention and treatment of substance abuse. The report is currently being updated.