

KEY STRUCTURAL VARIABLES

Organization and Structure of State Mental Health Agencies

Location within State Government & Relationship with Other State Agencies and Programs

Status of the SMHA

Independent State Agency *	12
Within the Department of Health	9
Within the Department of Human Services (Social Services)	21
Within the Department of Health & Human Services (combined)	4
Other/Unknown	3

- Independent SMHAs spend more on mental health services per capita, on average, than those located within other departments

Programs co-located with the SMHA

Substance Use Disorder*	35
Intellectual Disabilities*	11
Medicaid (PA)	1

Relationship with the State Medicaid Agency

- Some State Medicaid programs delegate oversight of mental health programs to SMHA
- Some SMHAs have developed interagency agreements with the state Medicaid agency to support communication and service delivery

Reporting Structure & Proximity to the Governor

Oversight of the SMA

Mental Health Board or Commission	17
Governor/Executive Branch*	31
Unknown	3

- In some states, the SMHA director reports directly to a state mental health board or commission
- In some states, a mental health board or commission is charged with overseeing the SMHA
- State mental health boards may be appointed by the Governor, the legislature, or jointly by the Governor and the legislature

SMHA director's proximity to the Governor

SMHA director reports to the Governor	7
1 intervening level of administration*	23
2 intervening levels of administration	16
3 intervening levels of administration	2
Unknown	3

- SMHAs lead by a director who reports directly to the Governor spend less on mental health services per capita than those with one or more levels of administration between the director and the Governor

Organization and Structure of Service Delivery System

Inpatient Services & State Hospital Operation

State hospitals operated by SMHA*	44
State hospitals operated by another agency	5
Unknown	2

Community-Based Services

State-Operated	5
Locally-Operated*	14
State Contracted	32

- State-operated system -- SMHA is the direct service provider for community services
- Locally-operated system -- locality is the direct service provider for community services; SMHA provides funding, oversight and some coordination
- State-contracted system -- private entities are direct service providers for community services, pursuant to agreement with SMHA; SMHA provides funding for community services
- States with locally-operated systems spend more per capita than those with state-operated or state-contracted systems

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