Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee Meeting

February 3, 2014

Behavioral Health Services Director Update

Mary Hale
BHS Director

Review of the Planning Process

Bonnie Birnbaum, MHSA Coordinator
Community Action Advisory Committee
Denise Cuellar, CAAC

Subcommittee Co-Chair Reports
Community Services and Supports Children/TAY & Adults/Older Adults combined with Workforce, Education and Training

1. Linda Smith & Kelly Train (CSS Children/TAY Co-Chairs)
2. Helen Cameron & Patti Pettit (CSS Adults/Older Adults Co-Chairs)
3. Denise Cuellar & William Gonzalez (WET Co-Chairs)

New CSS Recommended Programs
1. FSP Expansion ($1,000,000)
2. Mental Health Court - Probation Officers ($696,000)
3. Drop in Center ($500,000)
4. Housing for Homeless ($1,000,000)
5. Housing and Year Round Emergency Shelter Services ($1,367,180)
6. Orange County Children with co-occurring mental health and chronic/severe acute illnesses or eating disorders ($500,000)
7. Youth Core Services ($500,000)
**Subcommittee Co-Chair Reports**

Prevention and Early Intervention

1. Christopher Bieber and Daria Waetjen (Co-Chairs)

---

**New PEI Recommended Programs**

1. K-12 Coping Skills to manage stress ($120,000)
2. Continue funding Statewide PEI Projects including ($900,000):
   a. Suicide Prevention
   b. Stigma/Discrimination Elimination
   c. Student Mental Health Initiative
3. Continuation of the Warmline for afterhours services. ($76,552)

---

**BREAK**
Volunteer to Work

Partnership:
Goodwill Industries of Orange County
&
County of Orange Health Care Agency
Behavioral Health Services
Center of Excellence, Innovation Projects, Mental Health Services Act/Prop 63

with Ryan Yowell, MFT

12419 Lewis St. Suite 102
Garden Grove, CA 92840
- Serving all of Orange County

Some research behind this project

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBLJuDTvrxs

Findings from 2013 10-year Government study:
Volunteering as a Pathway to Employment: Does Volunteering Increase Odds of Finding a Job for the Out of Work?

• The study found that volunteering is associated with a 27% higher odds of employment. (only unemployed were studied over 10 years).

• This increase is stable across gender, race, and ethnic categories of age, time, Metropolitan Statistical Area, and unemployment rate.
Volunteer to Work & Innovation

- “Stepping stone” towards supported employment.
- Peer to Peer Support.
- Volunteer support.

Qualifications

- 18 years and older
- Legally residing in Orange County
- Receiving Mental Health Services
- Willing and able to volunteer for 90 days
- Able to focus conversation on Volunteer position.

3-Track Training Courses

- Offer weekly groups, classes and outings:
  - Computer Skills
  - Social Skills
  - Career Development Skills
  - Half day volunteer Groups out in community
Community Host Sites

- 2 ways to place Participant into host site:
  - Host site agreements
    - Veteran’s First
    - Heritage Museum
    - THINK Together
    - Dayle McIntosh Center
    - Delhi Center
    - Project Cuddle
    - Goodwill of Orange County
  - Volunteer Development in Community

Stats to date:

- 40 people actively enrolled in the project

- 14 placements in the community

- 2 Successful 90-day graduates
Services Provided

Diagnosed Disorders Enrolled

Community Service Provided:

Total Volunteer Hours Provided by Participants:

367 hours

Questions?