

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Mental Health and Substance Use Services Director's Report
April 8, 2014

Mental Health Triage Grant:

MHSUS was awarded the full requested grant amount to implement a Crisis Triage program in Marin County. Three staff will be hired: a licensed clinician, Family Partner, and Peer Provider. The clinician will be a county employee. Request for Proposals will be released this month to fill the remaining two positions. Triage workers will be assigned to work with the Housing Authority, persons experiencing homelessness and families with minor children. These workers will be providing pre-crisis supportive services and linkage to on-going mental and substance use services.

Mental Health Mobile Crisis Response:

MHSUS just received notification that we received preliminary approval for our Mobile Crisis Response grant proposal. Funding includes specialized vehicles for transportation of clients to service sites when law enforcement assistance is not required. There will be two mobile teams, each comprised of a licensed clinician and a peer provider. These teams will have a home base at Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), but will deliver crisis intervention services in the community. Licensed staff will have the ability to initiate and discharge 5150 WIC holds in the community as needed. We will be invited to attend a CHFFA Board hearing sometime in May for final determination of the award. The CHFFA proposal review team told us today that Marin's proposal scored highest in the Bay Area. Great news!!

Cultural Competence Advisory Board (CCAB):

Cesar Lagleva, MHSUS Interim Ethnic Services Manager, has been convening regular meetings of CCAB. Members represent the diversity of Marin, including clients, family members, service providers and other interested community members. The MHSUS Cultural Competence Plan will be reviewed and revised by CCAB. Two trainings have been developed by this advisory board to foster cultural competence, the first will be held on May 12, 2014 and will focus on culturally sensitive best practices for the Latino population. The guest lecturer will be Shakti Butler, Ph.D., an internationally recognized speaker.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA):

The Amendment of the 13-14 MHSA Annual Plan is posted for comment. This moves funding from the Prudent Preserve to PEI programs.

The 13-14 Annual Update of the 12-13 MHSA plan is being posted for Public Comment this month.

The Three Year Plan for 14-15 through 16-17 will be posted this month for Public Comment in May. The Public Hearing, convened by the Mental Health Board, will occur on May 13, 2014 from 6 pm to 6:30pm.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Tri-Annual Program Review:

DHCS will be conducting a full system review starting on 6/2/14. Areas of evaluation will include: Access, Authorization, Beneficiary Protection, Funding, Target Population, Interface with Physical Healthcare, Provider Services, Program integrity, Quality Improvement, Mental Health Services Act, and Chart Review. Preparation for this review is extensive.

2014 REEL Recovery Film Festival:

The Marin Drug and Alcohol Board extend an invitation to all interested community members to attend the 2014 REEL Recovery Film Festival from April 24 through April, 27, 2014. There will be feature films, documentaries, expert panels and world premiers promoting advocacy for public policy to prevent alcohol and drug related harm, reduce stigma, and promote recovery. The host sites include the Smith Rafael Film Center in San Rafael and Delancey Street Theater in San Francisco. The cost is \$5 per session. For further information, please go to FilmFestSFBay.org.