

## **MHSA Update March 2009**

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

Denise Harben gave a brief overview. The plan's intent is to develop a culturally competent workforce. The Workforce Education and Training subcommittee started meeting in July 2007 with monthly meetings. In October 2008 a survey was sent out for input on training topics. The top two were trauma assessment and Co-Occurring Disorders. WET funds total \$457,000. The WET coordinator position is \$33,800. The plan has five categories. Four of the categories are funded for four years. The Mental Health Career Pathway Program is funded for two years.

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. Behavioral Health Director's Report, Grant & MHSA update – Handouts. Darryl Quinn & Michele Violett. Handout.**

Darryl Quinn handed out a report on the adult client population diagnoses. Roughly one third of our population has major depression or anxiety disorder, one third has bipolar disorder, and one third has schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.

Question was asked about Behavioral Health clients not receiving full service partnership services from Turning Point. Behavioral Health has converted the Day Treatment Program into a mini-ACT Team called New Directions.

The COD grant is a 2 ½ year grant for Mental Health Court clients with co-occurring disorders. This allowed us to expand Mental Health Court. This grant ends in April 2010. The courts will apply for a 2 year expansion grant that would provide additional services at CORR.

Terry Winters will bring the Housing MOU to the Nevada County Housing Development Corporation Board. Then it will go to County Counsel for review. After that we can begin to look at potential projects.

Capital Facilities Project #1 Turning Point remodel will be completed next week. Turning Point will be having an Open House, date to be announced. Capital Facilities Project #2 has been approved by the State. The RFP process has been completed and a contractor has been chosen. Denise Harben has been involved with the Information Technology subcommittee that will choose a new software program for billing and electronic health records. Iden Rogers will be joining the committee. Michele Violett invites others to join. This is a short term committee as we expect to submit the plan in June.

We expect to have the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plan released for 30-day public comment on March 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Public Hearing on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the PEI Plan. Michele Violett and Becky Slade will have a phone conference with the Oversight and Accountability Committee on Monday for instructions on submitting the plan. We will be asking for the entire 1.6 million, this will cover more than one year.

The guidelines for Innovation have been released. Becky Slade has offered to take the lead on this project.

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools has applied for a Safe and Healthy Schools 4-year Grant. The grant includes funding for three therapists to be located in the schools. The Truckee area school district did not want to participate in this grant, they intend to apply for their own grant next year.