

Review of Guidance From Task Force

Funding and policy proposals should meet the following guidance in priority order:

- **Must be transformative for the long run;**
- **One-time fund investment that can't require additional long-term funding, although seeking funding from other existing sources is encouraged (such as from less effective behavioral health approaches);**
- **Leverage local, federal, and private dollars;**
- **Fund the gaps in the system that help overcome the disparities;**
- **Prioritized funding;**
- **A few big solutions rather than many small solutions;**
- **Transformational legislative and policy changes; and**
- **Innovative.**

Defining Transformational Change from the TF

- **Fill Gaps:** Fill the gaps that have persisted for decades;
- **Be Preventative:** Prevent health problems before they develop and support the whole person by addressing social determinants of health;
- **Be at the Right Time and Place:** Everyone knows where to go and what to do to get timely access to needed care, regardless of geography or population;
- **Provide Access without Obstacles:** Remove all obstacles to accessing care across the continuum of services and ensure treatment no matter the payer or entry point;
- **Put People-First:** Support the unique needs of all by providing culturally responsive services that put people first;
- **Integrate Across Systems:** Ensure the integration of behavioral health with schools, hospitals, primary care providers, criminal and juvenile justice, etc. breaking down silos and creating a system of care that is coordinated, seamless, and easy to navigate and supported through data sharing technology;
- **Support Transitions and Long-Term Support:** Ensure people are supported throughout their wellness journey, whether through transitions or when care is needed for the long term;
- **Incentivize Outcomes:** Reconfigure incentives to achieve positive short and long term outcomes;
- **Be Affordable:** Be sustainable, affordable, and leverage other funding opportunities; and
- **Diversify the Workforce:** Ensure a diverse workforce that includes peers exists to treat those with behavioral health needs.

Lenses: Consideration Across Pillars

The following aspects, or lenses, should be considered across the pillars when developing solutions:

- **Regions:** Regional gaps and needs, including rural communities
- **Populations:** Populations experiencing vulnerabilities, including the unique needs or gaps for the following populations: Monolingual non English speakers; LGBTQIA+; BIPOC; Latino / a; Tribal communities; Undocumented individuals; People with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Veterans; Co-occurring disabilities; Justice involved individuals; Unhoused individuals; Pregnant women and infants; Older adults; People with serious mental illness; Children, youth and families
- **Payers:** Specific barriers, gaps and opportunities with payer type
- **Regulations:** Solutions to overcome regulatory constraints / System barriers to access / streamlining processes
- **Integration:** Ensure we are always looking at mental health and SUD
- **Accountability:** Note transparency and accountability with every pillar
- **Leveraging Funding:** Opportunities to leverage local and other dollars
- **Sustainable:** Transformational for the long-term
- **Behavioral Health Task Force:** Keep in mind BHA / Blueprint, including: Affordability; Accountability; Access to Care; Whole Person Care
- **Criminal Justice:** Criminal justice incorporated throughout