



**PRINCIPLES ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
FOR
PEI STATEWIDE PROJECT FUND GUIDELINES**

1. Continuous Stakeholder Involvement

- Statewide projects require stakeholder involvement in a planning process whether they are locally, regionally or state administered
- Encourage participation of diverse populations throughout the design of these collaborative projects
 - Minority opinion: it should be a requirement to ensure involvement of all age groups and racial/cultural/ethnic populations

2. Conform with Strategic Direction

- Require counties to identify (and briefly describe if necessary) the specific project activities to be implemented consistent with numbered activities identified in the MHSOAC approved strategic plans

3. Preserve State-wideness

- Program/Project meets 1 or 2 below:
 1. Impact is expected throughout the state
 - a) For Suicide Prevention and Stigma and Discrimination Reduction projects must implement a state level activity specified in strategic plan
 - b) If student mental health, must fund state/system level activity consistent with overall goals for higher education and/or K-12 in approved consensus document
 2. Project could be replicated throughout the state
 - a) Requires program description, evaluation and dissemination of program material and evaluation findings.

Note: There was consensus that the MHSOAC should further explore and support development of a statewide consortium to coordinate efforts for each of the three PEI Statewide Projects.

4. Collaboration

- Require Joint Funding with Other Counties (includes JPAs and other appropriate state entities)
 - Recommendation based on majority vote
 - Minority opinion: other methods of collaboration, such as sharing staff, infrastructure, operations, etc, should meet criteria for "collaboration"
 - Need to determine what proportion of overall funding for the projects needs to be jointly funded
- Encourage collaboration with other non-mental health entities and community programs

5. Move Forward All Three Projects

- Proposed projects must address all three PEI Statewide Projects
 - Small counties (under 100,000 population should be exempt from this requirement)
 - Minority opinion: Counties should be required to maintain the proportion of funding initially budgeted for each of the 3 PEI Statewide Projects
- Note: Some proposed projects may be consistent with more than one of the 3 PEI Statewide Projects

6. Evaluate Impact

- Counties are required to participate in statewide evaluation (to be designed)
 - Evaluation Committee should be consulted on most effective and viable method for evaluation of these projects
 - MHSOAC should reaffirm it's commitment to evaluation of these projects
- Note: Counties are currently required to evaluate one PEI program/project

7. Consider Incentives

- Provide for initial annual approval and funding of jointly funded projects based on simplified process
 - Future funding will require project descriptions be approved. (Single project description may be submitted by multiple counties.

8 . Core Principles Are Incorporated

- Client and Family driven
- Wellness, Recovery and Resilience focused
- Cultural Competency
- Community Collaboration
- Co-occurring disorder services competency
- Integrated services