

MARIN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MHSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING #3 – TUESDAY January 16, 2007

Meeting Notes

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

Public Comment: Carol Kerr advocated for the committee to fund intern stipends. She informed the committee that interns provide psychotherapy to about 100 clients each year who would otherwise not receive these services. She noted that most other institutions and counties pay interns and it will become harder for CMHS to attract top candidates unless we pay them. She would like to see a differential for bilingual/bicultural interns and would like to pay the equivalent of 10 Full Time Equivalent's.

Update from CMHS Director Bruce Gurganus:

1. Reviewed "Changes Since CSS Plan was Implemented" document.
2. Governor's budget proposes to eliminate AB2034 – Homeless Mentally Ill Program. This would potentially mean a \$1.4M loss to Marin's HAVEN Program, which serves 92 formerly homeless mentally ill adults.
3. CMHS reached an agreement with the (SEIU)union regarding 24/7 coverage.
4. One-Time Training money for clients – Propose to send a number of consumers to the state conference in Southern California and sponsor at least two CAADAC certification scholarships for peer interested in becoming alcohol and drug counselors.
5. DMH decided to shift the MHSA 3-year CSS Plan timeline to 2006 through 2009, due to the fact that 2005 was spent on planning in every county.
6. Capital & Technology funds – DMH has decided that counties will have flexibility in deciding how their money will be spent. State has not yet decided upon electronic medical records standards. The Governor carved out \$75M for a statewide housing initiative.
7. Education & Training - \$325M available – DMH to carve out \$222M to further statewide education and training initiatives. In 2006-07 \$20M will be available to counties and in 07-08 and 08-09 \$40M will be available.

8. Prevention & Early Intervention – The Oversight and Accountability Commission advocated for all money to be spent on youth (0-25) but has come to an agreement with DMH that the money will fund initiatives over the lifespan.
9. Innovation – nothing yet to report.
10. Beginning with July 2009 fiscal year, counties will submit 3-year integrated plans including all MHPSA components and have the flexibility to determine internally how MHPSA dollars will be divided and spent.

MHPSA Program Updates:

Children’s System of Care (CSOC) – Ann Pring – Staff attended initial wraparound institute training to learn how to meet SB163 requirements. They learned that the Full Service Partnership (FSP) will need to create a facilitator position to run wraparound meetings. They are currently collaborating with Social Services and Probation on the SB163 model.

Transition Age Youth (TAY) – Jay Zlotnick – A lead case manager has been hired and they are in the process of recruiting and hiring peer mentors. Buckelew is currently advertising for a family partner position and is developing a protocol for psychiatric medication evaluations in collaboration with Family Service Agency. They hope to enroll their first client in a week or two. Offices and computers for clients are up and running. The housing component will be developed as needs arise.

Support and Treatment After Release (STAR) – Diane Slager – Marin County received a \$1 million grant to expand the program from 50 clients to 75 with added services.

Marin At-risk Senior Team (MAST) – Diane Slager – The Older Adult program has been slow to get started. Diane is currently in the process of the second recruitment for supervisor position, she stressed that it is critical to find the right match for this program. They are in the process of hiring line-staff as well. Space is a consideration and it appears they have found a location for the MAST team. Diane believes it will be about 2-3 months until the program is fully staffed and can begin to enroll clients.

Southern Marin Service Site – Margaret Hallett – Their offices are located at 3000 Bridgeway. The first floor is functional, however, the second floor needs to be remodeled. Family Service Agency is working on getting the proper permits and have a contractor ready to go. They have computers on site and have ordered furniture. The hope is for a February open house. The Family Outreach Worker has been outreaching in the community since September and a community advisory committee has been formed. Jeff Hall, the director of the Southern Marin Service Site, introduced himself and talked about his work on developing relationships within the community. Jeff Hall’s contact number is: 491-5700 x2085. Mary Jo Williams with BACR, a sub-contractor for the program, discussed their role in providing school-based services at MLK and the local Charter School. They plan to co-locate one of their counselors at the Southern Marin Service Site. Sabrina Geshay can be contacted for referrals. Sabrina’s contact number is: 682-3187.

