
AGENDA ITEM 2A

Action

July 23, 2015 Commission Meeting Teleconference

Kings County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the Kings County Innovation (INN) project, Youth Researching Resiliency (YRR). Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the MHSOAC approve \$505,000 for three years.

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 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; and (4) Increase access to services. The proposed Kings County INN program complies with all MHSA requirements.

The Kings County YRR Project makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach with the primary purpose of promoting interagency and community collaboration. The Project intends to engage transition-age youth (TAY) from Tribal and other geographically and culturally isolated communities in participatory research. The key goal is to learn whether and how engaging TAY in participatory research can contribute to improving mental health services, with a focus on resilience and empowerment, for TAY at risk of or with a mental illness.

Presenters:

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

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Kings County Innovation

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the Kings County Innovation Project

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

- Name : Youth Researching Resiliency Project
Amount: \$505,000
Program Length: 3 Years