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Track	Core Area	Session Title	Speaker	Level	Focus	CE Type	Session Description
Keynote	SUD SAP MH CO	A Unified Approach, Creating Collaboration: Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meets Growing Challenges to State's Behavioral Health Care Service Delivery	Trina Ita, MA, Deputy Associate Commissioner Tushar Desai, MD Steve Glazier, COO Julie Waymon April Zamora	All	Community, Cultural Competency, Family, Youth	SW, LCDC, CPS, APS, PM/PRC	<p>Untreated behavioral health needs can affect all aspects of life including economic productivity, student success, criminal justice, and public health and safety. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has long recognized the unique needs of individuals with complex behavioral health issues.</p> <p>The Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (SBHCC) is focusing its efforts on implementing a strategic plan to improve coordination between state agencies to ensure the delivery of more efficient and effective behavioral health services to meet the growing needs of Texas citizens. The council's vision is the implementation of a unified approach to the delivery of behavioral health services that allows all Texans to have access to care at both the right time and place.</p> <p>Fundamental to achieving this vision is access to integrated care. At the most basic level, integrated care means that both adults and youth have prompt access to mental health care, SUD intervention and treatment, and medical care. During this important Institute session, HHSC Deputy Associate Commissioner for Office of Mental Health Coordination Trina Ita and members of the SBHCC will discuss accomplishments of the strategic plan, future goals and the impact the plan will have on agency providers and delivery of services.</p> <p>In addition, Associate Commissioner Sonja Gaines will highlight individuals and organization already contributing to the successful delivery of behavioral health care services in Texas.</p>