



## INNOVATION PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

**County: Humboldt**

### Review History

County Submitted Innovation Plan: March 16, 2010

MHSOAC Review Team Meeting: March 29, 2010

MHSOAC Letter to County Providing Feedback: March 30, 2010

County Submitted Revised Plan: April 7, 2010

MHSOAC Vote Regarding Plan Approval: April 29, 2010

### Innovation Plan Summary

Humboldt County will implement a peer-based approach to improving mental health outcomes for older transition-age youth with severe mental illness, especially those who have experienced foster care. The Innovation Project will pair each client with a Peer Support Specialist, who will provide a broad range of services and supports. A unique aspect of Humboldt County's project is that the Peer Support Specialists will be active participants in a range of County Department of Health and Human Services youth driven and youth-focused initiatives including the County's Foster Care Expansion Initiative. The project will leverage resources from these initiatives. Peer Support Specialists will be active participants in program development and treatment planning. This Innovation project builds on Humboldt County's demonstrated commitment to partnering with transition-age youth. Humboldt County seeks to learn whether an adaptation of the mental health peer support with the integration of social services with enhanced authority and responsibility for Peer Support Specialists will improve outcomes for older transition age youth.

**Staff Recommends: APPROVAL**

**BUDGET: \$818,700**