

# Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities Grants

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# Minnesota's Mental Health System

# Mental health in Minnesota



Mental illness:

**20 in  
100**

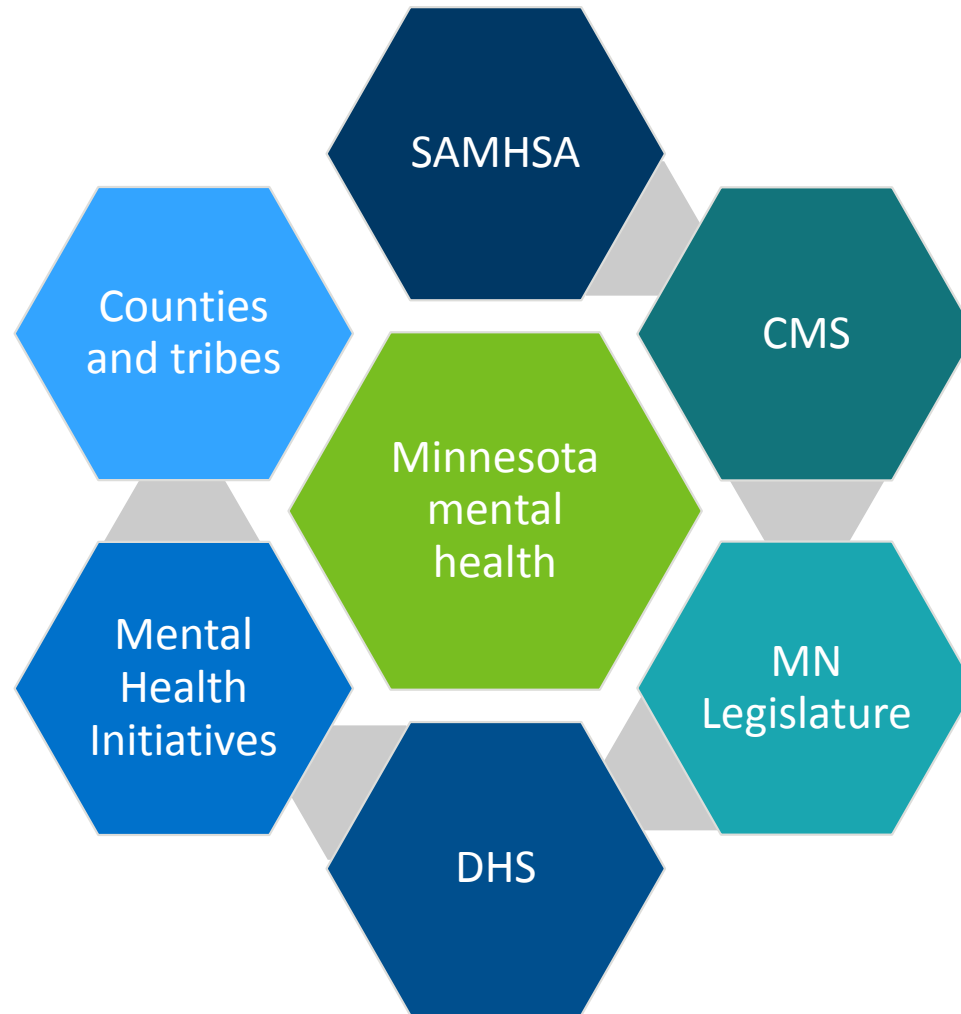
Serious  
mental illness:

