



Dan M. Aune, MSW, President of Aune Associates Consulting offers wealth of administrative, program and clinical supervision, and business development experience. Along with Mr. Aune’s consulting experience he acts as the Executive Director of a Montana-based statewide mental health advocacy and education non-profit organization serving Montana. Before developing Aune Associates Consulting, Mr. Aune served as the Business Development Director and Senior Consultant for

OPEN MINDS, a national behavioral health consultant group. In this role, he developed consulting business across the United States and provided consulting to State and County government and private primary care and behavioral health providers. Mr. Aune has managed numerous behavioral health (inpatient and outpatient) and residential settings across the country to include Kentucky, North Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, and Montana.

Dan additionally serves as a technical assistance consultant for the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and the University of Maryland – National Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health working to build operational capacity to assist tribal health care organizations to financial sustainability. This work involves assisting Tribal communities in development of sustainable primary and behavioral health delivery systems. Mr. Aune also participates on state and national advocacy groups to develop a recovery-based service delivery system and programming material appropriate to the needs of community mental health services.

Dan acted as the primary incubatory and mentor for development Montana’s only peer-run recovery oriented peer service organization. Dan has been instrumental in a number of other states assisting AI/AN communities in the development of peer recovery services to include engaging state Medicaid and behavioral health divisions to work side by side with the communities. The work offers a financially sustainable approach to AI/AN communities recognizing the historical trauma and health care disparities these communities experience.

Professional Highlights

- Executive Director for MHA of MT
- TA consultant for the National Indian Child Welfare Association and the National Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health
- Senior Consultant for *OPEN MINDS*, a national behavioral health consultant group
- Developed sustainability model for delivery of behavioral health services in American Indian/Alaska Native communities
- CEO and Executive roles in behavioral health outpatient and inpatient settings
- Over 16 years of behavioral health consulting and training experience
- National Institute of Mental Health Advisory Steering Committee Member

Mr. Aune’s past administrative experience includes management of the Gallatin Mental Health Center in Bozeman, Montana where he brought community stakeholders – law enforcement, Court Commissioners, Hospital administration, and consumer/family members together to develop a campus-based delivery model to include a peer-run drop-in center, crisis stabilization, mental

health services, crisis response services and apartments targeted to those critically impacted by their mental health diagnosis.

Areas of Expertise

- Administration and management
- Fiscal Management
- Accomplished understanding of the Affordable Care Act and implications for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plans
- Grant development and implementation
- Inpatient, outpatient, & residential setting management
- National, state, & community collaborative contract negotiation
- Evolving consumer-oriented and consumer-directed recovery services
- Presenting on sustainable funding for behavioral health delivery systems
- TA with primary and behavioral health care integration

Dan also brings experience as the Pediatric Services – Clinic/Hospital Director at PRAIRIE St. John's in Fargo, North Dakota for 5 years ending 2004. In that role he was responsible for the delivery of pediatric psychiatric and substance abuse services to both inpatient, partial-hospital, and community-based psychiatric services. He also managed the Clinic & Clinician services within the hospital and clinic environment extending across multiple states.

Since 1998, Mr. Aune has maintained a consulting business specifically service American Indian/Alaska Native communities in the development of sustainable health care delivery systems. Mr. Aune received his dual Bachelors of Sociology/Social Work degree from Montana State University and his Masters of Social Work from the University of Denver. He maintains consultations in over 20 tribal

communities across North America.