

# Workgroup Decisions

- **Select and recommend** a behavioral health integration model for Howard County
- **Develop** the model's governance structure

# Goals and Objectives

Answer research questions pertaining to the following:

1. Rationale for integration
2. Functions of the local authorities
3. The integration spectrum
4. Integration options
5. Which option best supports the desired functions
6. Model selection and governance structure

## FACT

Our local authorities are empowered to serve all Howard County residents in need of behavioral health services.

## THEORY

If we merge our local authorities to create an integrated behavioral health system, then we can maximize existing resources and expertise, which will lead to a more responsive system that addresses the needs of all residents and better supports the organizations that serve them.

# Goal and Objective 1: Rationale for Integration

## Government Leaders

- Transition Team Report (2014)
- Department of Legislative Services budget analysis (2017)
- Joint Chairman's Report (2013)

# Goal and Objective 1: Rationale for Integration

## Shared challenges in mental health and SUD services

- Behavioral Health Task Force data
- Both local authorities now operating in a fee-for-service world
- Limited direct service offerings
- State model encourages similar functions of the local authorities

## Goal and Objective 2: Functions of the local authorities

- Research:
  - State model
  - State-issued roles of local authorities
  - New ASO role

# Goal and Objective 2: Functions of the local authorities

## Exercise: Evaluating functions

Mgmt. best practices	Financing	Coordinated care mgmt.	Addressing other social challenges	Data
Accreditation	Grants management	Facilitating consistent/ appropriate level of care	Housing	Collection and sharing
Facility licensure (coop. agreements)	Accessing multiple funding streams	Warm hand-offs	Corrections	Analysis/performance targets
Client/provider complaints		Treating co-occurring illnesses	School system	
Authorization/service placement criteria		Addressing service access/gaps	Judicial system	
		Managing super- utilizers		

## Goal and Objective 3: The Integration Spectrum

Areas where the local authorities are already integrated:

- Provider trainings and meetings
- Co-location
- Accreditation workgroup
- Provider learning collaborative

## Goal and Objective 3: The Integration Spectrum

**Exercise: Where does Howard County stand on the integration spectrum?**

See slide 27 of the NACBHDD presentation

# Next Meeting

- Analyzing the behavioral health integration options
- Principles of Howard County's model
  - Strength-based
  - Population health
  - Disease prevention
  - Health promotion
  - Patient-centered
  - Measurement/evidence-based
  - Accountable

# Triple Aim

- ✓ Better health
- ✓ Quality care
- ✓ Reduce care costs