



2019 Community Health Improvement Plan Progress Update – June 30, 2021

Priority:

Improve access to substance misuse/mental health prevention and treatment while reducing associated stigma so that individuals and families who need treatment seek and receive it.

Progress Update:

- Centerstone established telehealth treatment for current and new clients in individual and group settings; Centerstone currently provides nearly 50 percent of its outpatient services in Florida via telehealth.
- Centerstone's FACT teams have been expanded in Sarasota and Lee Counties and CAT team now cover Hendry and Glades Counties, affording greater reach and effectiveness to target populations.
- Centerstone was awarded an expansion grant (2020-2023) for its Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC) program in Sarasota; in addition, Sarasota County funded 10 additional participant slots during this same time period, ensuring the program's continued viability.
- Centerstone has received funding through the State to establish a Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC) program (2021-2024) for Manatee County.
- With additional funding through CARES Act and with additional Graduate Medical Education funding through the State, Centerstone is able to fully fund its Psychiatric Residency Program for 2021-2022.
- With secured grant funding through SAMHSA (2020-2023), Centerstone has established a Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Center in Manatee County, which integrates mental health and substance use disorder treatment with medical care for individuals and families.

Priority:

Work with community partners to develop a community-wide suicide prevention campaign that will resonate with the community and serve as a platform for depression awareness and suicide prevention.

Progress Update:

- Centerstone secured SAMHSA funding for a Suicide Prevention initiative that is meeting an imminent need for behavioral health treatment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; through this grant, Centerstone increased resources directed at screening/identifying those individuals with suicidal tendencies, leveraging its current reach throughout Manatee County.

- Centerstone lead the formation of a community task force, SPHERE (Suicide Prevention: Hope, Education, Resilience and Empowerment), comprised of government and private agency partners who together have committed to reducing the incidents of suicide.
- Centerstone facilitated 2019 Life;Story 5K/10K Suicide Prevention event and held the run-walk virtually in 2020. In addition, Centerstone sponsors an annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month forum where support for depression awareness and suicide prevention is also promoted.
- Centerstone conducts regular training on suicide prevention screening techniques with clinical service providers, promotes suicide prevention as a core component of overall healthcare, and continues to integrate therapy, intervention and prevention programming in public schools and charter schools throughout Manatee County.