FOCUSING ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES, RESOURCE AVAILABILITY AND GAP ANALYSIS

- Ensuring a stakeholder driven process for comprehensive approach to managing care for those who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse or co-occurring disorders
- Specific to Manatee County
- Coordinates and collaborates through Circuit 12

- In 2011, 20% of Americans 18 and older experienced mental illness
 - For survey mental illness defined as having diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder (excluding developmental or substance abuse disorders)
- 5% of Americans suffered from a **serious** mental illness
 - Mental illness resulting in serious functional impairment substantially interfering with 1 or more major life activities

- Medical issues frequently occur with mental illness including cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity
 - Treatment of mental illness can significantly reduce the effects of those medical disorders.
- Economic impact of mental illness
- Substance abuse 3x higher among adults who experienced mental illness and over 4x higher in those with serious mental illness

- Diverse membership including consumers, providers and interested community partners
- Monthly meetings
- Priority focus
- Incorporating reports from other stakeholder groups
- Must encompass the continuum of care to achieve any level of success
- Prevention, education and wellness critical for this to be a healthy community