



**Mental Health Services Act  
Sub-Committee Meeting**  
Monday, November 7, 2016  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Delhi Community Center  
505 E. Central Ave.  
Santa Ana, 92707**

**MINUTES FOR Prevention and Early Intervention Subcommittee**

**Item I Welcome and Announcements**

- The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Mark Lawrenz, Division Manager Prevention and Early Intervention
- Mark gave a brief synopsis of the processes involved with right-sizing and truing up program budgets. PEI programs began operation in 2009, and are now all up and running (28 programs in all)

**Item II Proposed recommendations to changes in program categories:**

- Recommend combine the Orange County Postpartum Wellness Program and the Youth as Parents Program, freeing up \$300,000.
  - The new program will enable more inclusiveness with the high risk maternal populations.
  - Both programs are using the same outcome measures.
- Recommend combining two current County-operated programs, Children Support & Parenting Program (CSPP) and the Stop the Cycle Program freeing up \$600,000
  - Both have overlapping target populations right now and the program use the same outcome measures making reporting easier.
  - No services are being discontinued or reduced.
- Recommend combining the Parent Education and Support Services Program and the Family Support Services Program.
  - Current parent education services are separated into two programs based on specific targeted age ranges of the children. By combining the programs, the one program category will serve families age 0-18.
- Recommend splitting the current Professional Assessors Program up, so that the current Veteran Court assessor is moved to the OC4Vets program, and to move the assessors currently at the UCI Family Health Center over to the Community Counseling and Supportive Services Program.
  - This change will group the correct assessors together with the other Veterans program, as well as those who frequently refer to the counseling program.
- Recommend combining the School Based Mental Health Services Program and the Transitions Program into one School Based Mental Health Program.

- Combining the programs will not reduce any services, but will make them more efficient in that one MOU can cover both programs going-forward and allows for cross-training of staff to cover both programs need.
- Recommend combining the existing School Readiness Program and the Connect the Tots program into programs that serve the same communities without the current geographical territories that currently exist (north county/south county).
  - The School Readiness program is a contracted program and Connect that Tots is a County-run program. Both programs will serve families with children age 0-8 who are experiencing behavioral problems. Connect the Tots will continue services for families who need additional support beyond the School Readiness Program.
- Recommend splitting the Violence Prevention Education services into two programs with different target populations, Violence Prevention Education for all school districts K-12, and Gang Prevention Services for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders in schools with high risk areas.
- Recommend discontinuing the College Veterans Services Program (Drop Zone), and have it replaced by an Early Intervention Services for Veteran Students programs that expands the previous drop zone to include counseling and interventions to address behavioral health needs.
  - The program takes the \$150,000 from the Drop Zone program and adds an additional \$250,000 for the expanded services.
  - The program will be contracted.
- System Enhancement Recommendations
  - With the training needs assessment completed, training needs that were identified will be provided by existing programs/programs out for bid, thus freeing up \$276,167.
  - The Training and Physical Fitness & Nutrition Services has been underspending consistently. The recommendation is to drop funding by \$35,000.
  - Statewide project funding remains level, but may be reduced to be used in other areas as the statewide report is issued.

**Item III      Synopsis of Recommendations:**

- Outreach and Engagement \$300,000 to assist services for the homeless
- Veteran College Services expanding \$250,000 to total \$400,000 for early intervention Veteran services at colleges.
- The School Readiness Program is expanding by \$400,000 for existing programs and increase of target population and geographic regions.

**Item IV      Budget Details:**

- Estimated PEI Expenditures is \$34,952,761 in existing 3-year Plan.
- Estimated PEI Expenditures is \$35,453,761 for the new 3-year Plan.
  - Estimated \$500,000 increase in available funds
  - Approximately \$1,200,000 annual dollars freed up by truing up of budgets.
  - Approximately \$700,000 annual dollars recommend to be added to maintain services
  - Approximately \$950,000 annual dollars recommended for expanding programs.

**3:15 p.m.      Adjourned**