

**Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral and Developmental Services
Mission, Vision, Values Statements**

To help Departmental staff, the providers with whom we work, and the families and clients we serve, the Department has established mission, vision and values statements, to guide the development of all our activities.

Mission Statement

The Department's mission is to join with individuals, families and communities to encourage and assist people with developmental disabilities, mental health disorders and substance abuse disorders to achieve good health and meaningful living, through resources that:

- build on the strengths and accomplishments of the past
- are local and regional
- encourage widespread participation in policy decisions and planning
- have no barriers in serving all disabilities
- are measured in terms of efficiency, outcomes and impact on quality of life.

Vision Statement

Maine citizens will freely and fully experience the highest quality of life regardless of illness or disability. To achieve this vision we will join with communities and people who receive and deliver services to:

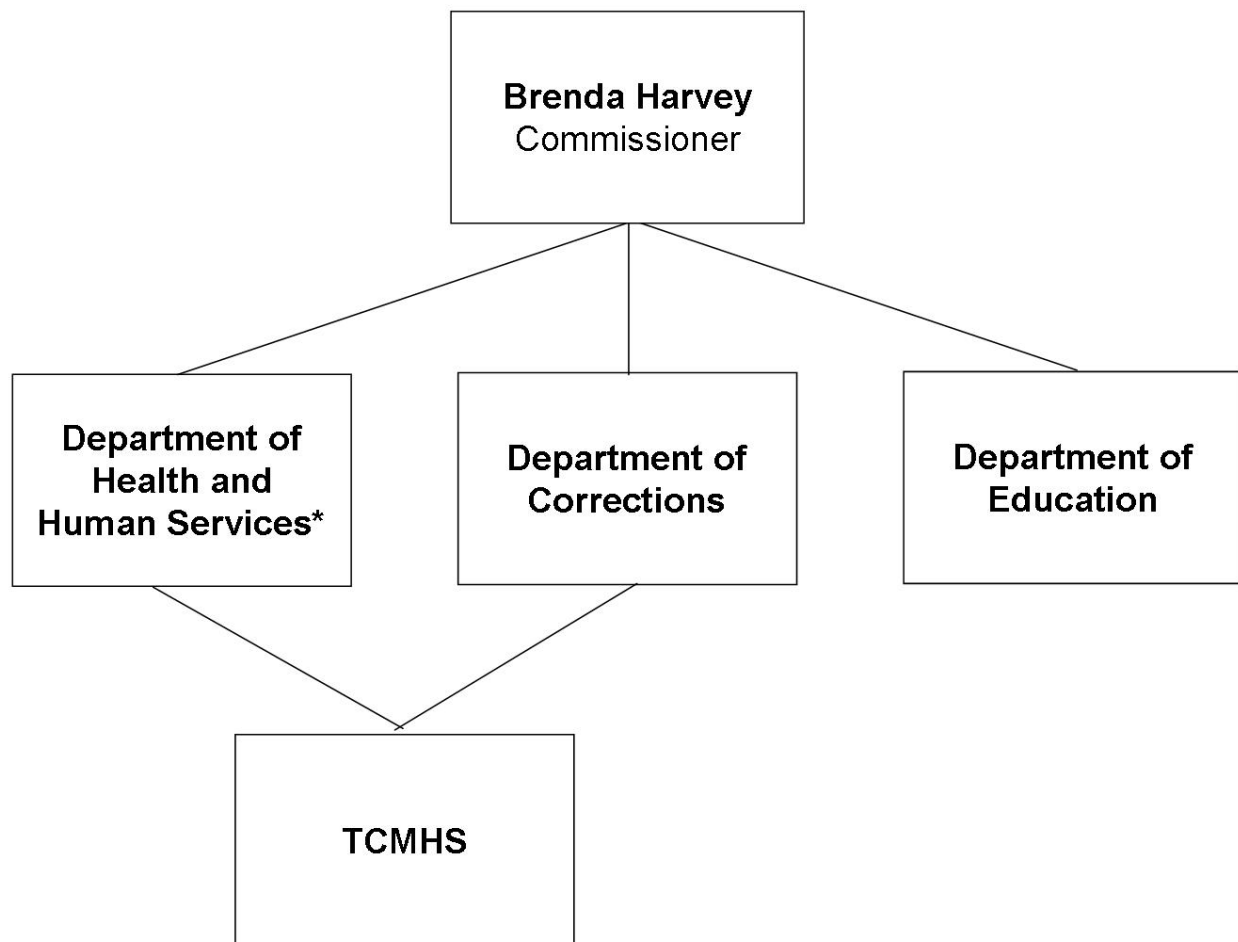
- support people to live in and be part of their communities
- promote and support aspirations and growth by building self-confidence, self-esteem and personal responsibility
- promote quality of life by participating in strengthening families and communities
- promote services that merit public confidence, trust and respect
- promote informed choices

Values

In support of our vision, we in the Department value

- Choice.
People have opportunities to make informed choices and get accessible, cost effective, individually tailored supports within their community.
- Access.
People have access to jobs, education, healthcare, housing, social, spiritual and recreational opportunities.
- Dignity.
People are treated with dignity and respect, and their rights are safeguarded by all who provide services to them.
- Quality.
People determine the quality of their supports based on the outcomes they experience.
- Prevention and Early Intervention.
Our emphasis on prevention and early intervention will help minimize the effects of illness and disability on people's every day lives.

Maine's Mental Health Service System



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