

**DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
STRATEGIC PLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. Why has the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) created a Strategic Plan?

The Strategic Plan is an ongoing effort being made by the Division to operationalize DMHAS' goals such as moving forward with integrating addictions and mental health services, implementing an Administrative Services Organization (ASO) as an innovative behavioral health service delivery system, separating mental health services from housing (which are currently bundled), implementing community support services, increasing use of peer-delivered services, and other identified priorities to create efficiencies.

2. What is the DMHAS Strategic Plan?

The DMHAS Strategic Plan outlines the work of the division over the next three years (January 2014 - December 2016). It is comprised of multiple priorities addressing the three strategic areas of Move to Managed Care, Workforce Development, and Community Integration. The priorities are being addressed by separate work-teams consisting of a Team Lead and DMHAS staff as workgroup members. It is a multi-phased Plan, with some priorities being focused upon later since they are interdependent on priorities in the first phase. The priority areas include the following:

First Phase – Beginning 1/1/14	Second Phase – Beginning 1/1/15
Community Support Services Implementation	Community Integration Services/Processes
Rates and Financial Terms/Financial Impact Analysis	Workforce Development
Olmstead Compliance	ASO Readiness and Implementation
Centralized Housing Authority	
ASO Procurement	
Stakeholder Communication	
Standard Level of Care Determination	

3. Is there an opportunity for stakeholder involvement?

In addition to the stakeholder feedback elicited during the four Spring 2013 strategic planning sessions, the Division will continue to involve consumers, family members and providers in the Strategic Plan. A core group of consumers, family members and providers of the service community will be asked to volunteer their time beginning in the late winter/early spring 2014

with the Stakeholder Communication Team. This core group may also serve as liaisons to assist the other workgroups, as well as other stakeholders who may be involved directly with the workgroups as subject matter experts as needed.

4. How will information be distributed to the public?

Information and progress of the Strategic Plan will be distributed in various ways, which include, but are not limited to, email communication, website postings at http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/divisions/dmhas/strategic_planning.html, and presentations to the CAC (Citizens Advocacy Council), Regional Advisory Committee, State Planning Council, SCAC (State Consumer Advisory Committee), COMHCO (Coalition of Mental Health Consumer Organizations), other stakeholder groups, and quarterly provider and stakeholder meetings, as well as stakeholder participation opportunities as identified in question 3.

5. How can I get more information or ask questions?

You can contact the division at DMHASWorkplan@dhs.state.nj.us.