Mental Health Services Act

MHSA Background and Overview Jayleen Richards, MHSA Coordinator December 3, 2009



What is the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)?

- MHSA was enacted when voters approved Proposition 63 in 2004.
- Imposes a 1 percent income tax on personal income in excess of one million dollars. The funding is distributed to counties upon approval of MHSA Plans and subsequently on an annual basis
- MHSA provides funds, personnel and other resources to expand local mental health services
- Services focus on wellness and recovery as well as prevention, and early intervention for target populations, including children, transition age youth, adults, older adults and families.

The Driving Principles for MHSA

- Community collaboration
- Cultural competence
- Client driven mental health system
- Family driven mental health system
- Wellness, recovery and resilience focus
- Integrated service experience.

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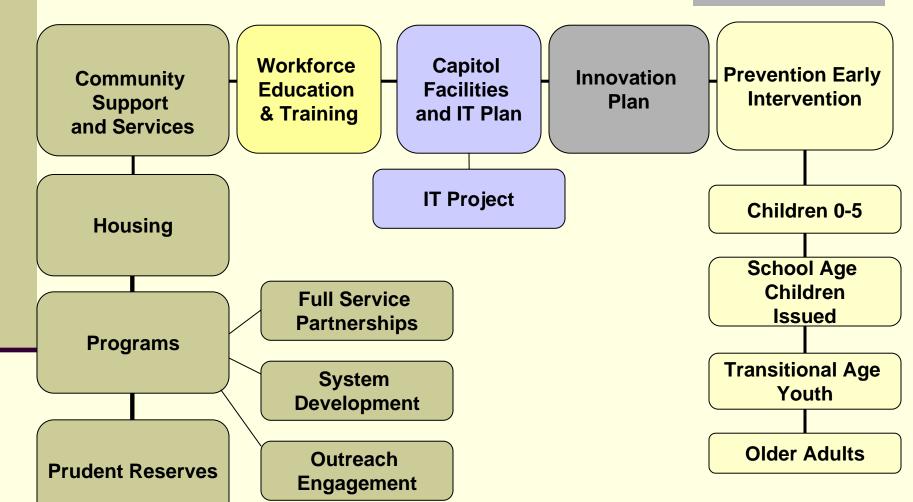
Outreach to unserved and underserved populations

Utilize best practices and evidence based strategies to deliver mental health services.

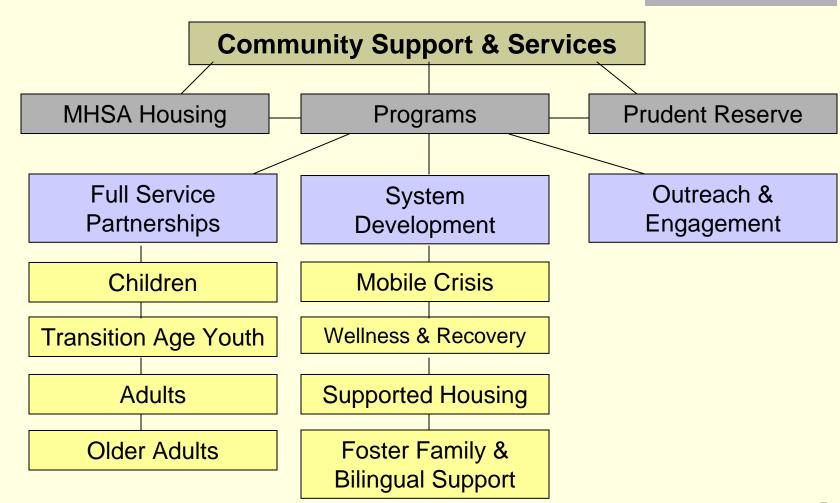
Five MHSA Components

- 1. Community Support & Services
- 2. Prevention & Early Intervention
- Capital Facilities and Technology
- 4. Workforce Education & Training
- 5. Innovation.

Solano County MHSA Components & Project Plans



MHSA Community Support & Services and Project Plans



MHSA CSS Strategic Planning

- Solano County developed the first MHSA CSS Plan in 2004 and approved by California Department of Mental Health in 2005
- Revisit the MHSA CSS Plan, and include program, evaluation, and financial plans
- Given the financial outlook for MHSA and MH in future years, Solano should plan accordingly.

MHSA Community Planning

- MHSA Stakeholders: quarterly meeting of community stakeholders—provide updates and seek input.
- MHSA Steering Committee: provide recommendations to the MHSA Strategic Plan; and provide feedback on policy decisions.
- Local Mental Health Board: meets monthly provide updates and seek input.

MHSA Community Planning Process

Electronic mail distribution list of more than 500 recipients

Post meeting announcements in public locations, including community centers, libraries, clinics, and etc.

Post meeting announcements in community calendars and issue press releases.

MHSA Public Comment Period

- MHSA Plans are posted for 30 day public comment period and notify public about public comment period.
- Public comments are incorporated into the final MHSA Plan.
- The final MHSA Plan is presented to the Solano Local Mental Health Board after the 30 day public comment period
- The final MHSA Plan is submitted to California Department of Mental Health for review and approval.

Conclusion

Questions?

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