
AGENDA ITEM 3A

Action

August 27, 2015 Commission Meeting

Humboldt County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the Humboldt County Innovative (INN) project, Rapid Re-housing (RR). Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$1,109,133 for two years and six months.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an INN project does one of the following: a) Introduces a new mental health practice or approach, 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 project address 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; or (4) Increase access to services.

The Humboldt County INN project, RR, makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach and has the primary purpose of increasing the quality of services including measurable outcomes. The INN project complies with all Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requirements.

Humboldt will use a "Housing First" approach to provide housing, peer support, and supportive services for individuals with severe mental illness who are homeless. Humboldt County will make changes to rapid rehousing practices demonstrated to be successful in larger urban areas to assess their effectiveness on a smaller scale in rural areas. The key goal is to learn what community based supports are successful in assisting homeless individuals with retaining housing sufficiency.

Presenters:

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

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Humboldt County Innovation

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the Humboldt County Innovative Project

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

- Name : Rapid Re-housing
Amount: \$1,109,133
Program Length: 2 Years, 6 months