



Fiscal Year 2010/11 PEI UPDATE NEW PROGRAM

APPROVAL SUMMARY

Marin County

Total Requested for New Program: \$33,335

Staff Recommend: APPROVAL

Review History:

- Marin County Submitted 2010/11 Update: December 17, 2010
- Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Vote regarding New Program Approval: January 27, 2011

County Demographic Profile:

Population: 250,750

- Latino: 14.7%
- API: 5.8%
- Native American: 0.6%
- African American: 3.1%
- Caucasians: 73.9%

Age

- 20.4% under age 18
- 16.2% age 65 or older

Summary of Stakeholder Process

Marin County has an ongoing Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Community Program Planning Process that continues to be a collaborative effort that includes consumers, family members and service providers. The PEI Committee includes four work groups to make program recommendations. These workgroups included representatives from Community Action Marin, Novato Youth Center, Isoji Non-profit Social Justice Activist Organization, Tamalpais Unified High School District, Family Services Agency, Novato Wellness Center, Huckleberry Youth Programs, Marin Abused Women's Services, County Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Program and three high school students. As a result of the analysis of community data and community and stakeholder input, the workgroups identified Client Choice and Hospital Prevention as a very appropriate intervention for the Community Mental Health Need and the Priority Population.

Client Choice and Hospital Prevention Program

- This project will use peer counselors and /or family partners to assist all new and existing clients in developing an individualized written crisis plan. The crisis plans incorporate naturally existing supports, including friends and family, which will lead to better outcomes and increased support for clients.
- This program expands existing services in Marin County. Peer counselors and/or family partners will meet with individuals or groups of consumers of mental health services, while they are feeling well, to develop a plan for their care in times of crisis.
- The funds will provide staff time to educate individuals about the purpose of crisis plans, assist individuals in the development of individualized crisis plans, and ensure that clients' wishes will be honored.

Examples of Reviewers Comments

- "This program is an example of true integration and was a pleasure to read".
- "...an innovative and very important approach to addressing the fundamental transformation goal of MHSA".