

MARIN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MHSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING #7 – TUESDAY December 4, 2007

Meeting Notes

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

Public Comment: None

Update from CMHS Director Bruce Gurganus: He discussed the governor's cancellation of AB2034 funding, and the MHSA funding that will cover some of the program costs for 2007-08. HAVEN (Marin's AB2034 program) officially ended on July 1, 2007. Odyssey, Marin's new homeless program, will be of a different format and will begin as a full service partnership providing services as soon as Marin's expansion plan is approved. The goal is not to make these individuals homeless. The Marin Mental Health Board and the Implementation Committee voted unanimously to use the additional one-time MHSA funds to cover the homeless program. Bruce believes he has a commitment from the county administrator to fill funding gaps in the Odyssey Program in 2009-10 if needed.

The Health and Wellness Campus – May 2008 is now the expected move-in date for Youth and Family Services, STAR, Buckelew and CAM. The Specialty Clinic and Women's Health will also move at this time and share the second floor with STAR until their building is ready in the fall of 2008. The hold up is a copper shortage.

Housing Strategies – Petaluma Ecumenical Programs (PEP) is in the process of trying to purchase the Fairfax Inn. They are negotiating and have run into issues with the owner of the land (underneath the Inn) who does not want to sell at this time. Hopefully some kind of deal can be worked out. The Fireside Inn is another housing opportunity for older adults. Citizen's Housing is offering CMHS 5 units for older adults (age 62 +) who are mentally ill. The age limitations are due to funding sources. Bruce hopes to find some appropriate strategies for increasing affordable housing, otherwise CMHS may issue a request for proposals.

Capital & IT Planning – Bruce passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in serving on the IT Workgroup. Guidelines have not yet been released and the hope is that they will come out later this month. Kathy Kipp will chair the committee. The immediate need is to upgrade CMHS billing system and continue to develop electronic medical records software.

Workforce Education & Training (WET) – CMHS has engaged Paul Gibson Associates to do the analysis required by the state and to write the plan. Part of the process is to evaluate needs and gaps in the CMHS workforce. A survey will be part of the process and Bruce encouraged everyone to respond. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in serving on the WET Workgroup. Paul hopes to have the plan completed by May 2008. The immediate need is for intern stipends to be approved for the 2008 school year. Recruitment for interns for the fall of 2008 begin now and it is important for CMHS to pay stipends in order to recruit bilingual and bicultural interns. Bruce asked the Committee to approve a \$50,000 expenditure from the WET money for the purpose of recruiting interns. Discussion ensued about the amount of money spent last year for interns (\$75,000) versus the \$50,000 Bruce is asking for at this time. Discussion was very positive about intern stipends, most agreed that the program is very valuable for future CMHS staff recruitment and many felt the funding should be consistent with what was allocated last year. Bruce noted that intern stipends may be one of the WET strategies recommended by the Workgroup, however, we can't wait until the plan is complete to commit funds.

Bruce asked for a vote of the Committee to approve \$50,000 or \$75,000 for 2008-09 intern stipends. The Committee voted to approve \$75,000 for intern stipends.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) - Bobbie Wunsch began the discussion about PEI guidelines. Ann Pring is the chair of the PEI Workgroup. Bobbie indicated that we hope to have a complete plan by May 2008. She stressed the need for the Workgroup and Committee members to understand the state guidelines as well as the needs in Marin County so that a plan that aligns the two can be created.

Bruce Gurganus presented a powerpoint presentation on PEI guidelines and principles. The Committee was provided a copy of the presentation slides.

Bobbie Wunsch asked the Committee to put forth questions and ask for clarification regarding the guidelines.

The proposed planning process for PEI – The PEI Workgroup has met once and will be meeting at least 4 times between January and March 2008. The Committee was reminded that any proposed strategies must meet all of the criteria listed on the handout.

1. Proposed strategy meets state PEI guidelines
2. Proposed strategy is evidence based or promising practice
3. Proposed strategy outcomes are clear, achievable, feasible and practical
4. Proposed strategy leverages other funds
5. Proposed strategy is sustainable beyond PEI funding
6. Proposed strategy represents one of the three age groups

The Workgroup will come up with strategies and present them to the Implementation Committee and from there the plan will be written. A 30-day public comment period is required and the

public hearing will be held at a Marin Mental Health Board meeting. The plan will then be revised, if needed, and submitted to the state for approval.

The next PEI Workgroup meetings were announced:

January 9, 2008 from 10:30-Noon
January 24, 2008 from 1-3PM

Locations to be determined. Location information and additional informing materials and will be sent out to the Workgroup members. At the first meeting the group will schedule the dates and times of subsequent meetings.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2008
10:00AM – Noon
120 N. Redwood Road
San Rafael, CA
Redwood Room, 2nd floor