

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

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### **MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) Annual Progress Report (APR) an Exhibit 6 for FY 13/14 and FY 14/15 and 3-Year Plan Update for 15/16 & 16/17:**

- MHSA Evaluator, Jennifer Terhorst, is collecting data for the APR and Exhibit 6 for FY 13/14 and for the FY 14/15 that just ended.
- The MHSA Coordinator is working on updating the Three-Year MHSA Plan.
  - PEI updates:
    - FREED Friendly Visitor program: Want to make sure that when we talk about individuals with a disability it can include an individual under the age of 60.
    - Senior Outreach Program: Update on who can do the assessments and case management-could be nurse, social worker or other trained professional.
    - Veterans Services Office Access and Linkage: Want to add Veterans as an underserved population that needs Access and Linkage services.
  - WET updates:
    - We anticipate that most funds will be expended after the current fiscal year, 2015/2016. All funds have to be expended by FY 17/18.
    - Updating the “Our Voice Matter” section to allow stipends or reimbursement for the individuals training program participants. The Behavioral Health Department is concerned that funds are not being spent on speaking engagements; many speakers are not requesting funds for their speaking engagements. However, SPIRIT is supporting this program. We want to support SPIRIT until the funds are expended.

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

- Respite Center is open and supporting guest on a daily basis.
- Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU):
  - Behavioral Health staff members are working to provide Psychiatry services to program participants, multiple options are being considered.
  - A “soft opening” of the CSU will occur on December 14, 2015.
  - All Crisis and CSU workers will be trained in our Electronic Health Record system.

### **Housing:**

- Nevada County Housing Development Corporation made a counter offer to the house they are looking to purchase.
- In October 2015 the Behavioral Health Department submitted to the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras three HUD Continuum of Care grant renewal applications. The funds from these grants will provide housing voucher support to individuals already enrolled in the program and for new applicants as vouchers become available.
- The Behavioral Health Department facilitated a meeting between Hospitality House and The Salvation Army for the two organizations to submit grant applications for Rapid-Rehousing (RRH) funds in the amount of \$182,650.
- The Department of Social Services was awarded \$263,000 in RRH funds to assist homeless CalWORKs families. The funds are enough to provide an average of six months of rent for 40 families. Family Resource Center (FRC) staff will provide service coordination/case management services. All referrals should be made to the County CalWORKs office (call the CalWORKs office at 530-265-1760 or their Employment and Training Worker directly), not the FRCs. To qualify for the program, families must be on CalWORKs and homelessness must be identified as a barrier to employment. Families must meet CDSS (California Department of Social Services) definition of homelessness: Families lack a fixed and regular nighttime residence and either 1) have a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised publically or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations or 2) reside in a public or

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private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings or 3) families with a judgment for eviction as ordered by a court. Families that are currently at Booth, Hospitality House and other shelters will be prioritized. It is anticipated that the program will start in December 2015. A waiting list will be created as needed and outreach will be done directly to CalWORKs families.

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

- Meetings have occurred with the Health and Human Services Agency Director, the Behavioral Health Department and the Veterans Service Office to expand the Veterans Service Offices ability to outreach and engage veterans and their families in services that the veteran and family is entitled to and will help the veteran and families reach their health and wellbeing goals and objectives. The Annual MHSA plan is being updated to include Veterans in the Access and Linkage portion of the plan.
- Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage program in western Nevada County is on hold at this time.
- Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage program in eastern Nevada County is moving forward.
- Nancy Callahan is working with providers to implement new evaluation regulations that went into effect on October 6, 2015 (small counties have a one year grace period to get evaluation processes and procedures in place).
- Working with fiscal staff to determine what funds to fund SPIRIT with in FY 13/14, 14/15 and 15/16. The plan says that they can be funded with CSS or PEI or a combination of both. We need to know this information to be able to move forward with our Annual Progress Report and to know if SPIRIT needs to provide additional information per the new PEI regulations.

#### **Innovations:**

- A meeting with Nancy Callahan has occurred to discuss her time availability to write Innovation plans.

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

- The Superior Region WET Peer Core Competency Training has been implemented and five individuals from Nevada County are participating in the program.
- WRAP Facilitator Training: November 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> here in Nevada County. We will be able to train up to 18 individuals. We have individuals from Respite Center, SPIRIT, Behavioral Health and other service providers attending.
- Advanced Peer Practices: Last year Nevada County Peer Supporters participated in a 10 day Peer Employment Training, Advanced Peer Practices is a three day training that is a follow-up training. The training is being provided by Recovery Opportunity Center who was awarded a MHSA grant to provide the training. The trainings will happen December 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Advanced Peer Practices is open to all Peers, they are not required to have completed the Peer Employment Training, but can be peers already working as a Peer Supporters or have completed a peer training from SPIRIT or New Directions, etc. The training is limited to 25 individuals.

#### **Technological Needs (TN): Anasazi**

- In early October the patient portal was rolled out in Anasazi. This allows clients, once trained, to be able to review their clinical summary information via any computer with internet access. Outreach is being conducted to train clients on the use of the patient portal.
- Continuing to work on getting Anasazi updated on the "Meaningful Use" requirements.