

MHSA Newsletter

Stanislaus County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
A Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Service Organization

...a newsletter to share information about Stanislaus County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs with staff, consumers, stakeholders, other county departments and the community at large.



Juvenile Justice Best Practice

By Brenda J. Kachel, Staff Services Analyst, DMS/Performance Measurement

OUTSTANDING



MHSA Five Essential Elements:

- Community Collaboration
- Cultural Competence
- Client/Family-Driven Mental Health Systems
- Wellness for Recovery & Resilience
- Integrated Service Experiences

The MHSA Full Service Partnership program Juvenile Justice - ART (JJ-ART) is staffed by two case managers and one clinician under the supervision of coordinator Rachel Acosta. There are six other Juvenile Justice staff members who help provide 24/7 coverage. The program has an annual target of 25 clients but had already served 50 by the end of the third quarter.

In order to keep up with and handle all Key Events that occur with each client, JJ devised a "white board system". When an event is reported to any one of the JJ staff members, they may not have time or be the appropriate person to complete mandatory paperwork. That is where the white board comes in. They make a quick note on the white board to annotate bare essentials identifying the client and what to report (e.g., residential, employment, education, etc.). Then, when the staff member assigned (point person) to the case comes in, they see what has occurred and complete the KET form. If the point person is not available, one of the other JJ-ART team members completes the KET in their absence. This process assures JJ-ART does not miss reporting Key Events.

Great job, JJ!!! Keep up the great teamwork!

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Did You Know...

The **Exhibit 6** and **MHSA Demographic Report** are now available on the BHRS Intranet/Extranet? Simply click on Outcomes on the left side then select the report you would like to view by date range.

Submission of Exhibit 6 is mandated quarterly by the Department of Mental Health. Data is gathered from CSI/Insyst and Initial Contact Form teleforms and submitted by DMS/PM staff via the ITWS on-line system every quarter. Both quarterly and annual unduplicated client are monitored and reported.

The Demographic Report is an internal report, developed to monitor established BHRS CSS Work Plan goals in regard to the demographic detail of clients served (number, gender, age, ethnicity, preferred language and geographic location of residence). As with Exhibit 6, data is obtained from CSI/Insyst or through Initial Contact Form teleforms. Data is compiled each month. Data is not submitted to DHM but is shared at QMT, MHSA-CSS, and contract monitoring meetings.

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CAPITAL FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS PLANNING HAS BEGUN!

By Karen Hurley, MFT, MHSA Planning Coordinator



Capital Facilities and Technology Needs (CF/TN) component of MHSA is intended to address the development of long-term infrastructure for public mental health. 'Capital Facilities' refers to brick and mortar infrastructure (buildings for services/administration, does not include housing). 'Technological Needs' refers to clinical and administrative information systems infrastructure such as: electronic health record, personal health record, outcomes and service data. To receive MHSA CF/TN funding, Counties should submit proposals consistent with the guidelines in the California State Department of Mental Health (DMH) Info. Notice 08-09, which states this one-time allocation of funds must be used to establish a "roadmap" for implementation of electronic health record and then may address other local infrastructure needs. Stanislaus County's planning estimate/allocation is \$5,686,800 to be used over 10 years.

On April 7, 2009, the local MHSA Representative Stakeholder Steering Committee (RSSC) was convened to consider the purpose and direc-

tion of the CF/TN Component within the broader context of the current economic realities in public mental health funding. Members of the BHRS Leadership team, Mental Health Board members, and other stakeholders attended the meeting. A description of how CF/TN funds may be used was given and a recommendation made to dedicate 100% of the funds to addressing technological needs since preliminary cost analysis of implementation and maintenance costs related to technological needs over the next decade strongly suggests that the entire planning estimate will be required to achieve stated goals. (As a behavioral health system, BHRS presented a plan to leverage MHSA funds with Local Public Facilities Funds to modernize the entire BHRS data system.)

After addressing questions and discussing concerns, members of the RSSC endorsed BHRS' recommendation for the Component Proposal. This paves the way for Technological Needs Projects to be developed. Technological Needs Projects will address functions, goals, and supports that will include a broad continuum of public behavioral health care/services, as well as consumer and family empowerment projects. It was additionally agreed upon that planning for electronic health record and other technological projects would involve stakeholder input. Working

from BHRS Vision and Mission, MHSA Essential Elements, input from stakeholders, and guidance from DMH regulations, the CF/TN Component Proposal was developed.

The draft CF/TN Proposal has been offered for 30-day public review/comment from April 29, 2009 - May 28, 2009. The public comment period concludes with a public hearing to be held after 5:00 p.m. at the Mental Health Board Meeting on May 28, 2009, 5:00 p.m., at Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, 800 Scenic Drive, Redwood Room, California. As we routinely do during a 30-day review, an informational meeting was held on May 19, 2009. All community stakeholders were invited to participate. Comments may be faxed to (209) 525-6291; mailed to BHRS, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, California, 95350; or emailed to khurley@stancounty.com

The CF/TN Proposal, DMH Information Notice 08-09 and other MHSA information may be obtained from www.stanislausmhsa.com and www.dmh.ca.gov



If you have questions or suggestions regarding MHSA, please forward them

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The MHSA-CSS (Communicate, Share, and Support) Meeting is held the 4th Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive (unless otherwise notified).