
AGENDA ITEM 7A

Action

July 24, 2014 Commission Meeting

Approval of The Contra Costa County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Contra Costa County's Innovation Program, Recovery through Employment Readiness Project. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$1,109,780 for 48 months because the Innovation Program complies with all Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requirements.

Contra Costa County currently utilizes an evidence based model whereby consumers with serious mental illness are assisted with job placement and retention as part of their mental health treatment plan. This proposed Innovation Program adapts the evidence based approach by adding pre-vocational preparation services designed to address common barriers that prevent many consumers from participating in these employment services. These preparation services will be client determined and implemented at the client's pace with the assistance of a highly trained vocational rehabilitation counselor, working in concert with the mental health treatment team.

The county will utilize measures currently in place in order to develop a set of outcomes that can be measured pre- and post- intervention. Outcomes will also be tracked that compare indicators of mental health treatment success before and after the Innovation Project intervention, such as reduction in psychiatric crises, symptom reduction and quality of life improvement. Other outcomes that will be tracked are number of persons able to engage in supportive employment services, number obtaining competitive employment, and number retaining competitive employment for at least six months.

Enclosures: Contra Costa County Innovation Plan Summary.

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided as a handout at the Commission meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve Contra Costa County Innovation Plan in the amount of \$1,109,780 for 48 months.

Presenter: Jose Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Motion: The MHSOAC approves the Contra Costa County Innovation Plan for the amount of \$1,109,780 for a 48 month term.