PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: Santa Clara

Review History:
Original Plan Submitted: August 5, 2009
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Letter Providing Review Team Feedback: September 2, 2009
Conference Call with County to Review Feedback: September 1, 2009
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Plan Projects:
This PEI Plan has 4 projects:
1) Community Engagement Capacity Building for Reducing Stigma & Discrimination
2) Strengthening Families & Children
3) Prevention and Early Interventions for Individuals Experiencing Onset of Serious Psychiatric Illness with Psychotic Features
4) Primary Care / Behavioral Health Integration for Adults and Older Adults

Santa Clara County Plan Strengths:
- A notable strength was the reliance of cultural and community leaders of the Ethnic and Cultural Community Advisory Committees (ECCACs) for their involvement in the PEI planning process that embraced diverse populations, groups, organizations, clients/family members, and indigenous neighborhoods for active engagement in the MHSA process.
- Project 1 includes a specialized focus on underserved cultural populations across all age groups by developing and implementing programs by consumers and family members from underserved cultural communities. A robust network will break down cultural barriers to mental health and decrease stigma and discrimination. This Project sets the framework of the entire PEI Plan.
- Project 2 focuses on families that lack resources and are under significant strain from multiple risk factors. This project establishes a foundation for fostering resiliency, good social skills in children, as well as confidence and positive relationships among parents. Four geographic regions of high need (HRAs) with high concentrations of underserved groups will be targeted.
• Project 3 will utilize Early Detection and Intervention for the Prevention of Psychosis (EDIPPP) and offers a comprehensive array of services, including peer support, supported employment, and benefits assistance. The priority population to be served by this project is individuals experiencing the onset of serious psychiatric illness and the underserved cultural populations across all age groups.

• Project 4 intends to provide a continuum of PEI services for adults and older adults while seamlessly integrate behavioral health services in community health clinics in order to increase individuals’ access to early interventions. A unique focus includes a program on the needs of and services for refugees.

The Plan Review Team Recommends: **APPROVAL**

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