

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

## **12/02/2016**

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### **MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Annual Progress Report (APR) and Exhibit 6 for FY 14/15 and MHSA 3-Year Plan Annual Plan Update (APU) for 16/17:**

- Jennifer Terhorst has finished writing the Annual Progress Report for FY 14/15 APR
- Michele Violetta is finished with writing all sections of the MHSA Annual Plan except for the fiscal sections.
- It is anticipated that the MHSA Annual Plan Update (APU) for FY 16/17 will be posted for 30 days from December 6, 2016 through January 5, 2017.
- The Public Hearing will be at the next Mental Health Board Meeting on January 6, 2017.
- If the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meets the second Tuesday in January, the Plan will go the BOS on 1/24/17.

### **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. 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 Counsel has approved the HMIS Release of Information (ROI) form. It is expected that The Salvation Army Council will approve the ROI next week.

### **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
  - 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 is in the process of hiring the Homeless Outreach staff member.

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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.

#### **Workforce Education and Training (WET)-**

- Working with fiscal staff to determine what funds we have remaining if any 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.