
AGENDA ITEM 7A

Action

May 28, 2015 Commission Meeting

Santa Barbara County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Santa Barbara County's Innovation (INN) Program: Girls Resiliency Restoration and Reintegration Alliance. Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve \$2,507,749 for a three-year period.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an INN 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 Santa Barbara County Girls Resiliency Restoration and Reintegration Alliance Program meets the MHSA requirements by introducing a new mental health practice or approach and has the primary purpose of improving the quality and outcome of services. The county is introducing a new way to work with system partners to change the awareness of and response to the serious mental health issues affecting young women involved in sexual trafficking, especially post-traumatic stress disorder and major depression.

The county will evaluate: (1) the effectiveness of enhanced inter-agency collaboration, including the impact of using a shared screening tool; (2) the outcome of using a specific approach when addressing risk or onset of mental illness among young women who are vulnerable to or involved in sex

trafficking; (3) the effect of adapting an existing practice (Seeking Safety) to address specific mental health risk factors and linguistic and cultural dynamics of the sex trafficking and sex worker sub-culture.

The Santa Barbara INN program complies with all MHSA requirements for an INN Program.

Enclosures: Santa Barbara County Innovation Plan Summary.

Handout: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve Santa Barbara County's Innovation Plan in the amount of \$2,507,749 for a three-year period.

Presenter:

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

Motion: The MHSOAC approves Santa Barbara County's Innovation Project:

- Name : Girls Resiliency Restoration and Reintegration Alliance
Amount: \$2,507,749
Program Length: 3 Years