
AGENDA ITEM 5A

Action

May 28, 2015 Commission Meeting

Lassen County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of the Lassen County Innovation (INN) Program, Integration with Primary Care via Virtual Coordinated Care Team. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$737,000 for four 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 proposed Lassen County Innovation program complies with all MHSA requirements.

The Lassen County Integration with Primary Care via Virtual Coordinated Care Team Program meets these requirements by making a change to an existing mental health practice or approach and has the primary purposes of increasing the quality of services including measurable outcomes and promoting interagency and community collaboration. The county is establishing a specialty team that will facilitate integration of physical health, mental health, and substance abuse services to

increase the quality of care services by seeking to promote interagency collaboration so providers are better able to coordinate care across disciplines.

The Innovation project will focus on the adaptation of telecommunication as a tool to provide collaboration between client, primary care and mental health clinics in a rural community.

The team will provide specialty consultation to clinic staff, act as a referral agent as needed, implement an electronic system in the consumers home to maintain their own wellness, and offer communication without the need for travel to encourage a broader interaction of treatment team involvement.

The learning goal of this project is to assess the quality of services and improved outcomes resulting from this coordinated care approach between mental health, physical health and other providers to test if it leads to improved physical and mental health outcomes for individuals with serious mental illness.

Presenters:

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

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary:
Lassen County Innovation

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the Lassen County's Innovation Project

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

- Name : Integration with Primary Care via Virtual Coordinated Care Team
Amount: \$737,000
Program Length: 4 Years