

IV: Narrative Plan

K. Technical Assistance Needs

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Narrative Question:

Please describe the data and technical assistance needs identified by the State during the process of developing this plan that will be needed or helpful to implement the proposed plan. The technical assistance needs identified may include the needs of State, providers, other systems, persons receiving services, persons in recovery, or their families. The State should indicate what efforts have been or are being undertaken to address or find resources to address these needs, and what data or technical assistance needs will remain unaddressed without additional action steps or resources.

Footnotes:

Activities that Support Individuals in Directing Services

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As this plan was being developed there were several new areas of focus that would benefit from technical assistance. These areas were identified as being important to the overall movement of healthcare reform in the state and moving toward the integration of behavioral health and primary care. Also utilized for determining technical assistance needs were the annual plans for services submitted by each CA. These plans describe the services that will be put in place to address the needs of each identified region. A part of these plans also identify areas where additional assistance may be needed from the state.

Due to the strong focus on the integration of behavioral health and primary care, funding efforts within the state will be directed to activities that directly support those initiatives. The risk of not receiving federal assistance in these areas will significantly delay or limit the scope of implementation due to funding shortfalls. The following are the areas where technical assistance would be beneficial to Michigan.

1. Writing federal grants.
2. Developing strong state policies that are proven to reduce underage drinking (i.e., keg registration etc.).
3. Statewide media campaign addressing underage drinking with a clear message about not providing alcohol to youth.
4. How to use Michigan Automated Prescription System data in your community.
5. Selecting EBP and verifying fidelity.
6. Increasing multi-system coordination and strengthening advocacy and policy development around Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Abuse.
7. Selecting Evidence based strategies for Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Abuse.
8. The implementation of SBIRT within the primary care system