

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN NEW JERSEY, INC.

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The Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Inc.

- The Mental Health Association in New Jersey (MHANJ) is a statewide private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving access to treatment and opportunities for children and adults with mental illness. Through legislative and executive advocacy, our organization works with and for consumers and families to create a better life for those with mental illness.



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Cutting Edge Summer, 2015

- MHANJ believes that Housing is critical to recovery, and supports the SHA's *Opening 1,000 Doors* campaign
- Understanding Homelessness in New Jersey
 - Homelessness and Mental Illness
 - approximately one in four homeless individuals have Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
 - NJ Counts 2015 Point-in-Time Report
 - Housing First Works
 - Homes for the Homeless: NJ Hill Day, 2015



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MHANJ Public Policy Focus, 2014-2015

- Providing statewide leadership in addressing the critical policy issues around the Medicaid/ASO transformation of the mental health systems
- The integration of mental health and substance abuse systems in NJ
- The implementation of the Affordable Care Act – specifically to how it integrates behavioral and physical health.



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MHANJ Public Policy Focus, 2014-2015

- Address areas around access to care both in terms of Medicaid and the Marketplace
 - As the system changes there needs to be a monitoring process to assure people are receiving timely access as well as quality treatment
- MHANJ will continue to monitor our secondary policy areas, and be prepared to react to any legislative or administrative actions as needed



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MHANJ Public Policy Priorities, 2014-2015

Children's Mental Health

1. Creation of Child Advocacy Committee
2. Assessment of Children's System of Care
3. Campus Mental Health



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MHANJ Public Policy Priorities, 2014-2015

Emergency Care

1. Emergency Room
2. Screening Services
3. EISS



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Consumer Rights

1. Olmstead today – least restrictive setting
2. Policy decisions re. funding community settings



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MHANJ Public Policy Priorities, 2014-2015

Consumer Recovery

1. Definition of peer roles in system change
2. Peer Consumer/Provider Workforce
 - a. certification and training
 - b. reimbursement for peer services
3. Psychiatric Advanced Directives



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MHANJ Public Policy Priorities, 2014-2015

Services to Elderly

- Balancing system between home care and institutionalization
- Monitor how seniors are treated under MLTSS
- Oversight needed for both physical and mental health needs



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MHANJ Public Policy Priorities, 2014-2015

Families with Adult Children with Mental Illness

1. Systems change needed to include families' input in;
 - a. History at screening centers
 - b. Discharge planning
2. Assistance to families re. behavioral choices to facilitate growth and health
3. Of adult child



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