



2017-2018 Project Work Plan

Focus Area 1: Minimum Data Set (MDS)

- **Implementing a comprehensive MDS for behavioral health:** This project will focus on analyzing minimum data sets developed to collect information on organization/system structures, financing, and patient encounters; determine how the workforce MDS developed in previous years aligns with other minimum data sets to create a comprehensive monitoring system for behavioral health. In addition, this project will focus on MDS implementation. Previous projects have been aimed toward ensuring the development of data collection tool for the behavioral health workforce that will provide comprehensive data to inform workforce estimates and aid in workforce planning. This project focuses on the methodology for implementing a national data collection system.