

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Report

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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 has collected data from the service providers and is starting to write the FY 14/15 APR, the CSS and PEI sections is almost done
- Michele Violet is working with fiscal staff to determine the estimated amount of funds expected to be received in FY 16/17 and how much WET and Innovation funds remain.
- The CSS section of the APU is done, working on the PEI and WET sections.

Community Services and Supports (CSS):

Annual Plan Update (APU)

- 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 is working on getting rental agreements with all of the current tenants. NCHDC will start to rehab the house in September or October: new roof, electrical, plumbing, painting and flooring.
- The Behavioral Health Department is working with potential partners to implement No Place like Home initiative.
- The Salvation Army is not able to implement the Rapid Rehousing program at this time. We will be working with Hospitality House.
- Michele Violet has written the three CoC grant renewal applications for Nevada County's three HUD housing projects. The documents have been submitted to the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS). The applications had to be turned into the HRCS by August 14, 2016 and HRCS has to turn them into HUD by September 14, 2016.
- Requested an extension for our Home Anew grant for four months and received an extension for two months. Michele Violet submitted the Annual Progress Report for this grant on 8/30/16.
- 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 Council has approved the HMIS Release of Information form.

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
 - Adding information on education and training of the workforce in the Administration and Outreach section of the plan
2. Continue to work with service providers on new evaluation requirements.
3. Truckee Homeless Outreach worker in Truckee is moving to a new position within Project MANA. They would like to have more hours for the new employee- at least 20 hours, was 15

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hours. Would ideally like 30-40 hours. There is a high demand for the services provided, more than can be provided in 15 hours per week.

4. Starting to fund Sierra Mountain Gateway in a separate contract 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. Sierra Mountain Gateway is also funded in part with a contract with the Wellness Center in Truckee (PEI contract with the Truckee Tahoe School District). Sierra Mountain Gateway's director is working with Yvonne Foley to be able to bill Medi-Cal for services provided.

Innovations:

- The Truckee Innovation Plan was approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on August 25, 2016. Phebe Bell will be setting up meetings to start the implementation process.

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.