

**Van Buren
Community Mental Health Authority
Ends Monitoring Report
November 2021**

SUBJECT: Substance Use Prevention

- **Improvements will be made in Van Buren County in substance use prevention priority areas.**

CEO Interpretation:

The Board of Directors desires that VBCMh take actions to prevent the negative consequences of substance use in the county and promote the overall wellbeing of county residents.

Monitoring report

This End was approved by the Board in October of 2016 when VBCMh began providing Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention Services. This is the fourth monitoring report on this end.

Attached please find the Fiscal Year 2021 Outcome Measures Instrument Report developed in collaboration with SWMBH. SWMBH develops the Outcome Measures Instrument with each of its eight counties and tracks the results. SWMBH sets a benchmark of achieving 85% of Outcome Measures to receive full funding for prevention services.

VBCMh and its partners through the Van Buren Substance Abuse Task Force achieved 94.4% of the Outcome Measures through 10/14/21. (This summary statistic can be found on the last page of the attached report.) We expect this statistic to rise slightly when final calculations are made by SWMBH. (Currently 2% of the data is yet to be entered.) **VBCMh has exceeded the benchmark** set by SWMBH even before all data has been entered, and are confident this will be true with final calculations.

The table includes a lot of data presented efficiently, so many abbreviations and shorthand are used. **Nikki VanSandt**, Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Services Supervisor will attend the Board meeting to present the results of the report and answer questions. Prevention Specialists, **Calib Schaefer and Anastasiya Lutsenko** may also attend.

A few key concepts for understanding the table:

- If the boxes in the column labeled % Actual and OM Status are green, it means the Outcome Measure was achieved; if the box is red, it means the Outcome Measure was not achieved and if it is brown, it means the Outcome Measure was partially achieved. If the box is gray, with #DIV/0!, it still needs to be calculated or entered by SWMBH.
- The table is broken into Sections with each section having a number of indicators that are tracked:
 - Section I includes Indictors for Selected Substance Use Disorder Community Consequences and looks to reduce alcohol related traffic (ART) accidents and deaths; and looks to reduce drug use by youth in the county.
 - Section II and III includes measures of effectiveness of the education-based intervention strategies used by the Prevention Specialists. Measurements include Pre and Post curriculum questionnaires, Stakeholder surveys, Screening tools, and linkage to service where indicated.
 - Section IV is about providing screening and referral for selected groups.

- Section V, VI, VII, and VIII look at measures of effectiveness of the interventions sponsored by the Van Buren Substance Abuse Task Force (VBSATF) including Prevention Campaigns targeted at preventing prescription drug abuse and opioid abuse, Under-Age Drinking (UAD,) Marijuana Use by Youth, Education for Retailers, and; Retailer Compliance Checks for alcohol and tobacco. In addition, there are 2 measures about keeping the VBSATF growing and responding to community issues.
- Section IX summarizes the data for sections VI-VIII indicators. Section X summarizes all of the data, section by section in a table and then in a graph.

The Board is asked to deliberate the questions asked when an Ends report is given

1. Is the interpretation by the CEO reasonable?
2. Is the evidence relevant and compelling?
3. Does this information lead the Board to believe they need to refine their Ends?