GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

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What's Working

- Mental Health First Aid
- Recovery Culture
- Partnership and problem solving with Department of Prisons
- Safer Schools Initiative
- Crisis Solutions Initiative
 - Critical Time Intervention (CTI)
 - Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
- Transition to Community Living Initiative (TCLI)
- Anonymous People Message
- LME-MCO model
- Continued strengthening of our budget with a demonstrated commitment to mental health through (additional 3-way beds; additional MH beds at central prison & new MH treatments units at 8 prisons)

What's Not Working

- Transitions are most difficult
 - Adult & Juvenile Offenders
 - Transitions into prisons and jails
 - Transitions out of prisons and jails
 - Foster Care
- Too many people seeking emergency help in community hospital Emergency Rooms
- Silos remain
- Transition to Community Living Initiative DOJ Settlement
- Natural Supports



Goals for the Task Force

- Seamless Transitions
- Effective Outpatient Commitment
- Address Incapacity to Proceed to Trial (ITP)
- Identify and track metrics
- Reduce stigma
- Mental Health Advanced Directives

