

**MICHIGAN PARTNERS IN CRISIS (PIC)**  
**Mission & 2008 Goals**

Mission

Michigan Partners in Crisis is dedicated to enhancing access to quality, clinically appropriate treatment and support services and settings for children and adults experiencing emotional disorders and mental illnesses.

2008 Goals

- To promote the well-being and safety of consumers, families and the public.
- To reduce over-reliance on the criminal and juvenile justice systems as responses to mental illness and emotional disorder, and to avoid inappropriate incarceration or detention of individuals experiencing such conditions.
- To advocate for the provision of treatment and support alternatives to incarceration.
- To advocate for appropriate resources for prevention, care, treatment and follow-up services to individuals experiencing emotional disorder and mental illness.
- To encourage legislative, financial and other public policies and mechanisms that stimulate earlier intervention, increased access and better service outcomes for persons experiencing emotional disorder and mental illness.
- To foster improved coordination and provider accountability among health and human service systems encountering persons experiencing emotional disorder and mental illness.

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*2008 Initiatives*

Public Policy Initiatives

- Governmental action to improve diversion service (pre-booking and other) and systems coordination in Michigan.
  
- Establishment within the Department of Community Health of all responsibility for the management, provision, and application of appropriate standards of care for mental health diagnostic and treatment services (including psychological assessment of segregated inmates) in state prisons.
  
- Governmental action to suspend (rather than terminate) existing Medicaid status of an individual who becomes incarcerated or detained.

Education & Information Initiatives

- Inform the public and policymakers about existing problems (including stigma) and potential solutions.
  
- Stimulate independent analysis of the prevalence of mental illness and treatment levels for adults in state prisons and local jails. *{PIC has already been successful in procuring a \$400,000 appropriation in the FY-08 Corrections budget for such analysis in state prisons.}*
  
- Stimulate independent analysis of juvenile justice system prevalence and treatment needs for emotional disorders, status offenses, abuse-and-neglect victims, and delinquent minors.

## **Michigan Partners in Crisis (PIC) Operating Framework, 2008 & 2009**

- The PIC administrative agents (Mental Health Association in Michigan and Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders) shall appoint a formal Advisory Board, which shall elect a Chair and may establish committees.
- Membership in PIC shall be open to any interested organization or jurist. Prospective members shall be provided with PIC's mission statement, 2008 goals and 2008 initiatives. Membership in PIC signifies acceptance of and support for those documents.
- Organizational members shall be asked to designate an individual representative to the coalition, and any member may be asked to serve on a committee.\*
- State government organizations are not eligible for PIC membership (to protect all parties from potential conflicts of interest), but their input to the work of PIC shall be welcomed.
- For calendar-year 2009, members shall have opportunity for input on how PIC goals and/or initiatives should be revised. After reviewing such input, the Advisory Board shall finalize 2009 goals and initiatives, and members shall have the opportunity to reaffirm or withdraw their involvement with the coalition. (Same process repeated for subsequent calendar years.)

\*2008 committees are: Public Education; Public Policy; and Data/Research