

MHSA Update January 2, 2009

1. Behavioral Health Director's Report, Grant & MHSA update – Handouts. Michael Heggarty & Michele Violet.

Handouts include an outline of the Director's Report and a summary of the Governor's proposed 09/10 budget for Health and Human Services. The Governor has proposed to redirect 226 million in MHSA funds to fund Mental Health Managed Care. For Nevada County this would be a loss of \$450,000 that we currently receive from the State to administer Mental Health Managed Care. This would need to go before the voters. Suggestion that we need to educate the public that this would put our MHSA programs at risk. The Mental Health Board would like to write a letter and/or newspaper articles opposing the Governor's Proposal. Annette will check with County Counsel.

The Capital Facilities Project Plan has been approved by the State. This will allow us to begin remodeling the space that will be used by Turning Point. It will go to the Board on January 13th.

Sierra Nevada Home Care contract will go to the Board at the end of January. Sierra Family Services contract will go to the Board on January 13th and will add two therapists in Truckee to provide children's services. The Fast Taxi contract will go to the Board at the end of January.

2. Prevention and Early Intervention.

Rich Stone gave an update on Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI). Becky Slade and Rich Stone attended the Superior Region Prevention and Early Intervention Regional Roundtable on December 18th in Redding. A representative from the State gave a great presentation and indicated the types of things the State looks for when the PEI Plan is submitted. A copy of the State's checklist was handed out at the meeting. The State mentioned what counties should include in their PEI Plan. The State will be looking closely at the public input for the PEI Plan. The State also gave out copies of successful PEI Plans. Rich Stone and Becky Slade will work on completing our plan. The PEI Subcommittee will meet to review the draft PEI Plan before we submit it. With the State budget problems it is recommended that we submit our plan as quickly as possible.

3. MHSA Oversight Subcommittee – Iden Rogers.

The new CALMHBC forum has not happened. Iden Rogers mentioned there is an existing CALMHBC forum, but no one is in charge of it. Suggestion to work on MHSA Oversight with the Quality Leadership Committee. Rich Stone offered to help Iden Rogers with MHSA Oversight when he is done with the PEI Subcommittee. Decision was made to remove the MHSA Oversight Subcommittee from the Mental Health Board Agenda for now.