Funding Requests

Bobbie Wunsch reviewed the two types of funding requests:

- One-time only funding is available to be spent on one-time funding/purchases. The money comes from unspent CSS dollars due to slow start-up issues.
- On-Going funding is available to be spent on on-going expenditures, such as staff salaries. This money comes from the unexpected increase in MHSA revenue. Marin County expects to receive an additional \$819,000 each year in addition to the \$1.7M original CSS money.

Bobbie also reviewed the Workgroup Recommendations handout and noted that items with asterisks indicate recommendations that have been partially or fully implemented with the current CSS Plan.

She also reviewed the Top Priority Programs Identified but not Implemented handout, noting that these items were the result of voting by the Steering Committee and at the Town Hall Meeting earlier in the planning process.

Finally, the Criteria for Decision Making handout, used earlier in the planning process, was reviewed.

Bruce Gurganus informed the Committee that he sent letters to the program managers for each approved MHSA programs soliciting requests for additional funding for items that may have been left out of the original planning process that would give the program a better chance of being successful.

A draft document was distributed that contains a list of recommended one-time and on-going funding requests. The first part of the list contains one-time funding requests for a rough estimate total of \$345,830 for the 06-07 fiscal year. Items on the list are as follows:

1. Architect & Contractor expenses for Southern Marin Service Site.
2. Intern Stipends for CMHS interns to facilitate the workforce of the future.
3. Substance Abuse counselors (3.0 FTE) for HAVEN, SCOC & (Adult System of Care (ASOC) for a one-year pilot program

The second part of the list contains on-going funding requests from approved CSS Plan programs to serve unserved and underserved populations. The on-going funding requests amount to a rough estimate of \$831,949. Bruce indicated that any requests finally agreed upon must ultimately be approved by DMH and that the dollar amounts on the list are estimates.

Items on this list are as follows:

1. Staff position (0.4 FTE) and 3-stipend positions for Enterprise Resource Center in order to be open 7 days a week.
2. For the TAY Program: Additional housing subsidies, medication supports for uninsured, program activities for socialization, participant stipends for quasi-employment and an additional staff position (0.8 FTE) for an Independent Living Skills Counselor.
3. For the CSOC Program: Wraparound Supervisor (0.75 FTE) to comply with SB163, Bilingual Facilitator (1.0 FTE) to run wraparound teams and a Bilingual Family Partner (additional 0.25 FTE).

4. Systemwide requests: Bilingual Therapist (0.5 FTE) to increase capacity to serve underserved Hispanic clients, Bilingual Psychiatrist (0.5 FTE) to increase medication clinic capacity, Administrative Services Analyst (1.0 FTE) and an Accounting Assistant (0.5 FTE) to address administrative requirements not previously addressed.
5. For CSOC, MAST, HAVEN & ASOC: Family Partners (2.0 FTE, 0.5 FTE for each program) to improve the recovery of underserved client populations.
6. For MAST: Occupational Therapist (0.5 FTE) to promote recovery and independence of seriously mentally ill older adults.
7. For HAVEN: Social Services Worker (1.0 FTE) to improve client to staff ratio and a Nurse Practitioner (0.1 FTE to make 1.0 FTE) to increase the medical case management capacity.

Bruce asked the committee for discussion and questions regarding the recommended strategies. Committee members discussed the recommended strategies and agreed upon them in addition to requesting consideration of several others. The additional recommendations include:

1. Family Advocate Position to assist in system navigation system wide.
2. Additional 0.5 FTE Vietnamese Therapist.
3. Additional medical support for Buckelew.
4. Therapy for the uninsured.

Public Comment: A parent concerned about her mentally ill son living in Marin City requested information regarding the Southern Marin Service Site and was given contact information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2007
10:00AM – Noon
120 N. Redwood Road
San Rafael, CA
Redwood Room (2nd floor)