

MHSA Update

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1. Prevention and Early Intervention.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), two staff have been hired: Kim Honeywell .75 FTE and Julia Robertson .50 FTE. They will be trained in Living Works Suicide Prevention model. Dave Moeller from the Union will be interviewing them for an article. Nevada County has a high suicide rate. We will not use PEI funds for Second Step (except in Truckee) as the Schools have received a grant that can be used to fund it. This will free up some PEI funds that can be used for Veterans. Veterans are high risk for suicide, mental illness, substance abuse and domestic violence. We may have to modify our plan and have a Public Hearing.

2. Technology Needs Project Proposal Public Hearing.

This project is an Electronic Health Record (EHR) and a billing/administration system. This plan will be submitted to the State after comments from today's public hearing. The request for proposal (RFP) was released in June 2009. There were nine responses to the RFP. Three of the vendors have given demonstrations of their product. No decision has been made as to which vendor to purchase the system from. The Technological Needs Proposal asks for the funds to pay for implementation of the new software system. We will be asking for all of the Capital Facilities/Technology funds remaining (\$721,944) for our County so that the funds will be in our account, even though we don't expect to use all the funds for this project. The CSS/Capital Facilities/Technology subcommittee members have suggested that they meet and reprioritize the remaining funds. A new plan would be required for any new projects. Guy Kerr stated that the Information Technology piece grew from a component of the Capital Facilities/Technology Plan to the major component in the last few months. It was originally slated to be \$200,000 - \$350,000, but at the last Capital Facilities/Technology Meeting it grew to \$550,000 and now it is \$721,000. Guy Kerr wants to maximize the funds remaining to be able to continue with as many of the other projects on the list as possible. Michele Violet stated that we are asking for all of the remaining Capital Facilities/Technology funds. We do not know what the implementation cost will be for the billing and electronic health record system. Guy Kerr wants us to choose a system that works, but to keep in mind the cost of the system so that there are funds remaining for other projects.

3. CSS 2009/10 Plan Update Public Hearing.

There is very little expansion in this plan update due to declining revenues. SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center received \$5,000 to expand to Truckee. Funding for Sierra Family Medical Clinic outreach and engagement in the North San Juan area. The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will receive \$3,000 for outreach and engagement of the clients they serve. There will be some expansion of FSP contracts. Michael Heggarty stated that the largest expansion with MHSA Programs has been in Children's Services primarily with Victor and EMQ Families First. The expansion was due to the increase in Medi-Cal revenue that Victor and EMQ Families First have earned. One of the requirements is that at least 50% of funds must be directed toward full service partnerships (FSP). We have 77% of funding directed to full service partnerships.

The State has changed the Prudent Reserve Requirements. Requirements for Prudent Reserve are 50% of planning estimate plus prior year funds. The State will also be lifting Prudent Reserve requirements for next year due to the economy and fewer MHSA funds being collected in taxes. It is better for us not to add additional Prudent Reserve as we would have write a plan and hold a public hearing in order to remove funds. The State in the Friday morning calls also advised counties not to add to the Prudent Reserve. We have approximately one million in Prudent Reserve funds and another one million in unspent funds from prior year. Michael Heggarty does not like the form showing a shortfall in Prudent Reserve funding. Martin Polt recommends that the one million in unspent funds be used to fund programs as needed. This is a three year plan, so there are multiple years to spend the funds.

Michele Violett opened the meeting for Public Comments on the CSS 2009/10 Plan Update. There were no Public Comments. Michele Violett closed the Public Comment Period.