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**BOLDER GOALS,  
BETTER RESULTS**

Seven Breakthrough  
Strategies to Improve  
Mental Illness Outcomes

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# THE ORIGINAL BOLD NEW APPROACH



**JOHN F. KENNEDY**

*XXXV President of the United States: 1961-1963*

**50 - Special Message to the Congress on Mental Illness and Mental Retardation.**

*February 5, 1963*

**Accessible for the American Presidency Project:**

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*Mental illness and mental retardation  
are among our most critical health problems.*



*They occur more frequently, affect more people, require more prolonged treatment,  
cause more suffering by the families of the afflicted, waste more of our human resources  
and constitute more financial drain ... than any other single condition.*

*This situation has been tolerated far too long. It has troubled our national conscience—but only as a problem unpleasant to mention, easy to postpone, and despairing of solution.*



*The time has come for a **bold new approach**....*



*New medical, scientific and social  
tools and insights are now available.*

*Our attack must be focused on **three major objectives**.*

JFK's BOLD NEW APPROACH:

## #1: PREVENT and ERADICATE

- ❖ **Seek out** causes for mental illness and retardation
- ❖ Use that knowledge to **prevent** these conditions

*Here, more than in any other area, "an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure."*

## JFK's BOLD NEW APPROACH

# #2: **STUDY** and **TRAIN**

- ❖ **Strengthen** the underlying resources of knowledge and, above all, of skilled personnel
- ❖ **Increase** existing mental health training programs and launch new ones

*If we are to learn more about how to prevent and treat the crippling or malfunction of the mind, research efforts must be expanded and the mental health work force must increase several-fold.*



JFK's BOLD NEW APPROACH

## #3: PROGRAM and EQUIP

**Strengthen and improve** community-based programs and facilities serving the population

*The emphasis should be upon timely and intensive diagnosis, treatment, training and rehabilitation...*

*We cannot afford to postpone any longer a reversal in our approach to mental affliction. For too long the shabby treatment of the many millions of the mentally disabled in custodial institutions and many millions more now in communities needing help has been justified on grounds of inadequate funds, further studies and future promises. We can procrastinate no more.*



February 5, 1963

***FAST FORWARD...***

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# PSYCH SERVICES ANNIVERSARY

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Psychiatric Services, Vol 50, Issue 1, 2000

1950-2000: FIFTY YEARS IN REVIEW



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# The Problem: Everyone seems to be burdened, backlogged, and waiting....for "Beds"

The New York Times

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## SYSTEM TO TREAT MENTAL PATIENTS IS OVERBURDENED

By JOSH BARBANEL  
Published: February 22, 1988

Correction Appended

Overcrowding at municipal psychiatric wards in New York City has reached record levels, according to city doctors, who say they fear that the mental-health system is heading for a collapse.

"The system is moving toward disaster," said the director of psychiatry at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, Dr. Martin Kesselman. "We can no longer give reasonable assurances of the safety of patients or staff in our emergency room."

At one point last week, each of the 1,160 adult psychiatric beds in the city's 11 municipal hospitals was filled, while 108 additional patients, some handcuffed to wheelchairs for days at a time, were crammed into wards, hallways and emergency rooms.

### Upsurge in Patients

The overcrowding is the latest in a series of episodes that have troubled a costly, fragmented and, by most accounts, backward mental-health system since the state emptied many of its long-term psychiatric wards in the 1950's and 1960's.

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## Mental health problems put stress on emergency rooms



BY NORA DOYLE-BURR

Valley News



RANDOLPH, VT. — It's no secret that both New Hampshire and Vermont lack a sufficient number of beds for people suffering mental health problems, forcing some hospitals to serve as holding stations while patients wait for an appropriate facility.

## Patients Wait Hours, Days As Demand For ER Psychiatric Beds Grows

June 05, 2017

By Deborah Becker

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For five straight days this spring, Patty — who doesn't want her last name used to protect her son's privacy — sought refuge in the chapel at Heywood Hospital in Gardner. That's where her 28-year-old son Eric had been waiting for a psychiatric treatment bed.



MENU

NEWS abc 13 WLOS WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

## Mental hospital filled with inmates, while other patients wait for help

by Kimberly King





# Beyond Beds

The Vital Role of a Full  
Continuum of Psychiatric Care



October 2017

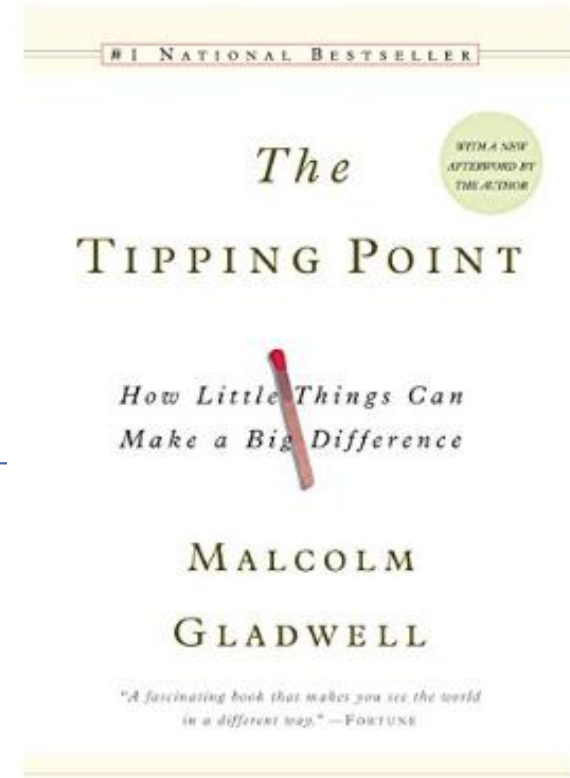


## A Paradigm Shift Toward the Vital Role of the Continuum of Care

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# THE CASE FOR TIPPING...

