

**Disability Rights South Dakota
Protection and Advocacy
For Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program**

FY 2018 Goals and Objectives

Eligibility Criteria for the PAIMI Program:

- 1) A person has a significant mental illness or emotional impairment; and,
- 2) The diagnosis was made by a mental health professional qualified under the laws of the state; and,
- 3) The person is in the process of being transported or admitted to a facility; currently is receiving services in a facility; involuntarily confined in a municipal detention facility for reasons other than serving a sentence for a criminal offense; or, lives in a community setting including one's own home; and,
- 4) The issue presented is abuse, neglect, or a rights violation related to the individual's mental illness.

GOAL I: People with mental illness will be free from abuse and neglect.

OBJECTIVE 1. Investigate complaints focusing on issues involving failure to provide appropriate mental health treatment; involuntary, inappropriate or excessive medication; failure to provide appropriate discharge planning and release; inappropriate or excessive seclusion and restraint; and, failure to provide for appropriate admission to a residential care or treatment facility.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons residing in public or private facilities that provide mental health care and treatment, such as private and public general hospitals, including emergency rooms; public and private psychiatric wards; public and private residential facilities; group homes, jails and prisons, and schools. Service priority will be given to persons with significant mental illness who are inpatients or residents of public or private care and treatment facilities.

EXPECTED TARGET: 20 investigations

OBJECTIVE 2. Conduct at least two monitoring activities at facilities that provide mental health care or treatment.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons residing in facilities that provide mental health care or treatment.

EXPECTED TARGET: Two monitoring activities will be completed to monitor health and safety conditions and client/patient rights compliance.

GOAL II: People with mental illness will fully exercise their individual and constitutional rights.

OBJECTIVE 1. Investigate complaints focusing on issues involving denial of rights protection information or legal assistance; denial of privacy rights (congregation, telephone calls, receiving mail); denial of the right to participate in the planning of mental health services; and, the denial of the right to a treatment or service plan.

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EXPECTED TARGET: **20** investigations

OBJECTIVE 2. Disseminate general information on disability rights and the PAIMI Program.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons, their family members and the public at large.

EXPECTED TARGET: 1,000 program brochures and rights information will be disseminated.

OBJECTIVE 3. Serve on boards, committees and workgroups to share information and provide education regarding issues impacting persons with mental illness.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons residing in public or private facilities that provide care or treatment, and in a community setting including one's own home.

EXPECTED TARGET: 5 boards, committees or workgroups

OBJECTIVE 4. Conduct outreach activities targeting PAIMI eligible individuals and their family members who are not familiar with the PAIMI Program and its services.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons and family members.

EXPECTED TARGET: 10 outreach activities.

OBJECTIVE 5. Conduct public education/constituency training activities on relevant topics, including anti-stigma awareness, to PAIMI eligible individuals, family members, and the general public.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons and family members.

EXPECTED TARGET: 10 training activities.