

## **BHWT Charter Statement**

Collaboratively, the Behavioral Health Work Team will contribute to the improvement of:

- 1) the mental / behavioral health of the public; and
- 2) the behavioral health services that serve them;

by augmenting existing and/or developing new programs (e.g. behavior health promotion, education and pilot projects) that will strive to make significant, measurable impact to the community.

Focus Areas:

- Explore creation of effective interventions collaboratively with involved agencies to reduce inappropriate use of Emergency Departments (ED) by high utilizers with behavioral health issues;
- Advocate for improved coordination between mental and physician health services and identify one action where we could facilitate improvements at the “margins”; coordinate with Healthy Families & other organizations efforts in this area;
- Edify & support BHWT partners by providing a forum for information gathering and sharing along with opportunities for collaboration.