Mental Health Services: A Public Health Perspective
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“This text provides an excellent “one stop shop” for anyone entering the mental health field and needing to get a comprehensive grounding on mental health care delivery systems. The volume represents an unusually rich gathering of the perspectives of scholars and high level practitioners. This is a must read for faculty, researchers, and policy makers who are engaging in issues of mental health delivery.”

-Richard G. Frank, PhD, Harvard University

About the Book
This revised and expanded third edition text utilizes a public health framework and the latest epidemiological, treatment, and service systems research to promote a comprehensive understanding of the organization, financing, and delivery of mental health and substance abuse services in the United States. Written by national experts in the field, this timely work will provide policymakers, administrators, clinicians, and public health and behavioral health graduate students with the knowledge base needed to manage and transform mental health service systems, both nationally and locally. Each chapter closes with a section titled “Implications for Mental Health” that highlights the importance of the chapter for the overall field of mental health services delivery.

The book is unique in providing a public health framework of the most significant issues facing mental health policy makers, administrators, planners, and practitioners. It combines issues (e.g., evaluation, law, ethnicity) that extend across different age groups, treatment settings, and disorders, with issues that are population and disorder specific.