

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Report

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Annual MHSA Three-Year Plan and Progress Report

We posted our Plan and Progress Report to the public on the County Website from March 9, 2011 through April 7, 2011. The Public Hearing is being held today, April 8, 2011.

Senate Bill (SB) No.76/Assembly Bill (AB) 100: SB76/AB 100 was signed by Governor Brown on March 24, 2011. The MHSA provides that it may be amended by the Legislature by a 2/3 vote of each house as long as the amendment is consistent with and furthers the intent of the act, and that the Legislature may also clarify procedures and terms of the act by majority vote. Below is a summary of the changes:

- Deletes the requirement for annual reviews and authorization by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC),
- The OAC is to provide technical assistance to the county mental health plan, instead of the Department of Mental Health (DMH).
- Deletes the annual update requirement for the 3-year plans and the requirement that the plans be approved by the DMH after review and comments by the OAC.
- The State will administer the MHSA fund, instead of the DMH.
- Commencing July 1, 2012 the State Controller will distribute to the counties all unexpended and unreserved funds on deposit in the MHSA fund monthly.
- Reduces the amount available for State administrative costs from 5% to 3.5%.
- For FY 2011/12, would allocate specified funds in the MHSA Fund for Medi-Cal specialty mental health services, mental health services for special education pupils, and the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program in the amount of \$861 million
- Requires the State to develop regulations for the DMH, the OAC or designated state and local agencies to implement the act.
- This bill took effect immediately.

Community Services and Supports (CSS)-

CoRR Co-occurring Disorder (COD) proposal for \$15,000: Behavioral Health staff has the framework of the statement of works portion of the CoRR COD Contract complete. They are working with a family member and a consumer advocate to ensure that the evaluation and outcome portion of the contract is reflective of the desired contract outcomes. CoRR has not been certified as a Medi-Cal provider yet. The County is waiting to finish CoRR's Medi-Cal Certification process until their contract is finalized.

COPE contract is ending per their request effective April 30, 2011. Due to budget situation, no plans at this time to look for a new provider or change the COPE program.

Housing-

Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (NCHDC) is actively looking for housing. The final MOU to finalize the responsibility and relationship between the two organizations (NCHDC and the County) pertaining to Winters' Haven Housing Project is finished and is being prepared to go before the BOS.

Michele Violett and Joyce Peterman are continuing to educate themselves on grant opportunities that will help to leverage MHSA housing funds. Some of the things we are working on are:

- The Behavioral Health Department is collaborating with the Nevada County Continuum of Care (CoC) to End Homelessness Coalition, the Health and Human Services Agency and the Community Development Agency to submit a Community Development Block Grant. This grant

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would provide funds to hire an individual to update our CoC Plan and to hire grant writer(s) to submit grants that further our strategies within the CoC 10-Year Plan.

- Joyce Peterman is working with Alan Saunders (Program Manager with Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)) to apply for an Enterprise Community Grant and a Federal Home Bank San Francisco Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant. The Enterprise Community Grant would help to fund a consultant to assist us in pre-development planning and implementation, in project implementation, and project sustainability. The AHP grant would help with additional capital funds and funds for one-time capital costs.

Workforce Education and Training (WET)-

Training:

- **Mental Health First Aid:** In March 2022, six individuals (consumer advocates, family member's service providers and staff) attended Mental Health First Aid courses in Placer and Sacramento County to see if this is something we would like to see implemented in Nevada County. The individuals who attended the training were representatives from the Mental Health Board, Behavioral Health, SPIRIT, and Sierra Forever Families. The response to the training to date has all been positive. The WET committee will be working on bringing this 12-hour course to Nevada County.
- **Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) Training:** The WET Subcommittee is looking at bringing a WRAP Facilitator training to Nevada County. There is a large interest by service providers and program participants to have more WRAP Facilitators available in Nevada County. We are in the beginning planning process to bring this training to Nevada County.
- **All Behavioral Health Staff** will be involved in some level of training with the new electronic health record system.

Superior Region Mental Health WET Partnership:

- **Humboldt:** Earn your B.A or MSW online & make a difference in your community is being rolled out. The B.A. program will begin in the Fall 2011 and the MSW program will begin in the Spring of 2012. See handout for all the information.
- Looking for one or two family members and/or program participants to be partners in the Superior Region Mental Health WET Partnership. The group is working on a stipend, travel reimbursement policy. I will recruit for Nevada County representatives when this document is completed.

Capital Facility (CF)

Odyssey House remodel is almost done. Workmen are working on the finishing jobs.

Information Technology (IT)

- The targeted go live date is still July 1, 2011
- Staff started to use new client forms effective April 4, 2011
- Service providers will start to use the new client forms in May 2011
- Administration Training for keying into the system begins April 26, 2011
- Clinician Training is planned for June 2011
- Client data has been extracted from ECHO, and is being prepared for manual entry into Anasazi
- We will be entering data into both systems from now, until June 30, 2011

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Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)-

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 (CIT) training curriculum. They are in contact with Will Pickens, a retired Deputy with the San Mateo Sherriff's Office who is an experienced CIT Instructor and has provided CIT trainings to a number of counties, including Fresno, San Mateo, and El Dorado. Lael is working with the Sheriff's Department and the local police departments to schedule training dates that work for all.

Programs to be implemented:

- Columbia Teen Screening: Denise Harben and Becky Slade are starting the process to plan and release an RFP.
- Early Intervention for Youth at Risk: Family Preservation program can be adjusted to meet our needs. This would mean that we could have a program up and running in this fiscal year.
- We are changing our service provider for Western Latino Outreach from Sierra Nevada Children Services to Hennessey Family Resource Center. This new contract is almost done.

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

Innovations-

Michele Violetta is in the process of writing the Veterans' Family Wellness Innovation Plan. Neal Adams is currently writing the Integrated Healthcare Innovation Plan.

Exhibit 6 Progress Report-

Cathy Cross with Behavioral Health finished Exhibit 6 reports for fiscal year 2009/10 and provided all required documents to the State.