

# **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Report**

## **2/3/2017**

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### **MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Annual Progress Report (APR) for FY 14/15 and MHSA 3-Year Plan Annual Plan Update (APU) for 16/17:**

- The MHSA Annual Plan Update (APU) for FY 16/17 has been posted for 30 days from January 3, 2017 through February 2, 2017.
- The Public Hearing is today at the Mental Health Board Meeting, February 3, 2017.
- The Plan will go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on 2/28/17.

### **Community Services and Supports (CSS):**

- Adding information on Housing support in the General System Development section of the plan
- Adding information on education and training of the workforce in the General System Development section of the plan

### **Housing:**

- Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (NCHDC) closed on the second MHSA house on 7/28/16. NCHDC has rental agreements with all of the current tenants. NCHDC has not started the rehab work on the second MHSA housing yet. The original contractor backed out at the last minute. NCHDC is working on securing a new contractor to do the following work: new roof, electrical, plumbing, painting and flooring.
- The Behavioral Health Department is working with potential partners to implement No Place like Home initiative.
- A group of people are meeting to create a Homeless Coordinated Entry (CE) process in Nevada County. Part of this process is utilizing 211 Nevada County to screen and make referrals to service providers. 211 will now be entering data into the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). Service providers will do a prioritization and assessment of the homeless individuals and provide them with services and/or refer to other service providers. The goal is to have a prioritized By-Name-List of homeless individual in our community so that we can provide housing to the most vulnerable individuals in our community. The CE program started on 8/1/2016. 211 Nevada County is screening homeless callers and is making referrals to housing service providers. The County HIPAA Officer and Placer and Nevada County Council have approved the HMIS Release of Information (ROI) form. The Salvation Army Council has approved the ROI form and the planning group is starting to train housing service providers. The Behavioral Health Department is in the process of identifying a staff member who will enter data into the HMIS.
- Homeless Connect Event occurred on January 24, 2017. On January 24<sup>th</sup> Nevada County conducted a Homeless Point-in-Time Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families. On the 24<sup>th</sup> the event at Hospitality House occurred from 10 AM to 2pm for homeless individuals and families to attend. There was food, supplies, entertainment, and services for the homeless. Volunteers conducted a survey of the homeless individuals. From 12:30 to 5 PM on the same day street teams went to homeless camps to survey individuals and families who could not make the event. Lastly, housing service providers provided documents on the beds available for homeless individual. Narrative report will be created on the results in the next month or two.

### **Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI):**

#### **1. Annual Plan Update (APU)**

- Adding information on housing outreach, engagement and support in the Access and Linkage portion of the plan to support rapid rehousing activities.
- Adding information on prevention services for the homeless population to support rapid rehousing activities. A collaboration between Turning Point and Hospitality House is being looked at.

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- Adding information on education and training of the workforce in the Administration and Outreach section of the plan.
  - Added information on Alternative Early Intervention for Youth and Young Adults in the Early Intervention Section
2. Continue to work with service providers on new evaluation requirements.
  3. Truckee Homeless Outreach worker in Truckee has moved to a new position within Project MANA. Nevada County has collaborated with Placer County to fund the position at 40 hours/week. Project MANA has just hired the Homeless Outreach staff member.
  4. BH staff is working with Gateway Mountain Center to get them to be able to bill Medi-Cal. Once our MHSA Annual Plan is approved they will be funded under PEI in FY 16/17. In the past years Victor has been subcontracting with them to provide services. It has been determined that it would be better to do this under the PEI component of MHSA. Gateway Mountain Center is also funded in part with a contract with the Wellness Center in Truckee (PEI contract with the Truckee Tahoe School District).

## Innovations:

- The Truckee Innovation Plan was approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on August 25, 2016. Phebe Bell and Michele Violetta have been working with the Family Resource Center of Truckee to amend their contract to hire a Family Advocate. The Family Advocate will work with the Homeless Outreach Worker, Crisis Case Manager, Promotoras and other community members that are working with Spanish speaking individuals that need case management and/or linkage to mental health services and supports. Phebe and Michele are also working with Nancy Callahan and Sierra Wellness Group and the Family Resource Center to start planning and collecting required evaluation data. This will take a few months to get in place as both organizations have hired or are in the process of hiring new staff. The new staff needs to be trained in their job first, than in evaluation procedures. It was learned this week that the Case Manager at Sierra Wellness Group is resigning. Another individual will need to be hired.
- The second Innovation Plan: Crisis Continuum of Care Collaboration Plan was presented to the MHSA Steering Committee on 12/12/16 and they supported moving the plan forward. The plan was presented to the Mental Health Board on 1/6/17 and was supported to move forward. Michele Violetta provided the Innovation Plan to staff at the MHSOAC (Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission) and was informed that they are in the process of changing their procedures and staff is overwhelmed with the number of proposals that they have. They will not be able to get to our Innovation Plan until the 8<sup>th</sup> of February or later. They suggested that we not post for 30 day public review until they have had a chance to review. The goal of this project is to learn how to develop and implement a coordinated, collaborative crisis system that includes several different organizational providers and multiple agencies to meet the needs of clients needing this enhanced level of services.

## Workforce Education and Training (WET)-

- Fiscal staff have determined what funds we have remaining for FY 16/17 and 17/18.
  - In our Annual Plan Update the County will be requesting that all funds in Action 5 (Our Voices Matter) be transferred to Action 4 (Interns).
  - If needed, the County will also request that Action 1 (workforce) funds be transferred to Action 4.
  - All WET funds have to be expended by June 30, 2018.
  - Three WRAP Facilitator trainers will be going to a WRAP Train-the-Trainer class at the end of the fiscal year.