

## **MHSA Update April 2009**

**1. Additional Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan Public Hearing – Michele Violett. Handout.**

The public hearing was opened to take comments from the public. Public comments from today's meeting will be included in the WET Plan submission to the State.

**2. Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan Public Hearing – Michele Violett. Handout.**

There will be a second Prevention and Early Intervention Public Hearing on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Behavioral Health Department at 500 Crown Point Circle in Grass Valley.

The public hearing was opened to take comments from the public. Public comments from today's meeting will be included in the WET Plan submission to the State.

**3. Behavioral Health Director's Report, Grant & MHSA update – Handouts.**

**Michael Heggarty & Michele Violett.**

The Behavioral Health budget is balanced and has a surplus. Behavioral Health will be shifting \$240,000 in realignment funds to Public Health. Public Health in prior years has shifted money to Behavioral Health. We are permitted under State law to shift a maximum of 10% of our realignment funds. There are 6 propositions on the May ballot. So far all of them are failing except for eliminating salary increases for legislators. If they fail the State budget will be in a larger deficit and they will be forced to make additional cuts, raise taxes, or borrow more money. The Federal Stimulus funds coming to California is less than what was expected.

Behavioral Health has 7 vacancies that are under review. Reclass of positions is also under review. Currently we have an MHSA Coordinator and an Analyst position to reclass.

Proposition 1E would take \$226 million in MHSA funds for two years and put it in the State General fund. The local impact is unknown. First Five funding is facing a 60% reduction. The Turning Point remodel is almost done except for some touch ups.

The Behavioral Health Crown Point remodel is going to the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday. It will create additional private office space, group rooms and a conference room.

The Housing MOU was approved by the Nevada County Housing Development Corporation. Next County Counsel will be reviewing it. George Chimiklis is looking at funding sources to help pay for upfront planning costs.

Michele Violett announced the 2007 MHSA Report is in the 30 day Public Comment Period. The Public Hearing for the MHSA Report will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Mental Health Board Meeting. Comment that NAMI should be listed as NAMI Nevada County. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) is in the planning process and close to releasing the RFP. If Prop 1E passes the State will not be able to take MHSA funds once the funds have been released to the County. We are working to finalize as many of our MHSA plans as possible.

Michele Violett announced we are applying for a \$500,000 mentoring grant. The Courts are applying for a \$300,000 per year for 3 years SAMHSA grant. This would supplement cuts that are happening to Prop 36. It will also expand services in Adult Drug Court.

Innovation will have a yearly funding source, but it will not be an ongoing program. It is time limited to experiment on new innovations in our County. If a County has done a specific project and is successful, the project cannot be duplicated in another County. Projects can be funded with CSS funds if a County decides to sustain the program. Lael Walz would like to see a TAY Project. Iden Rogers suggests we involve graduate students in a project.

Sierra Family Services is providing services in Truckee to 3 kids. This is a concern; there are plans in place to meet with Probation, Schools, and Family Resource Centers to let them know about these services. These are services to kids with Medi-Cal who are less seriously ill. We will be writing a new policy for our organizational providers (Turning Point, EMQ, Victor and Sierra Family Services) allowing them to authorize their own services. We anticipate all of our 2009/10 contracts to be the same or higher. There were three SB163 Wraparound proposals. A provider has been selected; an announcement will be made as soon as all of the providers have been notified.