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In November 2004, California voters approved Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The Act provides the first opportunity in many years to provide increased funding, personnel and other resources, to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for children, transition age youth, adults, older adults and families. The Act addresses a broad continuum of prevention, early intervention and service needs and the necessary infrastructure, technology and training elements that will effectively support this system. MHSA 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 has five components or plans to be implemented at the local level, including Community Support and Services, Prevention and Early Intervention, Capital Facilities and Information Technology, Workforce Education and Training, and Innovation. Please find below an update about each Solano County MHSA Plan, as well as other MHSA activities:

MHSA Community Support and Services (CSS):

- MHSA CSS Future Funding: MHSA CSS funds are projected to significantly decrease in Fiscal Years (FY) 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Projections forecast more than a 50 percent decrease in funds by FY 2011-13 when compared to FY 2009-10 planning estimates.
- MHSA CSS Strategic Plan: The Plan is complete and Solano County Mental Health (SCMH) is currently developing the Fiscal Year 2010-11 program plans for CSS for the upcoming Request for Proposals.
- MHSA Steering Committee: The next meeting is January 27, 2010 (see schedule attached).
- MHSA Stakeholders Meeting: The next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Dixon Senior Center (see schedule attached). The Prevention and Early Intervention School Age and Older Adult Initiatives will present their programs at the meeting.

MHSA CSS, cont'd:

- MHSA Housing: SCMH is working with officials from the South PACE Housing Project in Fairfield, CA to secure approximately 10 housing units and house up to 16 consumers and their families. In total, the project will secure 93 units for low income Fairfield residents.
- MHSA Outreach & Engagement: Solano County is currently developing an updated Cultural Competency Report and Latino Access Study. The Report will be released for public comment winter 2010. Also, staff attended the Cultural Competency Summit in the San Francisco Bay Area before the holidays are training SCMH staff about issues learned.
 - Veterans' Collaborative: Solano County Veterans' Collaborative drafted a Board Resolution to be presented at the Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting on January 12, 2010 honor veterans and *welcome home military personnel* from deployments abroad. Veterans groups, reservists and active military personnel were in attendance at the event.
- MHSA Vocational Services: This Fiscal Year, SCMH has employed 118 consumers in a vocation. Additionally, nearly 100 consumers are receiving training and education from Caminar or Neighborhood of Dreams.

MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

- Children 0-5 Initiative: In the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2009-10, in an effort to increase early identification of children who need mental or development health services, the Partnership for Early Access for Kids (PEAK) Initiative:
 - Screened 116 children ages 0-5 for mental and development health needs
 - Performed 46 assessments for kids at risk
 - Provided 2 interdisciplinary team assessments.
- School Age Children/Youth Initiative: Solano County Board of Supervisors approved contracts for Solano County Office of Education and Vacaville Unified School District. Services started January 2010.
- Older Adults Initiative: Solano County Board of Supervisors approved contracts for Area Agency for Aging on September 22, 2009. Services started January 2010.
- Transition Age Youth: Solano County Board of Supervisors approved contracts for Solano County Office of Education and Crestwood, Inc. January 5, 2010 and services will start in spring 2010.
- PEI Technical Assistance and Training: Solano County assigned PEI statewide funds to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to provide technical assistance and training to providers providing services to very young and school age children. The JPA is developing and reviewing a program plan for this first joint activity.
- PEI Statewide Funds: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is developing guidelines for counties to request PEI Statewide Funds. Once guidelines are issued, Solano will draft a plan to secure PEI Statewide Funds in collaboration with other counties belonging to the JPA.

MHSA Capital Facilities and Information Technology:

- Information Technology: Fox Systems is documenting Solano County Mental Health business processes and workflows through interviews and facilitated meetings called Joint Application Development Sessions (JADS). Three out of the four JADs planned were completed in January. In early spring 2010, SCMH will submit a project plan to California Department of Mental Health (DMH) to draw down funds to purchase an EHR. SCMH will issue the EHR Request for Proposals in summer 2010.

- Capital Facilities: community planning is complete. Solano County will secure the EHR system prior to moving forward with Capitol Facilities projects.

MHSA Workforce Education and Training (WET):

- Solano County issued a WET Request for Proposals on November 6, 2009. Proposal(s) were received December 21, 2009.
- A series of core competency trainings have been provided for staff, including Request for Proposals process, Solano County contract process, drafting a Board item process, and etc.
- Sixteen interns were secured for SCMH this Fiscal Year, exceeding the outcomes stated in Fiscal Year 2009-10 WET Plan.

MHSA Innovation:

- The Innovation Plan was submitted to DMH and MHSOAC November 16, 2009 for review and approval. The Plan proposes to develop a Mobile Mental Health Unit in Solano County.
- SCMH submitted a request to hire a project manager to oversee this new component.

Consumer, Family Advisory Committee:

- The Committee did not meet in November and December.