

# MHSA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

June 10, 2015

1:30-3:00pm

20 N. San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Conference Room

Review of agenda and introduction of non-committee members present: Kristen Gardner, PEI Coordinator, Chris Kughn, Adult Services and Celia Allen, HHS Chief Fiscal Officer.

Celia Allen attended to give members an overview of the MHSA budget and revenue process from the County and State levels.

Handouts were given to the members in attendance (refer to the *MHSA Three Year Plan Budget* document attachment) which includes the budgets for the Community Services and Supports (CSS) component, the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component, the Workforce, Education and Training (WET) component and the Capital Facilities / Technological Needs (CFTN) component and a summary budget page with the Total MHSA Budget overview. This summary page includes a summary of the CSS, PEI, WET and CFTN budgets, as well as the allocation for the Innovation (INN) component (until a new project is in place, there is no budget yet for this funding). It also shows that the county has \$1.4 million with CalHFA for a yet to be determined housing project and that we have a Prudent Reserve in the amount of \$2,175,490.

## Prudent Reserve

In FY08-09 the State required counties to set aside funds for rainy day needs. Example of a “rainy day” would be during an economic down turn such as we’ve recently gone through. Currently, Marin’s Prudent Reserve is at the maximum allowed level and in the event of a rainy day, there is a process at the State level for us to request permission to access these funds. The funds are in a county bank account accruing interest – all interest is kept in this account.

## Innovation Funding

The MHSA Three Year Plan allocated approximately \$621,055 per year for new Innovation project(s). Between October 2014 and February 2015 there was a stakeholder process to request ideas from community stakeholders on how they felt we could reduce disparities in Marin. All information on this process can be found at: <https://www.marinhhs.org/innovation-meeting>

After receiving stakeholder input, the county has been writing up a proposed project based on the community process and the ideas submitted. The details of this proposed Innovation project have not been disclosed publicly yet pending internal review/approval and additional collaboration with the MHSOAC (Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the State entity that manages Innovation and PEI funding) to ensure the proposed project will meet the Innovation requirements. A 30 day public comment period would then follow. There was much discussion and frustration among the committee members about not being a part of, or having any input in the project decision process. Kasey will follow up with Suzanne about what details can be shared and when.

### CalHFA

The county has had \$1.4 million in housing funds at CalHFA waiting for a housing project opportunity to happen that fit within the CalHFA regulations. Many counties across the state were have similar challenges finding housing projects that would meet the CalHFA requirements. CBHDA (California Behavioral Health Directors Association) and DHCS (Department of Health Care Services) worked with our legislature to pass a bill to allow counties to withdraw their funds from CalHFA. Requirements for the county to get their funds back include a community stakeholder process to determine a housing project for the funds and approval of the proposed project by the County Board of Supervisors before the funds would be disbursed to the requesting county. Once the county receives the funds they will have three (3) years to expend the funds. If they do not expend the funds within the three (3) years, the unspent funding is at risk for reversion back to the State.

As indicated in the Housing section of the MHSA FY2015-16 Annual Update, in FY2015-16 Marin plans to being a community process to identify a housing project and request our funding. The MHSA Advisory Committee members will be asked to provide input and recommendations about how this process should be structured.

### MHSA Funding

Celia reviewed how counties received MHSA funds from the State now versus when it originally rolled out. Up to FY2011/12, counties received in writing, the annual allocation of MHSA funds each county would receive in MHSA funding. Beginning in FY12/13, the State changed how they allocate the funding and now each county is given funds monthly instead of yearly, and there is more volatility in what revenues will be received each month. Marin receives about 0.53% of the MHSA revenue collected at the State level. Revenue does not come to counties based on how many millionaires they have in their county, but rather it is based a few factors, the main one being what each counties poverty level is. Revenue projections can go up or down and the projections we used to create the MHSA Three-Year Plan have not been as high as expected so far. Due to Marin's conservative budgeting approach, we are expecting to be able to sustain the programs in our Plan for the full three year period.

Discussion around the percent of community-based providers/programs versus county operated programs was discussed – and MHSUS as a whole (not just MHSA funded programs) is at about a 50/50 percent between CBO's and county operated.

### General Discussion

Some committee participants expressed the need to include Client Satisfaction Survey results for MHSA programs as appropriate in future reports. Many programs do collect these types of surveys and the county will explore how to incorporate them in future MHSA Annual Reports.

It was also requested that when using acronyms to be sure to explain what they stand for. In an effort to keep all committee up to date with some baseline acronyms, Kasey will email a list that some of the administration staff have been tracking to help new employees acclimate to the county's use of them.

The committee members are on many different county committees. The membership would like to understand how their participation on this committee would be different than participation on

other MHSUS committees, e.g., more meaningful participation and input, than other stakeholders and other committees.

#### New Meeting Dates

The MHSU Advisory Committee agreed to restructure the recurring meeting due to Suzanne Tavano's conflict on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month when we meet. The committee members determined that to meet without Suzanne in attendance was not acceptable. Based on schedules it was determined to keep the meeting on a Wednesday. The 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month was decided and the meeting will remain 1:30-3pm.

Due to vacations in July and due to need to include Suzanne into the conversation related to the committee's purpose and structure, it was agreed that we would meet with Suzanne on Wednesday, 6/24 and take July as a vacation month for the committee. We will meet on 6/24 and then will resume the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3pm, beginning again on 8/26. See attached meeting schedule for all future meeting dates.

Next meeting is June 24, 2015, 1:30-3pm.