



Barrier Submission Form

Statewide System of Care Steering Committee

Regional Executive Council Information



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Barrier description: Lack of residential services of all types and inpatient psychiatric services.



Actions Taken to Address Barrier

Summary of Practice Level Work Group action steps:

Utilized out-of-region services.

Tracked ongoing need and waitlists for residential services and inpatient psychiatric services.

Utilized available care.

PLWG referred children/youth out of region, which results in children/youth being disenrolled from CCO and placed on Open Card, disrupting and/or losing local treatment/services and resulting in overall lower quality care and outcomes.

Summary of Advisory Committee action steps:

Identified lower levels of care within the region as potential alternatives to residential and inpatient care.

Identified alternative treatment options.





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Identified out-of-region services.

Summary of Executive Council action steps:

Reviewed OARs for residential providers, identifying them as restrictive and discouraging to potential residential providers.

Identified capital investments for buildings as a barrier to developing/providing these services.

Actively working on developing BRS in our region and building respite capacity.

Request of Statewide SOC Steering Committee

What policy changes or funding investments would ameliorate the identified barrier?

Utilize cross-system investments and cross-system accountability to facilitate development of local systems of care.

Revising restrictive OARs for residential providers.

Make capital investments for infrastructure and partner with existing providers.

Offer higher rates of reimbursement for mental health services on the Oregon Medicaid Fee-For-Service schedule to be more aligned with community mental health providers' customary rates to increase capacity and retention of clinicians to strengthen the continuum of care in the region.
