



INNOVATION PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

Glenn County Innovation

Name of Innovative Program:

System-Wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART)

Total Requested for Innovation: \$816,344

Duration of Innovative Programs: Three Years

Staff Recommends: APPROVAL

Review History

County Submitted Innovation Plan: August 8, 2014

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) vote on Innovation Plan: August 28, 2014

Innovation Plan Summary

Glenn County is seeking MHSOAC approval for the following Innovative Program:

System-Wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART)

Glenn County Mental Health is developing a collaborative response team to specifically respond to critical incidents involving students with early onset or at risk of mental illness who are being bullied or exhibiting suicidal behavior. The primary purpose of this Innovation program is to promote interagency collaboration. Glenn County is adapting an existing evidence-based practice utilized by Los Angeles County and others to meet the needs of Glenn County's small, rural community.

This three-year Innovative project is the result of Glenn County Mental Health Services Act stakeholders identifying that that suicidal behavior and school safety, including threats and bullying were important issues to be addressed with important mental health dimensions and potential consequences. When an incident occurs at a local school, there are no standard protocols for how to deal with the situation, assess for and respond to mental illness components or who to call for assistance. The Innovation project will focus on developing a team and corresponding processes to respond

systematically to these critical incidents. This project will identify one or two staff from each of the following agencies: mental health, probation, law enforcement, and the schools to be key members of the team. Youth Peer Mentors will also be utilized by the team. These individuals will collaborate to respond quickly, efficiently and consistently to mental health crises and critical events. This collaboration team will be called a System-Wide Mental Health Assessment Response Team (SMART).

The team will follow up with each student, classroom, teacher and/or family member to deliver brief therapy as needed and determine the need for additional follow-up services. The staff from relevant agencies will train, screen, intervene, and provide case management and monitoring to identify and manage any potential threats to the schools and/or community and respond to any dimensions of a mental illness. The learning goal of this project is to assess the effectiveness of this collaborative team approach using the limited resources of a rural County. They will determine what works and how their learning can be applied to other small county programs.

Evaluation:

The Innovation Program will measure effectiveness by measuring collaboration across agencies using a tool used by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the University of Southern Florida to evaluate collaboration in Children's System of Care agencies. The Interagency Collaboration Activities Scale (IACAS) will be distributed to partner agency staff at the beginning of the project and annually.

Glenn County will also evaluate individual outcomes for youth and family, to assess the effectiveness of ongoing follow-up, impact of treatment, reduction of recidivism, and promotion of recovery. Each individual and/or family who needs ongoing follow-up services will be enrolled in the evaluation activities to track individual outcomes over time to assess the effectiveness of the program.