



Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission

APPROVE TRI CITY INNOVATION PLAN



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WELLNESS • RECOVERY • RESILIENCE

Tri City Innovation Program

Tri City is requesting \$1,580,938.00 for a three year period for two Innovative Programs titled:

- Cognitive Remediation Therapy Program
- Employment Stability Program

These Innovation projects were developed as part of the stakeholder and community engagement process for the development of the Three Year Plan.



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Cognitive Remediation Therapy Program

- The primary purpose of this Innovation program is to increase the quality of services and measurable outcomes for individuals suffering from severe mental illness.
- This project tests an approach of treating the whole person who experiences psychotic illness by combining, two evidence based practices Cognitive Enhancement Therapy (CET) and Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for Psychosis (CBTfP) to address both their cognitive impairment and psychotic symptoms.



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- **This project offers progress through recovery for people with severe conditions including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder to attain functioning that is closer to their pre-illness capacity.**
- **By combining effective treatments used separately until now, this project tests the possibility of reducing the length of the disorder, leading to improved quality of life for clients.**



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- **Results-Based Accountability (RBA) process will be used to monitor and evaluate program outcomes. Recovery Learn Team (RLT) will assess the program and review document findings.**



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Employment Stability Program

- This Innovation is designed to promote interagency collaboration between Tri City and local employers in support of employment programs.
- This project moves beyond existing supportive care models by focusing on the training and engagement of employers (as opposed to employees) while continuing to encourage clients to take ownership of their employment-seeking process.



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- **The goal of this program is to reduce stigma towards mental illness, prevent job loss and increase the general-market employment opportunities.**
- **This project will build:**
 - **New relationships;**
 - **Understanding; and,**
 - **Incorporate employers into the system of care.**
- **Using a wellness-focused approach to address:**
 - **Cultural differences and,**
 - **Self stigmatizing beliefs.**



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- The City will conduct pre- and post-testing to evaluate the learning that resulted from the curriculum.
- The City will evaluate changes in employers attitudes and knowledge regarding employment of mental health consumers by looking at:
 - Employment policies;
 - Procedures; and,
 - Protocols.

Commission staff have reviewed the Innovation Plans for consistency with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requirements recommends approval.



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Motion:

The MHSOAC approves the Tri City Innovation Plans for the amount of \$1,580,938.00 over a period of three years.

