
AGENDA ITEM 4A

Information

September 24, 2015 Commission Meeting

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in San Francisco – Program and Service Overview

Summary: Representatives from San Francisco Mental Health Services Act (SF MHSA) will discuss their ongoing commitment to incorporate wellness and recovery throughout the Behavioral Health System. Additionally, they will highlight services in Peer to Peer & Vocational Services, Consumer Engagement, Workforce Development, and provide updates on new initiatives.

The presentation will also include information on the Triage Personnel Grant, past and present crisis response systems, and goals for future crisis response systems. The presentation will include some statistics on how this program has impacted service delivery.

San Francisco's treatment services include an emphasis on recovery and an increased recognition of the key role that consumers and family members play in self-directing care. SF MHSA promotes a culture of recovery, resiliency, and wellness and believes that recovery from mental illness is not only possible but is to be expected.

SF MHSA has consumers actively engaged in program planning and implementation. In addition, SF MHSA encourages all of its programs to hire peers.

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