

LOCAL BUSINESS PLAN

For
Proposed Eight County
(Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell,
Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, and Yancey)

LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY

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A note about this document

This document is a report of The Proposed Eight County Local Management Entity's (Blue Ridge Center /Rutherford-Polk/TREND) local business plan. It cannot be overstated that *the reform plan and effort is a work in progress*. The general framework for mental health reform in the eight county region, proposed herein by various workgroups, is a framework that is neither complete nor "chiseled in stone." **This document** provides a summary of the process and current design and **should be taken as a report of efforts to date**, subject to change based on future community input, monetary and structural changes required by state and local government, and organizational integrity to meet consumer needs.