

A Vision of Hope for Georgia's Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum

In Georgia's evolving recovery-oriented system of care, a vision of strength-based behavioral health crisis services that are grounded in hope and respect has emerged, thanks to a dedicated group of 75 stakeholders representing every region and Community Service Board.

Beginning in October 2012, and under the leadership of Community Mental Health Director Monica Saxby Parker, the group has labored to assess the current system—a complex interlacing of public and private resources including CSUs, mobile crisis services, peer wellness programs, warm lines, friends and family, hospitals, law enforcement, and the courts.

After a preliminary determination of what is working, the gaps and challenges, and opportunities for improvement, stakeholders met with behavioral health consumers who participated in focus groups, sharing their own experience of both crisis and care—from what precipitated the crisis to what helped them to recover and how they were connected to that help.

For a behind the scenes look at this fascinating work-in-progress, read: [The Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum Stakeholder Meeting Report.](#)