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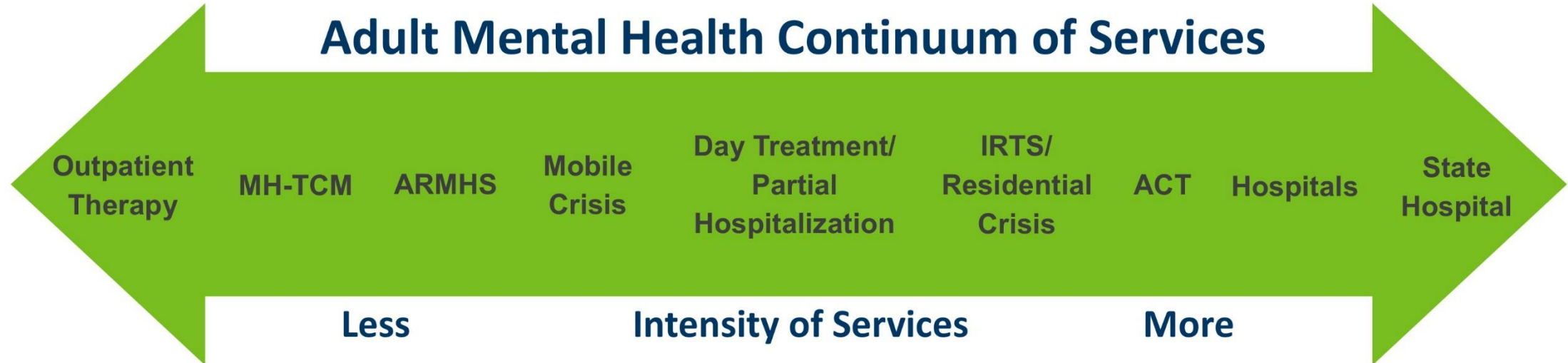
Serious & persistent  
mental illness:

**2.5 in  
100**

# Oversight and funding



# Supporting a continuum of mental health services



# Behavioral Health Crisis Facility Grants

- Under the [Laws of Minnesota 2018, Chapter 214, Article 2, Section 11](#), the Minnesota legislature appropriated **\$28,100,000** in general obligation bond proceeds to be used for grants to construct or rehabilitate facilities that will provide behavioral health programs delivering mental health and/or substance use disorder services.
- **Grants will not exceed a total of \$5,000,000 per capital project** where up to 100 percent of the project costs may be reimbursed. Capital projects are subject to [Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695](#) State Bond Financed Property.

# Legislative Project Criteria

- Behavioral health crisis facilities are designed to provide mental health or co-occurring disorder services at the local community level.
- Under the requirements established by the legislature, applicants will be required to demonstrate
  - **Need** for the proposed project
  - **Sustainability** of the program and the operation of the facility
  - Willingness to **build on and integrate with the existing service continuum** in the area they intend to serve
  - Agree to a **comprehensive evaluation** of services and financial viability by DHS.



# DHS Implementation Timeline

- **September 17, 2018:** RFP released
- **October 10, 2018:** Responders conference held and FAQ released
- **December 14, 2018:** RFP closed
- **January/February 2019:** Review Panel scored proposals and made recommendations, DHS will start contract negotiations with selected vendors.
- **March—July 2019** (or longer): Collect required documentation for MMB and execute contracts.

# Purpose of RFP and Stakeholder Feedback

- Ensure applicants are able to meet MMB bonding requirements
- Fill Behavioral Health service **gaps** where no Behavioral Health crisis services exist currently
- Increase **access** to Behavioral Health services statewide
  - Location
  - Accommodate people in crisis with children
- Establish or enhance **local** Behavioral Health services facilities
  - Better crisis management
  - Post Crisis- stronger connection to community-based supports to move forward

# RFP Review Team Profiles

- Mental Health Advocates
- Individuals/family members with lived experience
- Emergency Department Staff
- Crisis Stabilization Providers
- Substance Use Disorder Providers/Association
- DHS Bonding Experts
- DHS Tribal and County Relations Staff

# RFP Respondents

- Requested \$37 million total
- We received requests from all across the state (metro and greater Minnesota)
- We received requests for pre-design, design/construction and a combination of the two

# Next Steps

- DHS will make final selection of selected grantees and send award letters
- DHS, in collaboration with MMB will collect the required documentation for the bonding projects and work to execute contracts.
- Upon execution of contracts with successful respondents – DHS will issue legislatively mandated report.
- DHS will monitor the success of programs and service models to inform future development.

# Thank You!

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