

Spotlight on



Joint Commission standards improve safety outcomes for Monarch North Carolina.

Monarch North Carolina, a statewide mental health and human services agency, transitioned one of its clinics to a Certif ed Community Behavioral Health Clinic model of care in 2018. The clinic simultaneously partnered with The Joint Commission to improve safety outcomes and care quality.

Created in response to increased community needs for new models of care, CertiÙed Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care. The CCBHC model can optimize an organization scope of services, staining policies and care coordination activities. Together, those standards raise the bar for the delivery of community-based services.

Monarch North Carolina, a statewide mental health and human services agency, serves over 28,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and supports mental illness and substance abuse. The organization transitioned its Stanly County clinic to the CCBHC model and found great success in community-wide outcomes.

Along with adding programs to achieve Executive O cer for Monarch North Carolina, and Monique Lucas, Monarch Pormer Vice

President of Integrated Care, shared about the process and results of implementing these changes. Read

The 11 Tenets of Safety Culture

The Joint Commission delhes safety culture as, Ia sum of what an organization is and does in the pursuit of safety.

To support health care organizations in implementing a safety culture, The Joint Commission has developed these 11 key tenets within its safety culture framework:

A New Framework for Understanding Safety Culture

Using the Tracer Methodology to inform improved practices

Tracer Methodology allows quality management stato follow a specific patient bejourney through the healthcare system, in order to track quality issues, safety issues and exceeding policies and procedures.

Tracer Methodology empowered Monarch North Carolina to identify deÙciencies in care and address them in a timely manner. Tracer Methodology checks performance against both Joint Commission standards as well organizational quality standards.

Continual Readiness

Monarch North Carolina also collaborated with The Joint Commission to implement continual readiness measures, including

- Developing a Continual Readiness Team
- · Regularly publishing informational newsletters for sta
- Conducting tracer updates and support.
- Engaging in Ímicrolearnings, Î which communicated useful information to the team in just a few minutes

Learn more about the difference The Joint Commission made for Monarch's move to the

