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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

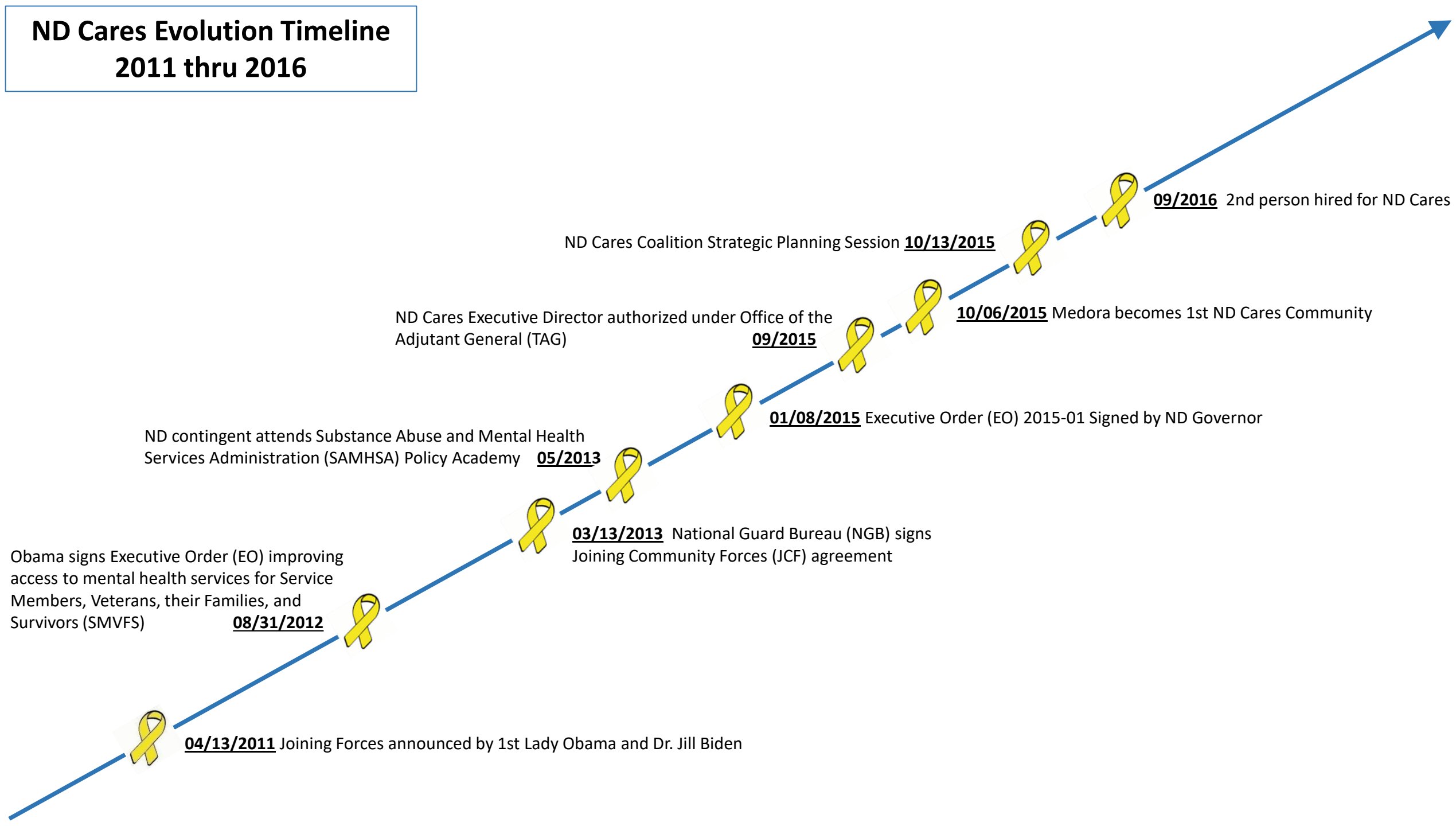
- The coalition's priority is behavior health, defined as a state of mental and emotional being and/or choices and actions that affect wellness.
- The Coalition's interest in behavior health services focuses on promotion of emotional health, prevention of mental disorders, prevention of substance use disorders, treatment and recovery support.

