Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update and the First Phase of IDD Strategic Plan

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is pleased to announce the Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update and the Foundation for the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Strategic Plan is now available for review on the HHSC website.

Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update

This plan is an update of the five-year strategic plan to address gaps in the mental health and substance use services system. Updates to the plan document the collaborative work of Texas state agencies to coordinate services, resources, competencies, and infrastructures to minimize duplication of effort and enhance prevention and early intervention services, as well as increase access to effective services.

The plan also highlights progress on the implementation of legislation from the 83rd, 84th, and 85th legislative sessions and identifies initiatives and best practices addressing gaps in the services delivery system in fulfillment of short-term goals.

Foundation for the Statewide IDD Strategic Plan

In addition to developing the Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update to address gaps in the behavioral health services system, stakeholders across Texas recognized the unique challenges faced by individuals with IDD and identified a need to develop a Statewide IDD Strategic Plan to focus on the IDD system across the state. The Foundation for the Statewide IDD Strategic Plan is the first phase in the development of the full plan and meant to provide an initial understanding of the Texas system for individuals with IDD.

The second phase will involve the development of the full Statewide IDD Strategic Plan beginning in Summer 2019. It will focus on the development of goals, objectives, and strategies to address identified gaps, short and long-term goals, a timeline for implementation, and mechanisms to track outcomes.

Read the Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update and Foundation for the IDD Strategic Plan (PDF).

To learn more about IDD or behavioral health services in Texas, visit the IDD Long-term Care Services page, the Mental Health and Substance Use Services page, or MentalHealthTX.org.