

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Report

11/04/11

MHSA Fiscal Estimates: Mike Geiss, CiMH fiscal consultant, recommended that counties plan on a 5-10% increase in MHSA revenues as they plan for next year's budgets. We all have to understand that a 5-10 % increase does not bring us back to our high levels of funding we saw in FY 09/10.

Community Services and Supports (CSS)-

- CoRR Co-occurring Disorder (COD) proposal for \$15,000: Contract is in place, staff training has occurred, Advisory Council is in place, and referrals are starting to be made to CoRR.
- Welcome Home Vets new contract is in place.
- A new Request for Funding from the Alliance for Wellbeing has been received.

Housing-

- Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (NCHDC) closed escrow on October 4, 2011. NCHDC is in the process of requesting bids to renovate the house. It is anticipated that the house will be ready to be rented out by the first of the year. Michele Violett is conducting some outreach and education to stakeholders. She has met with Turning Point staff and NAMI members.
- The Behavioral Health Department has applied for a HUD Continuum of Care grant in the amount of \$109,244. If awarded this grant would provide rental subsidies to 11 individuals.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)-

Programs to be implemented:

- Columbia Teen Screening: Becky Slade is still investigating the best way to implement this program in our community. She met with the Public Health Director on 11/3/11. She is meeting with school personnel on Friday, 11/4/11, and if the meeting goes well on Friday will be meeting with school nurses on Monday afternoon.
- First Responder Training Update: Ben Lopez has had several discussions with Sgt. Steve Tripp, the training coordinator with the Sheriff's office. They are looking at three separate training events projected to start in February 2012. Ben has a meeting set up for November 17th with two former police officers who provide first responder training to discuss agendas, training schedules, cost, etc.

Programs under contract/being implemented: Suicide Prevention, Senior Outreach, Dial 2-1-1, Homeless Outreach, Medical Provider Training, Latino Outreach, Forensic Outreach, Second Step, Early Intervention for Youth at Risk, and mentoring programs.

Innovations-

- Darryl Quinn has completed the contract with Welcome Home Vets, Veterans' Family Wellness Program. This project is in the implementation phase.
- Darryl Quinn is working on contract/MOU language to implement Plan 2: Department of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Health Collaborative.
- Plan 3: Primary Care Mental Health Integration Plan was recommended to be approved by the Mental Health Board (MHB). The MHB requested that the plan be reviewed each year for outcomes before funds are released for year two and three. The county is applying for a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant. The grant would be for three years for a total of \$450,000. These funds would be used to continue our efforts to provide primary care and substance abuse services to our severely mentally ill individuals we provided services to in our county. These funds would be combined with our Innovation funds and/or replace Innovation funds.

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Workforce Education and Training (WET)-

Training:

- **Mental Health First Aid:** The article in the Union created community interest in this course. We have our fourth training planned for November 28th & 29th; the course was filled two days after it was announced. We already have a waiting list for the next training class.
- **Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) Training:** WRAP Facilitator training in Nevada County was conducted on October 17th-21st. We now have 19 certified WRAP Facilitators in Nevada County. The plan is for these facilitators to work with 20 people over the next two years in creating their WRAP plans; creating the capacity of enabling 340 persons to create their WRAP plans during this timeframe. The organizations that participated in this training and have trained facilitators include: Nevada County Behavioral Health, New Directions, The Alliance for Wellbeing, Grass Valley Family Resource Center, Truckee Family Resource Center, SPIRIT, DVSAC, and Women of Worth. NAMI members provided outreach and support to the new trainers by providing a dinner to them during their training week.
- **Our Voices Matter** is meeting monthly at SPIRIT.
- **Law and Ethics Training**-this month, this training is scheduled for county employees that are Health Care Providers and our organizational providers.
- **Immersion Training**-We still have seats available in March and May.
- **On Track:** Denise Harben wrote a grant requesting training and technical assistance to help with our Cultural Competency Plan and cultural competency training. We were awarded the grant and will be provided some technical assistance and training opportunities. The first training offered will be a cultural competency course on working with Older and Aging Adults.

Superior Region Mental Health WET Partnership:

- Was awarded another \$1.8 million dollars (\$600,000 X 3 years).
- Working on how to use these funds to expand and sustain our past work. Lael Walz has joined the group as Nevada County's family representative. We would still like to see a consumer voice representative in this partnership. If anyone is interested please call Michele Violett.

Capital Facility (CF)

No activities.

Information Technology (IT): Anasazi

- Planning meeting with Kings View to bring up the clinician's portion of the system: ATP, Assessment, Treatment and Planning have taken place. We will be training and implementing this part of the system over the next nine months. Once implemented assessments, treatment plans, and progress notes for all Behavioral Health clinicians will be entered into Anasazi.
- Behavioral Health was successful at submitting claims using the new system for July, August, and September services. No revenue from these claims has been received back yet.
- Some private insurance companies have been billed along with Medi-Care and CMSP.
- Client statements have also been sent from the new system.

Exhibit 6 Progress Report-

Cathy Cross and Michele Violett are starting to work on Exhibit 6 Progress Reports for FY 10/11.