
AGENDA ITEM 4

Action

July 28, 2016 Commission Meeting

Contra Costa County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Contra Costa's County's request to fund its new Innovative (INN) project; Overcoming Transportation Barriers for a total of \$1,023,346 over four years.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an INN project does one of the following: (a) introduces a new mental health practice or approach, including but not limited to prevention and early intervention, (b) makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach, including, but not limited to, adaptation for a new setting or community, or, (c) introduces to the mental health system a promising community-driven practice/approach, that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings. The law also requires that an INN project address one of the following as its primary purpose: (1) increase access to underserved groups, (2) increase the quality of services including measurable outcomes, (3) promote interagency and community collaboration, or (4) increase access to services.

The Contra Costa County Mental Overcoming Transportation Barriers makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach by using peer support workers to coordinate transportation efforts and resources, help consumers build self-sufficiency and apply independent travel skills. The primary purpose of the program is to increase access to services. The INN project complies with all MHSA requirements.

The project seeks to utilize peer support workers to not only provide training but to coordinate existing transportation resources, making the entire project peer led.

Contra Costa County is requesting authorization from the MHSOAC to fund this four-year project in the amount of \$1,023,246.

Presenters:

- Brian R. Sala, PhD., Deputy Director, Evaluation and Program Operations
- Warren Hayes, MHSA Program Manager, Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services

Enclosures (2): (1) Staff Innovation Summary—Contra Costa County; (2) County Innovation Brief—Contra Costa County.

Handout: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

Proposed Motion: The MHSOAC approves Contra Costa's Innovation plan.

Name: Overcoming Transportation Barriers

Amount: \$1,023,246

Project Length: 4 Years