

## **2013 BMCW Service Overview for Treatment and Primary AODA Prevention Services with the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division, Community Services Branch**

BMCW clients needing treatment for a substance use disorder and currently connected and served by the Bureau, CSSW and/or IFS will be enrolled in the Wiser Choice Substance Abuse Services System. The existing referral process for IFS and CSSW to refer BMCW clients to Wiser Choice will be utilized.

The clients will choose to receive their Wiser Choice Comprehensive Screening at either the IMPACT or M&S Clinical Services Central Intake Unit (CIU). Clients will be connected with a peer to assist with the initial appointment at the CIU and to the provider once treatment need is assessed. At the CIU Levels of Care (LOC) will be determined. For first time Wiser Choice clients they will receive a Recovery Checkup staff person and service that will be funded with ATR. Clients will receive a Recovery Support Coordinator (RSC) and will receive care coordination services. Based on needs identified during the Comprehensive Screen, the client will select a treatment provider aligned with the recommended LOC. In addition, based on needs identification the client may receive placement and voucher for Recovery Support Services.

### **Direct Treatment Costs**

Milwaukee County, Wiser Choice, operates a braided voucher system for all substance abuse services. Included within this category are all the treatment and recovery support services that will be purchased with vouchers. Clients will enter the service delivery system based on their assessed need of intensity of care within available cost bands. (*Note: as most service packages include more than one level of care, the cost bands "Total Treatment" are actually overestimated, yet fall well within the SAMHSA-published reasonable ranges.*) Based on the anticipated total number of clients to be served January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 (100) and the budgeted cost of \$500,000 for direct Substance Abuse Services, the unit cost per client (all services) is \$4,167 in BMCW service dollars.

### **Primary AODA Prevention**

Community Services Branch will ensure that the *Celebrating Families!*™ selective preventative intervention program is available at four neighborhood centers. Those neighborhood centers are: Silver Springs, Northcott, UMOS, and The Urban League. The *Celebrating Families!*™ curriculum is an evidence based cognitive behavioral, support group model written for families in which one or both parents have a serious problem with alcohol or other drugs and in which there is a high risk for domestic violence, child abuse, or neglect.

Numerous studies have shown that a simple screening, intervention, and referral program will provide people with the help they need and greatly alleviate the damage of risky and problem drinking and drug use. For many people, this early screening and brief intervention is enough to help them significantly decrease their alcohol and drug use. A verbal alcohol and drug screen consisting of from 4 to 12 questions that effectively identifies people who are at risk for alcohol and drug abuse even at the earliest stages. Studies show that the SBIR programs **S**creening, **B**rief Intervention, and **R**eferral is more effective than urine or breath tests and laboratory findings, which fail to pick up on signs of early problems. SBIR serves as an indicated AODA preventive measure that can address risky behaviors before people do harm or become addicted. SBIR will be made available at Silver Spring neighborhood center and at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) such as 16<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic, Aurora, and Outreach Community Health Centers to serve the child welfare and W-2 client population.