

Financial Oversight Committee

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Presentation on Use of MHSAs Administrative Funds by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

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Requested link regarding latest report:

http://www.dds.ca.gov/HealthDevelopment/MHSA_TrngRegProject.cfm

Overview:

- Total annual amount received: \$1.2M.
- \$675,000 to Regional Centers for individual projects
- \$65,000 to two mental health part time assistants in collaborative
- \$388,000 supports three headquarter positions for monitoring of contracts, support to the collaborative--Community Program Specialist II (similar to AGPA), Staff Services Manager I and Consulting Psychologist.
- DDS provides technical assistance and oversight and monitors projects.
- Semi-annual progress reports, bimonthly conference calls, are used to talk about successes, problems and technical assistance needs from each other.
- 271,000 DDS consumers, approximately 29,000 consumers with dual diagnosis, developmental and mental health diagnosis.
- Mental health system does not know how to serve DDS consumers. MHSAs money strives to correct this.
- 1996 DDS established a relationship with Department of Mental Health with ongoing task force. Now taskforce is Collaborative. Collaborative is funded with MHSAs dollars.
- Two part time mental health consultants in collaborative; One is retired Regional Center Executive Director and the other is the County Mental Health Director for Sutter Yuba.
- Collaborative meets quarterly; discuss issues that affect both service delivery systems; helps establish priorities on how to spend MHSAs money; distributed to regional centers, give money to fund projects in the local community; send out Requests for Applications based on priorities.

First funding cycle 2008-2011:

- Seven regional centers funded: three did infant mental health projects, behavior training, four statewide summits were done by another regional center to identify barriers and work out ways to overcome problems in various systems.
- San Gabriel in Pomona did a psychiatric fellowship training; block of four psychiatrists would go through training then work with consumers in the community, this project's feedback from regional center created much good will

between counties, probation and seven Los Angeles County regional centers and each agency has requested additional training.

- Another project was for health care professionals at University of California San Francisco to train students, physicians and social workers in the different aspects of mental health needs for DDS population
- In the first cycle, 3000 professionals were trained.
- In second cycle of funding, 8 regional centers are doing projects: two are doing infant mental health, substance abuse reductions with Alta Regional Center and MHSA forums.