

MARIN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MHSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

April 9, 2010

Meeting Notes

1. Bruce Gurganus welcomed and thanked the committee for attending today's meeting. He noted the change in membership: Joe Costa, Contractor Representative left Sunny Hills and his replacement is Laurie Bunting. John Severenson, representing Coastal Health and West Marin retired was replaced by John Shen from Marin Community Clinic and Marty Frankel representing West Marin.
2. Bruce and the Committee presented Joel Fay with a "Shining Star" Award for going above and beyond the call of duty and for his dedication to transforming the mental health system in Marin.
3. The Committee members introduced themselves.
4. Bruce shared some exciting MHSA highlights and planning activities with the Committee, including: The Health and Wellness Campus started with \$1 million in MHSA funds and ended up leveraging \$60 Million in other funds to purchase and rehab the existing buildings; STAR Team applied for and received a \$200,000 Department of Justice Grant to expand treatment for mentally ill offenders; Sutter Hospital Group granted the Marin Community Clinic \$500,000 for collaborative mental health and behavioral health services; Larry Lanes, Medical Director, authored an article in Marin Medicine Magazine about collaborative care services in Marin County; Patty Lyons, HOPE Team supervisor, was asked by CiMH to share Marin's older adult team model with other counties.
5. Public Comment Period – FSA, Margaret Hallett, commented that the Suicide Prevention Program has requested continued funding and are in discussion about continuation of current funding level. She says the community wants them to continue a local 24/7 suicide hot line. They are trying to consolidate costs to save money. Have done a sustainability study and will present results in the future.

6. MHSa 2010-11 Annual Update review by Kathy Kipp. Summary handout was distributed, the main changes to the plan were described and questions were answered.
7. MHSa Fiscal Report by Celia Allen. Handout provided. Highlights include: working to build the maximum prudent reserve so we don't have to cut treatment programs in lean years; spreadsheet shows CSS allocations from fiscal year 2007-08 through 2012-13, along with deposits and withdrawals from prudent reserve in future years; beginning with fiscal year 2011-12, due to declining MHSa revenues, we will begin withdrawals from prudent reserve in order to support current funding levels.

PEI spreadsheet included a recap of funding similar to CSS. No prudent reserve for PEI, however, PEI money can be used to fund CSS prudent reserve. Due to late start-up we spent very little in fiscal year 2008-09. Fiscal year 2011-12 will begin dipping into unspent funds.
8. Bruce discussed Statewide PEI Projects and the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). A DMH letter directed counties to reassign money back to the state to implement statewide projects. Nineteen counties, including Marin, did what was asked and one county decided to keep their money because the state owes them (and other counties) so much money. Then the state decided counties could have other choices about how to spend their statewide projects money. The JPA is one option – it is a collection of counties that put their money in a pool and the group can vote to decide upon which regional and/or statewide projects to participate in, which basically cuts the state out of the process altogether. We can join the JPA and get our money back from DMH to give to the JPA. Statewide projects include: Student Mental Health Initiative; Suicide Prevention; Stigma Reduction and Training and Technical Assistance.
9. Kristen Gardener presented the Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) update and overview of the PEI programs implemented. See handout.
10. Chris Kughn presented the Workforce Education & Training update and overview of the WET programs. See handout.
11. Patty Lyons presented the Innovation update. See handout.
12. Community Services & Supports Update – Diane Slager updated the Committee on Adult programs (Odyssey, STAR & HOPE), including housing. Ann Pring updated on Children's System of Care and Transition Age Youth programs; Barbara Coley updated on the Enterprise Resource Center and Dawn Hensley updated on the Family Partnership Program.

13. Adjourn.

Next Meeting will be scheduled as needed.