

# The Central Wisconsin Health Partnership (CWHP)

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## **Mission**

Improve health outcomes in Central Wisconsin by expanding access to behavioral health services.

## **Vision**

*Healthy people in thriving communities.*

## **Charter**

The CWHP serves as a consortium structure assuring equitable access to quality behavioral health services. Across disciplines, this partnership brings together the best of integrated medicine, integrated human services and integrated public health initiatives. By sharing best practices, innovative contracting, and prevention services, the CWHP promotes quality services to all residents across the region.

The continuum of community-based psychosocial services, assured by the counties for recovering clients, is an important part of the infrastructure on which all other services depend. Psychosocial rehabilitation services are recognized by the partnership as an essential approach to enabling and empowering consumers into self-directed care. Our partnership is committed to sustaining and expanding psychosocial rehabilitation services (HFS 36) to all eligible residents of the region.

## **History**

The Health Departments and Human Services Departments of Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara, Waupaca and Green Lake Counties, along with Family Health /LaClinica, FQHC, serve a rural population of 157,800 with an average per-capita income of \$23,500. Among the poorest in the state, this population historically ranks in the bottom quarter of Wisconsin counties for health determinants in a range of areas that directly impact mental health and physical well-being.

The Central Wisconsin Health Partnership formed in 2011 to explore options to enhance the behavioral healthcare delivery system. The Wisconsin Mental Health and Substance Abuse Infrastructure Study in 2009 and the Federal Affordable Healthcare Act in 2010 provided an impetus to explore alternate funding and pathways for consumers to enter service.

Our partnership increases access to a range of behavioral health services through a regional collaboration that includes core benefits of 6 county human services, public health with consumer outreach, and integrated medicine. Offering a balance of population level prevention strategies and individual interventions, this unique and replicable partnership stands on a long history of successful collaboration among regional partners.

## **CWHP Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) – A Summary History**

- CCS became available to counties and tribes in Wisconsin in 2005
- The CWHP consortium formed in 2011 to address health and behavioral health disparities
  - Included all 6 counties (Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waupaca, and Waushara)
  - Membership: Human Service Agency Directors, Public Health Officers, FHLC
- In 2014, the state began offering incentives (100% MA coverage) for CCS sites to regionalize
- The CWHP CCS shared services region was certified on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, and included Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, and Waushara Counties
  - CCS Regional Coordinating Committee formed. Primary membership: County Board Member, Consumer, and CCS Staff Person from each county
  - Human Service Directors attended regularly as the CCS regional program was being built and expanded
- December 2014 - contract with White Pine Consulting to provide regional coordination services
- On November 10, 2015 CWHP's regional recertification was approved to include Waupaca and Marquette Counties
- Waupaca and Marquette received their individual CCS certifications in 2016