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# CANCER

*"There is broad agreement that cancer research has advanced to the stage where a substantial increase in resources and effort could be very productive." ~ 92nd Congress, 1970*

## 1970

- Cancer is the #2 cause of death in the U.S.
- President Nixon declares "war on cancer"
- Congress declares the "conquest of cancer" a "national crusade"

## 1971+

- Congress passes the National Cancer Act
- Congress authorizes \$1.6 billion in cancer research over the next three years
- 15 National Cancer Institute research centers, local control programs and an international cancer research data bank open.

1990 .....> 2014

THE OVERALL CANCER DEATH RATE  
IN THE UNITED STATES

FELL BY

25%

Source: SEER Cancer Statistics Review (CSR) 1975-2014  
cancer.gov

# HIV/AIDS

*Nobody really knows what the tipping point for reducing AIDS may be. Donald Des Jarlais, an epidemiologist at Beth Israel Hospital, in Manhattan, estimates that halving new infections to 20,000 a year would be ideal. ~ "The Tipping Point," New Yorker Magazine, 1996*

## 1980s

- AIDS epidemic starts in 1981
- AIDS death rate by 1987 is 95%
- Zidovudine (AZT) in 1987 becomes the first anti-HIV drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration

## 1990s

- Congress passes the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act and authorizes funds for AIDS research and treatment
- AIDS deaths peak in 1995
- AIDS death rate declines 47% by 1997

## 2018

- Congress budgets \$2.2 billion in federal funds AIDS research
- New AIDS diagnoses are in a multi-year decline
- AIDS death rate is 22%

**~ In 2016, 18,160 people received an AIDS diagnosis. ~ Centers for Disease Control**

# MALARIA

*"Our goal is a world free of malaria." – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

2000

- 839,000 people worldwide die of malaria, 723,000 of them children
- Less than 2% of sub-Saharan Africa's people sleep under mosquito nets
- Spending on malaria control totals less than \$200 million

2000—2014

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation commits to eradicating malaria
- The Gates Foundation alone gives more than \$3 billion to reach that goal
- Nearly 1 billion insecticide-treated mosquito nets are distributed in sub-Saharan Africa

2015

- 438,000 people worldwide die of malaria, 306,000 of them children
- 55% of sub-Saharan Africa's people sleep under mosquito nets
- An estimated 663 million cases of malaria worldwide are estimated to have been avoided since 2000

*... the target of Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 6 "to have halted and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria" has been achieved. ~World Health Organization, 2015*

# ***EARLY-INTERVENTION PROGRAMS***

*for initial episode of psychosis*

**2008**

- First-episode coordinated care specialty (CCS) programs are operating in **2 states**

**2008-2016**

- 2008: NIMH begins funding large-scale studies to develop a model for treating first-episode psychosis
- 2014-2016: Congress repeatedly authorizes funding for CCS programs and includes more in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act

**2018**

- CCS programs are operating in at least **48 states**

***Coordinated specialty care has been shown to be more effective at reducing symptoms, improving quality of life and increasing involvement in work or school. ~ National Institute of Mental Illness, 2016***

**BOLDER GOALS,  
BETTER RESULTS**

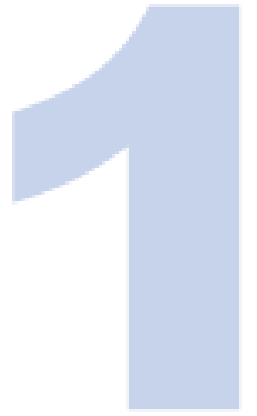
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# ***GOAL CRITERIA***

Each bold goal meets these three criteria:

- ❖ **Achievable** – Previous success and substantial public-private support already have laid a foundation for success
- ❖ **Measurable** – Progress toward the goal and results are verifiable with objective, evidence-based measures
- ❖ **Far-reaching** – Large numbers of youth, adults, families and others would experience improved outcomes as a result






## **BOLD GOAL**

**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

Early screening, identification and timely response after the onset of mental illness symptoms in youth and adults



## **BOLD GOAL**


# 2

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**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

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Access to effective medication and other evidence-based therapies for individuals with psychiatric conditions



## **BOLD GOAL**

# 3

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**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

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Compliance with legal requirements for health care networks to make the full continuum of psychiatric care available to patients



## **BOLD GOAL**


# 4

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**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

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Access without delay to the most appropriate 24/7 psychiatric emergency, crisis stabilization, inpatient or recovery bed



## **BOLD GOAL**


# 5

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**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

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Diversion from arrest, detention or incarceration when individuals with mental illness intersect with the justice system and can be appropriately redirected



## **BOLD GOAL**


# 6

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**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

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Homeless people with serious  
mental illness permanently  
housed



# **BOLD GOAL**

# 7

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**BOLD  
GOAL** **100%**

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Suicides prevented

# BACK TO THE FUTURE

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# Problems



# Solutions

*“It always seems impossible  
until it’s done.”*



*Nelson Mandela*

# Comments? Questions? Feedback?

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