

**441—25.18(331) Strategic plan.** The strategic plan shall describe the county's vision for its mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities system for the ensuing three fiscal years. The strategic plan development shall follow the process outlined in the policies and procedures manual. The strategic plan shall be submitted, for informational purposes, to the department by April 1, 2000, and by April 1 of every third year thereafter. The strategic plan shall include, but not be limited to:

**25.18(1) Needs assessment.** The strategic plan shall include an assessment of current needs. This plan shall describe how information from the annual reports from the previous years was incorporated into the current strategic plan and how the information will be used to develop future plans for the funding and provision of services to eligible groups.

**25.18(2) Goals and objectives.** The strategic plan shall list goals and objectives that are guided by the system principles of choice, empowerment, and community. The goals and objectives shall reflect the system which the county plans to have in place in three years, the action steps which will be taken to develop the future system, and how progress toward implementation will be measured. Projected costs for future projects should be included.

**25.18(3) Services and supports.** The strategic plan shall list services and supports that the county will fund, when requested, by eligibility group.

**25.18(4) Provider network.** The strategic plan shall include a list of providers used to provide the scope of services and supports described in the plan.

**25.18(5) Access points.** The strategic plan shall list designated access points and their function in the enrollment process.