

# CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION 2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

## ADDRESSING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS AND IMPROVING ACCESS

### ENSURE THE VIABILITY OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



Support the establishment of Medicaid rate structures for new initiatives such as children’s behavioral health urgent care centers, statewide emergency mobile psychiatric services, and community-based and school-based services. Implement Medicaid reimbursement for care coordination initiatives, including but not limited to collaborative care model (COCM) services.

### SUPPORT AND GROW THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE



Focus on retaining and recruiting a skilled, diverse, and resilient workforce, and encourage the implementation of integrated care models for child, adolescent, and adult patients, such as Community Care Teams (CCTs) by, among other things, enabling Medicaid reimbursement for community health workers employed by CCTs.

### PROVIDE HOSPITALS WITH THE TOOLS TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE



Advocate for additional financial resources to sustain and increase access to home-based, community-based, and hospital-based outpatient services for all patients. Increase Medicaid rates for partial hospitalization programs (PHP), intensive outpatient services (IOP), and in-home psychiatric care programs to enable timely and safe discharge from hospitals, reduce waiting lists, and improve timely access to behavioral health services.

### IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES



Expand the urgent crisis center model and mobile crisis services to cover peak demand times, and meet the needs of child, adolescent, and adult patients. Align the efforts of the new Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee (TCB) with existing state advisory boards and oversight committees to avoid duplication and combat inefficiency.