What is ND Cares

• ND Cares is a coalition of more than 45 military and civilian professionals dedicated to the care and support of North Dakota Service Members, Veterans, Families, and Survivors (SMVFS).

• ND Cares is not a provider of services; rather, it is dedicated to improving understanding of the needs and services required by our heroes who should be able to access them close to home.
ND Cares Mission

Strengthening an accessible, seamless network of support for Service Members, Veterans, Families, and Survivors

ND Cares Goals

• Conducting a comprehensive assessment of needs.

• Integrating existing programs and resources to strengthen an effective and efficient system.

• Developing a leader network to support collaborative efforts.
ND Cares Priority

• The coalition’s priority is behavior health, defined as a state of mental and emotional being and/or choices and actions that affect wellness.

• The Coalition’s interest in behavior health services focuses on promotion of emotional health, prevention of mental disorders, prevention of substance use disorders, treatment and recovery support.
Program Components

• Coalition
  • Involve other ND coalitions
  • Link issues/agencies to the proper resource for resolution
  • Educate each other on services/resources
  • Replace state ISFAC

• Community (31 communities)
  • Steering Committee
  • Network that may be integrated into regional ISFAC (Regional Networks) meetings

• Company (in development)
  • Steering Committee
  • Embedded into Community Steering Committee
  • Employer Mentorship Program (Employers, Job Service, Budget Consultant, SMVFS)
  • Sponsorship for events
  • Universities (to be developed)

• MOOUT
  • Four State FTEs
  • Assigned region (by county) to support
  • Link SMVFS to services/resources needed to address the issue presented.
ND Cares Evolution Timeline
2011 thru 2016

04/13/2011 Joining Forces announced by 1st Lady Obama and Dr. Jill Biden

Obama signs Executive Order (EO) improving access to mental health services for Service Members, Veterans, their Families, and Survivors (SMVFS) 08/31/2012

ND contingent attends Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Policy Academy 05/2013

01/08/2015 Executive Order (EO) 2015-01 Signed by ND Governor

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09/2015 ND Cares Executive Director authorized under Office of the Adjutant General (TAG)

ND Cares Coalition Strategic Planning Session 10/13/2015

09/2016 2nd person hired for ND Cares

03/13/2013 National Guard Bureau (NGB) signs Joining Community Forces (JCF) agreement

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ND Cares Next Steps Timeline
2017 - 2018

- 04/2017 Implement ND Cares Company Program
- Star Behavioral Health Tier 1
- 05/2017 Signup 1st Company
- 02/28/2017 1st ND Cares Community Training
- 03/28/2017 League of Cities March Madness
- 03/2017 Begin statewide marketing campaign
- 01/04/2016 ND Cares website activation
- 04/2017 ND Cares Community Training

Bin Items
- Employer Mentorship Initiative
- Veteran Student Mentorship Program
- Strategic Plan Session
  - September 2017
- ND Cares Summit
  - 2018

??/2018 ND Cares Summit
ND Cares Funding
2017 thru 2019

• People
  • 1 ND Cares Employee - $140,000 ND Cares
  • 4 MOUT Employees - $540,000 Reintegration ($133,000 less than previous biennium)

• Operating Costs (ND Cares)
  • $150,000 ($40K less than previous biennium)
    • Advertising (North Dakota Broadcasters Association)
    • Marketing
    • Print
    • Conferences/meetings
    • IT/Website
Questions/Guidance?
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