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**T**HE MATRIX focused the work of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) by aligning policy, program, and resource allocation with priority areas and cross-cutting management principles. It is a dynamic tool that has and will continue to evolve over time based on input from the field and identified needs. The purpose of the Matrix remains—advancing SAMHSA’s vision and mission.

**THE VISION, MISSION, PRIORITIES, AND PRINCIPLES** resonated for me when I first saw them. They are consistent with the approach I built my own clinical practice on and used in my work in communities and in State government. In particular, the emphasis on collaboration, workforce, data for decision making, evidence-based practice, and accountability is critical for advancing the fields of prevention, treatment, mental health, and recovery support services.

**THE MATRIX IS ALL ABOUT CONNECTION AND INTERACTION.** It provides a graphic representation of the collaboration needed to promote holistic, integrated approaches that advance the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Through an integrated approach, mental and substance use disorders will be treated with the same urgency as other health conditions, and services will be more readily available where they are most easily accessed by people who need them.

It will take all of us working in partnership to build resilience and facilitate recovery across the Nation and make the vision of “A Life in the Community for Everyone” a reality for all.

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# SAMHSA Matrix of Priorities

## Cross-Cutting Principles

### Programs/Issues

Science and Service/  
Evidence-Based Practices

Data for Performance  
Measurement &  
Management

Collaboration with Public,  
Private & International  
Partners

Reducing Stigma &  
Discrimination & Other  
Barriers to Services

Cultural Competency/  
Eliminating Disparities

Community & Faith-Based  
Approaches

Trauma & Violence (e.g.,  
Physical & Sexual Abuse)

Financing Strategies &  
Cost-Effectiveness

Rural & Other Specific  
Settings

Disaster Readiness &  
Response

Co-Occurring Disorders

Substance Abuse Treatment  
Capacity

Seclusion & Restraint

Strategic Prevention Framework

Children & Families

Mental Health System  
Transformation

Suicide Prevention

Homelessness

Older Adults

HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis

Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Workforce Development

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