

MHSA Report December 2008

1. **Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) State Administered Projects – Public Hearing. Michele Violet.**

At our last Mental Health Board Meeting it was recommended that we agree to assign funds for Statewide Projects. Jeffrey Brown recommended that we agree to assign one year of funding instead of four years for Statewide Projects. We will review the assignment each year. Our assignment letter will be submitted allocating funds for Statewide Projects for one year.

Michele Violet opens the Public Hearing for public comment. Mary Folck asked about the Student Mental Health Initiative. Mary Folck would like for the State's Project on Student Mental Health Initiative to include Teen Screen in all schools. Rich Stone commented that locally our PEI funds will be used for Teen Screen Program. Mary Folck asked how the Statewide Project will impact the Assist Program on suicide prevention. The Statewide Project will not specifically focus on our county's needs it will be more broad and general to the entire State.

The State focus will be on a media campaign similar to Tobacco Prevention. Another question was how the State will see Primary Care Doctors in relation to Prevention and Early Intervention. All of the information that we have is in DMH Information Notice 08-25. The Notice does not include any information on Primary Care Doctors. The Public Hearing comment period is now closed.

2. **MHSA Update.**

Our CSS plan has been approved by Department of Mental Health. We are waiting for the contract to come to us from the State. This is for 2.2 million each year in funding for treatment programs like Turning Point, Victor, and EMQ. We also received some one time funding leftover from prior years, some of this was put in our prudent reserve fund. We will not be able to start any new MHSA treatment programs since we are spending 2.4 million each year.

The Housing RFQ was completed. We had one applicant, Nevada County Housing Development Corporation. Our next step is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Michele Violet is working with George Chimiklis to develop the MOU. The MOU then needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Once the MOU is approved, the next step is the application process. The application process involves the developer, the county and a full service partnership.

There is a rough draft of the Prevention and Early Intervention Plan that Michael Hegarty reviewed last month. The PEI Plan will need to be reviewed by the PEI subcommittee for final comments. We will need to look at the PEI budget to ensure that the funding is sustainable. The Mental Health Board Members would like to see a copy of the PEI draft plan.

3. MHSA Oversight Subcommittee.

The Mental Health Board would like to receive reports from the Quality Leadership Committee (QLC). Questions were asked about how often the Quality Leadership Committee meets and who can attend. The Mental Health Board would like to be notified of the QLC meeting dates. The next QLC meeting is on Tuesday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the Crown Point Conference Room. Membership is made up of consumers, family members, county staff and contract staff. Joan Rogers-Toensing and Pat Sweetser are members of the Committee.

There was a question about whether or not the client surveys were sent out. The Mental Health Board would like a copy of the client survey results.

We will invite Jean Shannon to the next Mental Health Board meeting to give an update on the Quality Leadership Committee. It is possible that the QLC could provide MHSA oversight. Michael Heggarty reports that there is another meeting for staff to review charts to ensure that treatment plans, progress notes and assessments meet standards. There are also ad-hoc meetings to review cases with adverse outcomes. Michael Heggarty suggests we have Jean Shannon bring the Policy and Procedures for the different Quality Assurance Committees.