

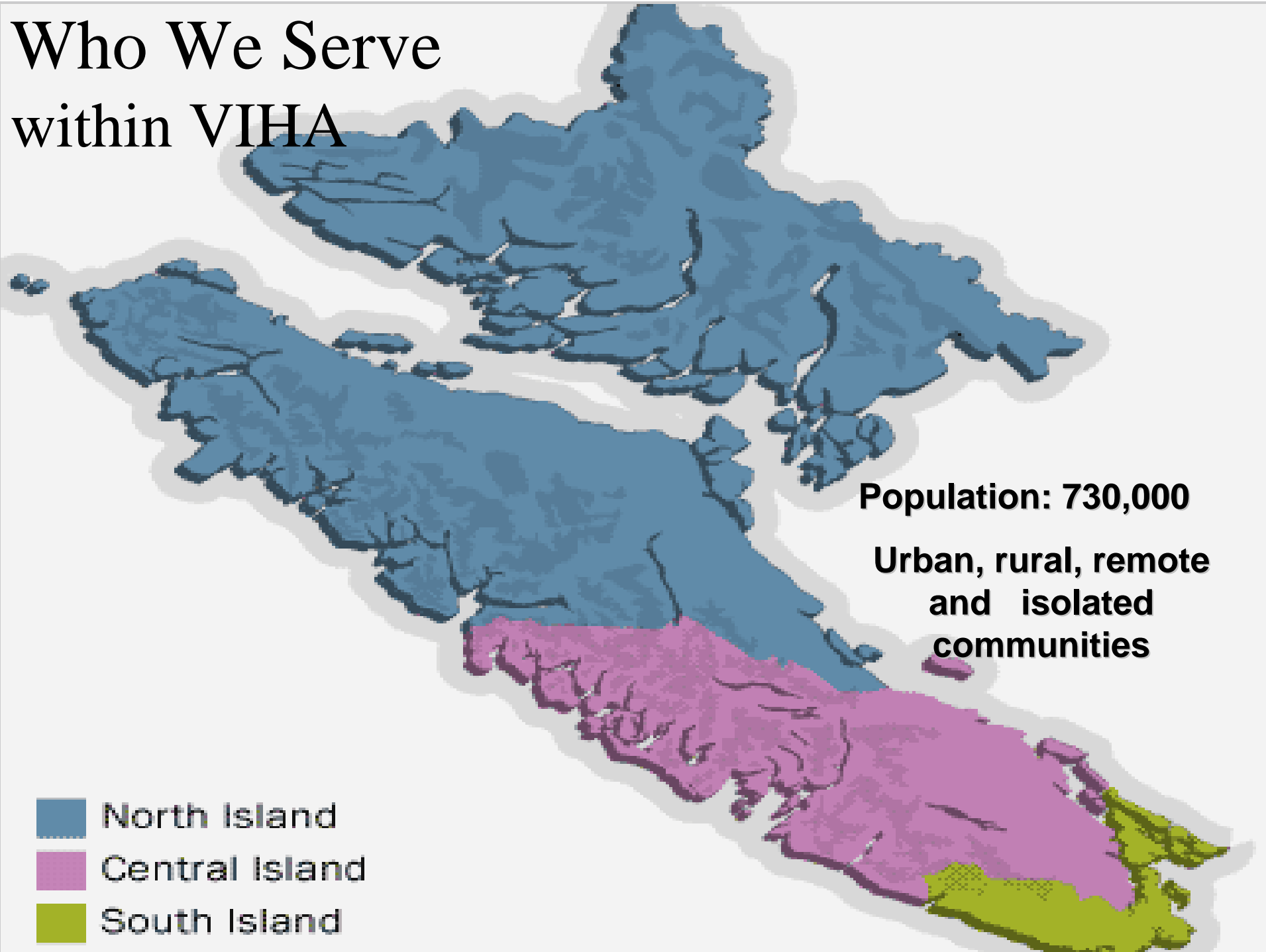
VANCOUVER ISLAND EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM STANDARDS

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Early psychosis initiative for BC
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Who We Serve within VIHA



- Early psychosis program started in Victoria 1996
- Case managers and service development 1998
- Island-wide EPI services from 2000
- Island-wide standards initiative started 2005
- Program standards accepted 2007

Standards include:

1. Public education about psychosis
2. One point access in each region to EPI clinician for child, adolescent, adult services
3. Rapid response

Response times

- 1) acknowledgement of referral within 2 working days
- 2) telephone intake within 3 days
- 3) initial face-to-face assessment within 7 days
- 4) client seen by psychiatrist within 2 weeks
- 5) consult to referring or family physician within 1 week of consultation
- 6) diagnostic workup completed within 8 weeks

ASSESSMENT

1. Psychiatric consultation
2. CT scan of head
3. EEG
4. Bay Area functional assessment by O.T.
5. Neuropsychological battery

ISSUES

1. Keeping time slots for urgent evaluation
2. Unevenness of O.T., psychology, CT services to patients in rural areas
3. Need to review time lines for assessments being completed
4. Training/lack of training

NEXT STEPS

1. Implementation plan to operationalize standards with 3 project teams with island wide membership for
 - a) Resource, gaps analysis
 - b) Competencies, Education
 - c) Evaluation, Data collection

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2. Implementation plan will identify key implementation issues specific to scope of each project team.
3. Plan will identify resource requirements.
4. Plan will identify an action plan on steps needed and who will be responsible.

Resource/Gaps Analysis Project Team

- VIHA has rural communities lack access to resources and program support available in large centers.
- Project team will identify what resources have, what needed, implications in order to meet standards.
- Action plan on steps needed.

Competencies/Education Project Team

- Identify competencies required for an EPI clinician
- Identify what are educational training needs
- Recommend curriculum development

Evaluation/Data Collection

- Federal gov't funding of \$2.6million from Canada Health Infoway to the Bridges project VIHA
- Project facilitated the implementation of a standardized electronic client documentation form within Cerner software and development of a decision-support referral software (Pathways)
- Patients can be tracked through the system and data collected on diagnosis, treatment, number of hospital days, ER visits, etc.

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Evaluation/Data Collection, continued

- EPI will have its own tracking area within Cerner to build system to track the Program Standards and the success rate
- Eventual goal share information across health authorities in B.C.