

## **Mental Health Services Act Report**

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#### **Community Services and Supports (CSS)-**

Action taken on new submitted proposals:

1. Welcome Home Vets program at \$15,000. The target start date is today, October 1, 2010. Welcome Home Vets revised their proposal for \$15,000. The last items we are working on is outcomes and insurance.
2. CoRR Co-occurring Disorder (COD) proposal for \$15,000. NAMI/Mental Health Board Members met with CoRR and Behavioral Health staff to work on the CoRR COD Contract.
3. Department of Rehab (DOR) proposal. Glen Harelson met with Sierra Family Services and the Department of Rehab. Glen is working to update the contract to include DOR clients. The idea is to expand the contracted target population that Sierra Family Services provides services to. They have been under using the funds allotted to them to date. Glen Harelson is taking the lead on this project. Budget amount may still be an issue and we may not be able to go this route.
4. Request from Jeff Brown the Director of Health and Human Services to fund the Continuum of Care to End Homelessness Liaison in the sum of \$7,500. Nevada County Continuum of Care (CoC) to End Homelessness has merged with Placer CoC. We are continuing to work to merge our Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). The CoC Liaison will help us with grant applications and with all aspects of our CoC group. The CoC grant has been released.
5. Catherine Lane Housing Project is expected to have its first tenants the week of October 11, 2010. Staff has been hired and is being trained.

#### **Housing-**

A MHSA Shared Housing Loan Application was sent to the State on June 3, 2010. The application was approved by the Senior Loan Committee in August. Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (NCHDC) has received the pre-loan approval letter. It has to be signed and returned to CalHFA by October 15<sup>th</sup>. As of October 15<sup>th</sup> NCHDC will be able to enter into an escrow for MHSA housing.

NCHDC has a meeting set up Jeff Brown (Health and Human Services Agency Director) and Michael Heggarty (Behavioral Health Director) on October 5<sup>th</sup> to ensure that everyone is on the same page and to start to work on long term housing relationship.

NCHDC is meeting with Mary Lowe and Michele Violett (both with Behavioral Health) on October 14<sup>th</sup> to work on the final MOU to finalize the responsibility and relationship between the two organizations pertaining to Winters' Haven Housing Project.

#### **Workforce Education and Training (WET)-**

Military Cultural Competency is occurring on October 7; and Immersion Training is occurring in October and November.

Because it is so hard to add new County positions, and our vacancies are being filled, it has been suggested to eliminate the Scholarship Fund (\$20,000) and the Loan Assistance (\$30,600) Program and to transfer the funds to our Internship Program. The additional funds would provide stipend incentives to recruit and retain Interns. The \$50,600 will be used to provide stipends to Interns and to help cover the cost of the clinical supervision. The suggested amount per Intern is \$5,400. This equates to about \$15 an hour for an individual that works 10 hours per week for 4 weeks per month for 9 months. The stipends would be paid quarterly after services hours are rendered. All details have not been worked out yet. We have to go through the Plan change process.

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The Superior Region WET Partnership is working together with Working Well Together to provide WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) Facilitation Training. WRAP is a self-management and recovery system developed by a group of people who had mental health difficulties and who were struggling to incorporate wellness tools and strategies into their lives. WRAP is designed to:

- Decrease and prevent intrusive or troubling feelings and behaviors
- Increase personal empowerment
- Improve quality of life
- Assist people in achieving their own life goals and dreams

Nevada County will be sending one person to the first training opportunity. We are working on a second training opportunity where two more individuals will be trained, one from SPIRIT and one from New Directions. After 6-9 months the Superior Region WET Partnership will be providing a Train-the-Trainer class. The individuals trained in the Train-the-Trainer class will be able to provide WRAP Facilitation Training to Peer Councilors in Nevada County.

#### **Capital Facility (CF)**

The Odyssey House remodel plan was approved by the State. Odyssey House is working with the County Facility Management Department to finalize the remodel plans. The Facility Management Department has a few projects they are working on that need to be finalized before they can put our project out to bid.

#### **Information Technology (IT)**

Implementation planning is still occurring. A Core Team of staff members are meeting weekly working on this project. The Core Team has critical project deliverables that if not completed on time will delay our timelines. At this time they have provided all deliverables on time. They expected go live date is still January 1, 2011.

#### **Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)-**

Michele Violett and Becky Slade are working with Sierra Nevada Children Services on a contract to implement the Second Step Program.

Lael Walz and the Forensic Task Force are taking the lead to implement the First Responder Training program. They are looking at using the Crisis Intervention Team training curriculum.

Programs to be implemented: Columbia Teen Screening and Functional Family Therapy.

Programs under contract: Suicide Prevention, Senior Outreach, Dial 2-1-1, Homeless Outreach, Physician Training, Latino Outreach, Forensic Outreach, and mentoring programs are up and running.

#### **Innovations-**

Eight Community Planning Meetings have been conducted in Nevada County so far:

- September 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM at Grass Valley United Methodist Church
- September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM at Grass Valley United Methodist Church (Spanish and English Presentation)
- September 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM at Oak Tree Campus in North San Juan
- September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-10 AM at the Health and Human Services Manager's Meeting at the Eric Rood Center
- September 21<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30 PM at the Stone House in Nevada City (Transition Age Youth Meeting)
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:15-2 PM at the SPIRIT Center

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- September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM at Truckee Elementary School
- September 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM at Truckee Elementary School (Spanish and English Presentation)

Two targeted Community Planning Meetings planed for:

- October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-2:30 PM during the Behavioral Health Manager's Meeting at Crown Point Circle
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 11-1 PM at Hospitality House

#### **Exhibit 6 Progress Report-**

First Quarter Report has been started.