

Steps for Engaging in Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health Services:

STEP 1:

- Community Member contacts Behavioral Health Patient Service Coordinators:
 - Black River Falls: Erika Slenczka at (715) 284-9851 extension 35014
 - House of Wellness: Nicole Cotto at (608) 355-1240 extension 35583
- A screening will be completed and required consents will be forwarded. Upon return of consents an appointment will be scheduled.

Please note that community members can present to either Patient Services Coordinators and complete consents and leave with an appointment.

Exceptions to the rule: If emergent (recent overdose, suicidal ideation, detox, etc) please follow Step 2.

STEP 2:

- Community Member contacts Behavioral Health Patient Service Coordinators and request "Walk In" Services (not available daily).
 - If "Walk In" not available the Patient Service Coordinators will forward to Behavioral Health Shared Care Manager(s):
 - Black River Falls: Darien Lowe at (715) 284-9851 extension 35393
currently unavailable due to return to the office October 2023
 - House of Wellness: Chris Van Sickel at (608) 355-1240 extension 35542

Who will attempt to coordinate necessary services such as detox and or inpatient for either mental health or substance use.

STEP 3:

- Should a higher level of care be required Releases of Information (ROI) will be obtained for contracted facilities after which, the facilities will be contacted to find availability for a bed and complete the Treatment Funding Agreement.

Please note should the community member be under the influence of any mood-altering substances, consent cannot legally be given and we would be unable to treat. However, the community member can enter one of the three facilities we have contracted with for emergent detox services by contacting either of the Behavioral Health Patient Service Coordinators, who will find an available therapist to coordinate that service (please note this may not be same day access, which is outside of HCN Behavioral Health's control).

Furthermore, if there are pending legal issues the Community Member can still go to treatment, but would need consent from their attorney. We do not want our agency licensing at risk for "aiding or abetting". Authorization would need to be obtained from the court.