

MARIN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MHSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING #1 – TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2006

Meeting Notes

This is the first meeting of the Implementation Committee which will advise CMHS on MHSA implementation issues.

Welcome and introductions of Implementation Committee Members was done by Bobbie Wunsch.

Update from CMHS Director: Bruce Gurganus updated the Committee on the Network of Care website, noting that it is now up and running, implementation and first year maintenance fees are being paid for by the State out of MHSA funds. Go to www.marin.networkofcare.org.

Bruce discussed Marin's CSS Plan approval process: On April 5, 2006 a group of 7 people went to Sacramento to answer questions from the State Review Committee about Marin's Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan. Roberta English reported on the praise the DMH reviewers had for Marin's plan and the stakeholder input.

There were 7 areas of comment in the DMH letter. Those areas include:

1. A better description of Wraparound for Children's System of Care (CSOC).
2. More detailed timelines for programs.
3. More detail on how flex funds would be provided for kids.
4. A description of how the STAR program was chosen by the community.
5. Supported housing should be rolled into the STAR FSP.
6. Program evaluation should be part of administrative costs for FSP's.
7. More details on budgets for contracted programs (TAY and Service Site).

Transition-Age Youth Full-Service Partnership

A committee made-up of clients, family members, community representatives and youth providers reviewed the RFP proposals, scored them and recommended a selection to Bruce Gurganus.

An RFP for Transition Age Youth (TAY) Full-Service Partnership (FSP) was awarded to Buckelew, in partnership with Family Service Agency (FSA). Bob Brown (Buckelew) and Diane Sufferidge (FSA) presented a brief summary of the Program. A summary of the presentation included:

Comprehensive services for TAY that are:

1. Based on principles of cultural competence, outreach and wellness recovery.
2. Shaped and directed by youth and their families as well as the larger community.
3. Staffed by a team reflecting ethnic and cultural diversity and multiple perspectives including peer, family and professional.

During the first phase of the program:

1. Meet with CMHS staff to establish referral procedures for 20 youth receiving FSP services (up to 120 TAY and families will receive limited services).
2. Participate with CMHS and COM in planning educational opportunities for TAY at COM beginning in September.
3. Recruit and establish TAY Community Advisory Council.
4. Lease and equip accessible office space near COM.
5. Begin staff recruitment.

TAY team will include:

1. Full-time Team Leader
2. Team Partner (case management - .75 FTE)
3. Two Peer Mentors (.50 FTE each)
4. Family Partner (.20 FTE)

Access to other agency-based services:

1. Buckelew Employment Services.
2. Dedicated housing as well as housing assistance.
3. Dedicated internships at COM.
4. FSA mental health services, including CBT therapy for depression.
5. FSA Psychiatrist.
6. Consultation, supervision and training.
7. Community volunteers.

Older Adult Full-Service Partnership

Bruce discussed the Older Adult Full Service Partnership. The four divisions of HHS (Health, Social Services, Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Programs) are dealing with older adults and aren't communicating with each other. We are attempting to coordinate the following programs into the Older Adult FSP (in addition to in-kind resources):

1. Aging
2. Public Guardian
3. IHSS

4. Ombudsman
5. Social Services – Adult Protective Services
6. CMHS

Bruce noted that at the recent Peer Counselor graduation, 15 English speaking and 12 Spanish speaking Peers graduated and will be volunteer counselors.

Southern Marin Service Site

A committee made-up of clients, family members, community representatives and providers reviewed the RFP proposals, scored them and recommended a selection to Bruce Gurganus.

An RFP for the Southern Marin Service Site was awarded to FSA in partnership with Bay Area Community Resources (BACR). Margaret Hallett (FSA) presented a brief program summary. The summary included:

High quality mental health program that is:

1. Comprehensive
2. Culturally Competent
3. Community-driven
4. Staffed by ethnically, racially and culturally diverse, multi-disciplinary team.

FSA and BACR have long history of providing community-based services in southern Marin.

During first phase of program:

1. Recruit and establish SMS Community Advisory Council.
2. Lease and equip accessible office space.
3. Begin recruitment for SMS Program Director (seeking diverse candidates).

SMS team will include:

1. Full-time Program Director.
2. Two licensed mental health practitioners, one Spanish-speaking, bicultural MFT and one Psychologist (2 @ .40 FTE).
3. Two pre-licensed trainees/interns.
4. Family Advocate (.80 FTE).
5. School-based Counselor (.80 FTE) working on-site at Bayside MLK (agreement to be finalized) and Willow Creek Charter School.
6. Peer Counselor (.50 FTE) hired and trained by CAM and assigned to SMS team.
7. Psychiatrist (one day/month)
8. Cultural competency consultants/trainers.
9. Community volunteers.

Guiding Principles:

Strength-based; Family-focused; Holistic; Integrating Wellness/Recovery; Flexible and Responsive (willing to reach out and provide services at alternative sites).

Target Population:

All ages (pregnancy to older adults); seriously emotionally disturbed children and adults with mental illness; Medi-Cal eligible; uninsured, low to moderate income, and at-risk individuals and families.

Other CSS Strategies

Bruce updated the Committee on other programs:

1. STAR FSP - 24/7 coverage is nearly ready to be put in-place. Increased caseload is on hold for now.
2. CSOC FSP – 24/7 coverage is nearly ready to be put in-place. Wraparound requirements are being finalized.
3. Enterprise Resource Center Expansion / Wellness Campus – The County has the option to buy 6 buildings on Kerner and Bellam in San Rafael to house ERD along with several HHS and community based service organizations: including Buckelew housing and employment services, adult and children’s mental health services, Women’s Clinic, and the Marin Community Clinic.
4. One-time funding budget includes a down-payment for the Wellness Center; Network of Care maintenance; Training; Workforce Development; Rental space for the Older Adult FSP; and a flexible housing fund for FSP clients.
5. Capital and IT money has not been decided upon yet by the state– the formula nor the amount of money going to counties. All the other parts of the MHSA Act are still in development by the DMH. The Governor has recommended \$75 million a year for 20 years be spent for housing for the mentally ill.
6. The Housing Committee recently attended a 2-day conference in Napa with 5 other North-Bay Counties and learned about methods of financing housing.

Bruce asked that this group continue to work on other parts of the Act as they evolve and thanked all the stakeholders who participated. Bobbie noted that the Education and Training is the next piece of the Act to be released. Prevention and Early Intervention will follow that.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 10, 2006 from 10:30 – Noon
Whistlestop – Caboose Room
930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael