

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Report

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MHSA Annual Progress Report and Annual Plan Update: County MHSA Coordinators have created a universal template to be used by all counties. The template will be finalized on February 6, 2012. Any new, deleted, or program changes will need to be included in our Annual Plan Update.

Community Services and Supports (CSS): A new Request for Funding from SPIRIT has been received. The proposal is for SPIRIT Peer Counselors to provide support to individuals who are in a mental health crisis at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Emergency Department. The Peer Counselors will provide support and advocacy to individuals in emotional crisis while waiting in the Emergency Room (ER). The Peer Counselors will also provide follow-up support and advocacy to those individuals after leaving the ER.

The Alliance for Well Being has revised their proposal and resubmitted it.

The Mental Health Board would like to look at the Catherine Lane home and look at the possibility of expanding the tenant capacity. They would like to look at what we have done to date and what we need to do to move forward.

Housing: Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (NCHDC) has received approval from California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) to start the remodel of the MHSA House. Michele Violett is working with Behavioral Health staff to create the MHSA Housing Application forms and Housing Procedures. A meeting has been set up with Behavioral Health, Turning Point and NCHDC to finalize service coordination between all three agencies. Lastly, a training has been set up to train Service Coordinators and Managers on the MHSA Housing and Shelter Plus Care grant Programs. It is anticipated that individuals will be able to move into Winters' Haven sometime in March.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)-

Programs to be implemented:

- Columbia Teen Screening: Becky Slade is working on a Request for Proposals to implement this program.
- First Responder Training Update: First Responder Training is continuing to move forward. Ben Lopez has met with two certified Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Trainers (both retired police officers with extensive background doing these specific trainings). They are planning on providing CIT trainings on May 2nd and May 16th. Ben is also working on follow-up training that has been requested by the Sheriff Department.
- We are expanding the Latino Outreach contract with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS). The contract goes to the BOS on February 14, 2012. The contract has been expanded to include the following: the Latino men's group will be expanded; more psycho-educational groups will be provided that include their families; the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) model will be used with individuals and groups; the Promotora will continue to meet with WRAP participants at least bi-monthly for a year after their WRAP Plans have been created; the Promotora will have regular advertised hours at the Hennessey Family Resource Center where she will help Spanish speakers access services in the community; and the Promotora will organize three additional social functions for the Spanish speaking community where psycho-educational curriculum will be presented.

Programs under contract/being implemented: Suicide Prevention, Senior Outreach, Dial 2-1-1, Homeless Outreach, Medical Provider Training, Latino Outreach, Forensic Outreach, Second Step, Early Intervention for Youth at Risk, and mentoring programs.

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Innovations-

- The Behavioral Health Department applied for the Health Care Innovation Challenge Grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services and Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation. Our grant proposal was submitted for \$5,550,771 to cover a three-year period. Our proposal, Health Innovation Project (HIP) develops an integrated approach to physical and mental health care and has multiple components: early identification of shared clients; deliver education and training to providers across the system; use of best practice models; use of Health Navigators (client and family members) and Transition Age Youth (TAY) PEER Mentors to support individuals and families and link them to services; develop respite care through contract providers to help resolve crises and reduce the need for hospitalizations; and each participant will have one integrated health care plan.

Workforce Education and Training (WET)-

Training:

- Mental Health First Aid: Our next classes are: February 7-8th (full), April 26-27th (full), and June 13 & 20th.
- Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) Training: Group has met and is planning how to roll out WRAP training program into the community. Some individuals are already providing classes. Two individual did an Agency WRAP Plan at SPIRIT.
- Our Voices Matter is meeting monthly at SPIRIT. At last month's Mental Health Board meeting it was discussed that individuals that speak at public meetings, their information that they share with the board is part of the public record. All speakers need to be aware that meetings are recorded and minutes are published and shared with the public.
- Immersion Training-We still have seats available in March and May.

Superior Region Mental Health WET Partnership: To date Chico State University has received 63 applications for the Masters in Social Work Program. Of the 63 applications 45 are from individuals in the Superior Region, including applications from Nevada County. The application time period to apply for a Bachelors Degree in Social Work has been extended to March 1, 2012. Lastly, the Superior Region is working on a scope of work to create a request for proposals to create a career pathway between community colleges, high school students and community based organizations.

Capital Facility (CF)

No activities.

Information Technology (IT): Anasazi

- Training to bring up the clinician's portion of the Anasazi system: ATP, Assessment, Treatment and Planning have started. Session one and two are complete. Session three will be on February 7-9th. The system will go live on February 10, 2012. Clinicians will start to input all services they provide and progress notes into Anasazi as of February 10, 2012.

Exhibit 6 Progress Report-

Cathy Cross and Michele Violett are continuing to work on Exhibit 6 Progress Reports for FY 10/11 and FY 11/12.