
AGENDA ITEM 4A

Action

April 23, 2015 Commission Meeting

Plumas County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the Plumas County Innovation (INN) Program, School Based Response Team (SBRT) Project. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$947,100 for three years.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an Innovation program does one of the following: a) Introduces new mental health practices or approaches, including but not limited to prevention and early intervention b) Makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach, including, but not limited to, adaptation for a new setting or community, or c) Introduces to the mental health system a promising community-driven practice/approach, that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings.

The law also requires that an INN program addresses one of the following as its primary purpose: (1) Increase access to underserved groups, (2) Increase the quality of services including measurable outcomes, (3) Promote interagency and community collaboration (4) Increase access to services. The Innovation program complies with all MHSA requirements for an INN Program.

The Plumas County Mental Health SBRT program adheres to these requirements by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach and has the primary purpose of promoting interagency and community collaboration. The county is developing a collaborative response team specifically geared to a rural community, with staff from mental health, probation, law enforcement, and the schools to develop protocols to systematically respond to mental health events in schools. They will specifically target incidents of suicidal behavior and risk of mental illness in response to bullying.

The team will follow-up with each student, classroom, teacher, and/or family member involved in an incident to assess risk, deliver brief therapy as needed, and assess the need for additional follow-up services. The learning goal of this project

is to assess the effectiveness of this collaborative team approach.

Presenters:

- Jose Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations
- Deborah Lee, Consulting Psychologist,

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Plumas County Innovation

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the Plumas County's Innovation Project

Motion: The MHSOAC approves Plumas County's Innovation Project:

- Name : School-Based Response Team
Amount: \$947,100
Program Length: 3 Years