Program Components

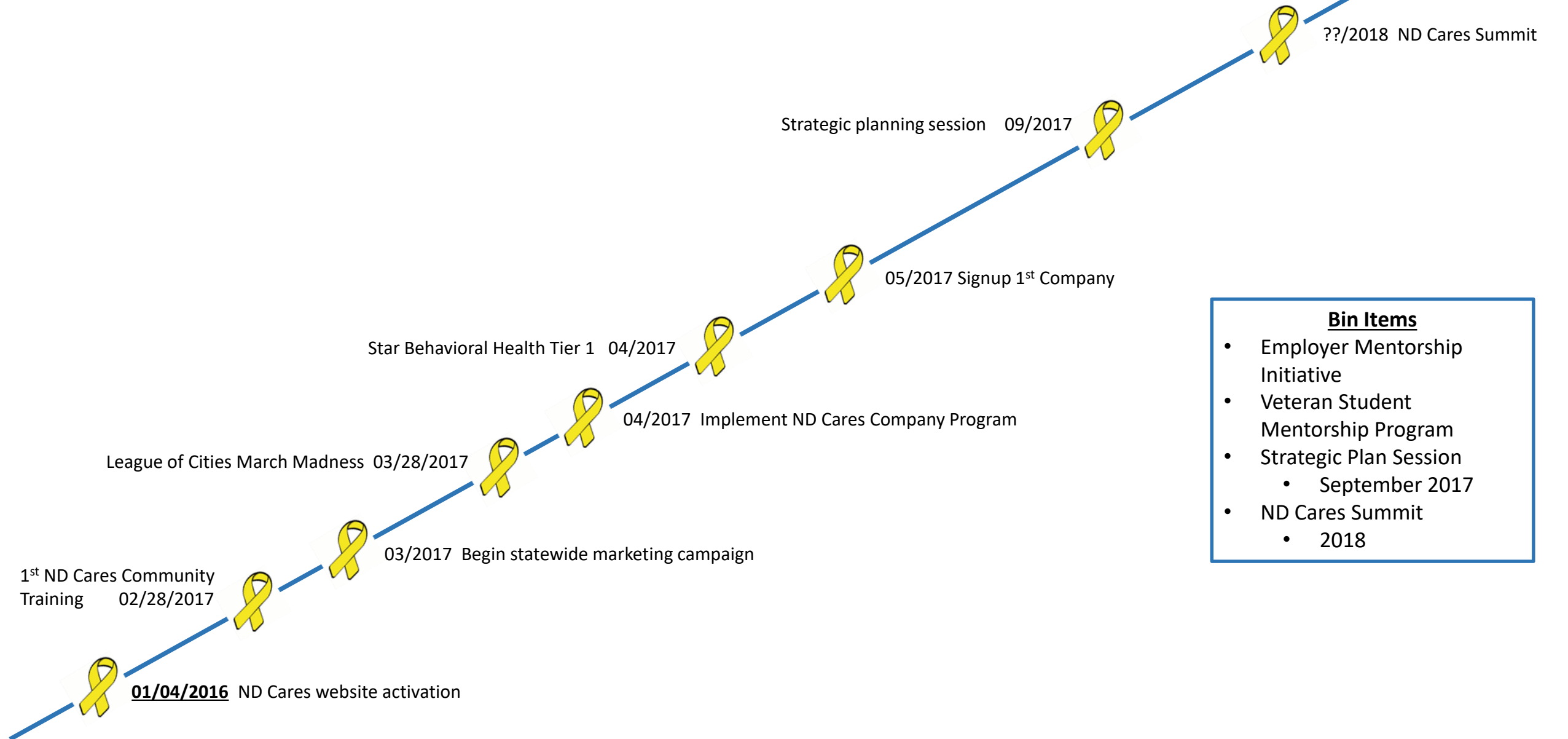
- Coalition
 - Involve other ND coalitions
 - Link issues/agencies to the proper resource for resolution
 - Educate each other on services/resources
 - Replace state ISFAC
- Community (31 communities)
 - Steering Committee
 - Network that may be integrated into regional ISFAC (Regional Networks) meetings
- 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)
- MOUT
 - 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



ND Cares Next Steps Timeline 2017 - 2018



Bin Items

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

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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