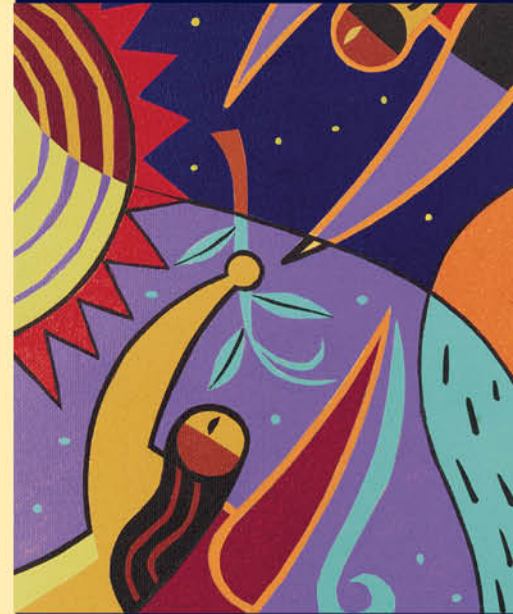


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Challenges



- The ODF Waiver is strictly a County opt-in system which allows the Counties to have vastly different plans.
- The mental health carve out and waiver leaves a bifurcated mental health delivery system with many clients either on the boundary or bouncing from one system to another, which impacts client care as well as information sharing.
- Pushing mental health treatment for the SMI population into a more primary care/medical service delivery model may not always be clinically appropriate.

Strategies



- For the ODF Waiver challenge:
 - Propose and fund a uniform system for all clients.
- For the carve out:
 - A Health Information Exchange or requiring all MCPs to contract with the full County network for serving full spectrum.
- For the SMI integration with Primary Care:
 - Funding at a different rate for SMI clients, allowing adequate time and resources for seeing a client with serious mental illness.

Thank You



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