

SMALL GROUP BREAKOUT NOTES – CPAW April 7, 2016 Meeting

Question: What information would be helpful for you to perform in your CPAW role, as it pertains to:

Capital Facilities/Information Technology

- How are things decided here, and who decides them?
- Who decides the percentage of unspent funds to be moved to the CF/TN component?
- What is the status of the mental health electronic record project, and will they run out of money before it is finished?
- Can stakeholders say no if the County needs more MHSA funds to complete the electronic mental health record system?
- For CF/TN projects what should be the performance deliverables, outcomes, and how and with what regularity should this be communicated to stakeholders?
- How can we ensure CF/TN funds spent continue to support mental health services, and can we get the money back if it doesn't?
- Can we re-visit the psychiatric health facility proposal that was not funded the last time CF/TN projects were proposed?
- Can CF/TN funds be used to
 - support a centralized resource for training, education and support of family members of mental health consumers?
 - enable the PSP system to interface with Epic Tapestry?
 - pay one-time costs for establishing computer labs in programs capable, willing and appropriate to add this consumer service? How about other one-time capital facility, information technology costs that enhance existing programs?
 - upgrade existing computer systems?
 - supply computers to consumers and family members as appropriately part of their treatment plan?
 - make current facilities earthquake safe?
 - enable facilities to be Wi-Fi enabled?
 - retrofit Ward 4-D at CCRMC for mental health bed use?
 - establish locked facilities?
 - establish shared housing units in each region?
 - Augment innovation funding?
 - Purchase property?
 - Renovate non-County owned facilities?
- What can't CF/TN funds be used for?
- Can we concentrate on one region of the county at a time?

- Canada claims to not have a homeless problem. Can that be looked into?
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New Innovative Projects

- What is innovative, how is it defined, and what are the criteria?
- What are the rules as specified in the new regulations?
- How many projects will be funded?
- Is there a minimum/maximum amount set for each project?
- What is currently funded so as to inform us about new projects?
- When will we know exactly how much will be available for new innovative projects, what are the county guidelines, and the time line for funding new projects?
- How will it be determined whether a new project will be county operated or contracted out?
- Will there be geographic considerations, or any other means to consider fair share allocation of available funds?
- Can a current innovative project be expanded with new innovation funding to serve another region or population?
- Can housing and alcohol and other drug services be funded with innovation funds?
- Are part-time employment, school participation, peer centers, services to those incarcerated, possible as innovative projects?
- Can innovation funds be used to augment a new approach to an existing program?
- Is there an opportunity to augment the innovation component budget with unspent funds?
- Could innovation funds fund an annual event rather than a service or program?
- Could innovative projects be used to address first responders, such as faith based organizations?
- Who determines where innovative projects go and where the money would come from to sustain projects when innovation funds end?
- How does sustainability figure into the decision-making when considering a new innovative project?
- What are the guidelines or parameters for an innovative project to become permanent?
- Can a successful innovation project replace an unsuccessful project?
- Can we emphasize innovative projects that impact the whole system rather than small, specific populations?

- Is awarding of innovative project funding restricted only to county operated or contract (501-C-3) mental health services?
- Do we have a method to educate people as to what has been accomplished or what we have learned from our innovative projects?
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Workforce Education and Training

- What are the five categories?
- Who all is eligible to benefit from funding from the WET component?
- What is an appropriate amount for a yearly budget?
- Can we allocate an amount for each category?
- By what amount should the current WET budget be expanded or reduced?
- Who or what group will determine how much money will be spent in WET?
- What are we currently funding in the WET component?
- How many people are currently participating in WET funded activities?
- What hasn't worked in the WET component and should not be re-funded?
- Can we emphasize what WET funded activities are not being funded, but should be?
- Has any unspent WET funds been reverted to the general unspent fund account?
- What is the current amount spent in WET to support families of mental health consumers?
- How can we ensure that WET funded activities are improving services to the seriously mentally ill?
- How can WET dollars be used to assist those who have difficulty accessing WET funded activities?
- What would be the needed qualifications, certifications or standards to approve funds for career ladder activities, such as school and/or training activities?
- How can we support the supervision and support of community support workers (CSWs)?
- Can WET funds be used to
 - train volunteers?
 - fund conferences?
 - train judges, law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders?
 - train for peer specialist certification other than SPIRIT?
 - fund continuing education for peer specialists and family partners?
 - augment Innovation component funds
 - finance higher education via scholarships for TAY consumers?
 - fund training and development opportunities for employees to enable promotional opportunities?
 - fund equipment, supplies, business attire, job coaching for consumer job entry and retention?

- pay for recruitment efforts for hard to fill positions?
- Pay for cultural competency training and sensitization to populations such as persons identifying as LGBTQ?
- support NAMI sponsored education and training projects to support family members of mental health consumers and volunteers who support family members of mental health consumers
- address specific gaps in the workforce who can represent special needs, such as language proficiency in languages other than English?
- pay stipends so that benefits are not affected?
- pay for training that prepares an individual for a non-behavioral health job?
- pay for scholarships or reimburse for school costs?
- education and training for key community positions that should be more knowledgeable about mental illness, such as how to identify warning signs and make reasonable accommodations; such as employers, union officials?
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Use of Unspent MHSA funds

- How did this amount get accumulated?
- When will we be given a final, updated figure of how much is available?
- Who, when and how will it be determined how much gets allocated to the WET and CF/TN components?
- Besides WET and CF/TN components, can unspent funds be applied to the CSS, PEI and/or INN components, such as augmenting staffing/programming for existing programs and plan elements?
- What parameters should be set for use of unspent funds?
- Can we use it to set up a scholarship fund for mental health clients?
- Can we use it to give out bonuses for staff?
- Is there a limit on how much we can spend each year? If so, who makes that decision?
- Does the unspent funds earn interest, and where does this interest go?
- Is there a time frame for when you lose these funds?
- Is there already any commitments to use this money? For example, will we need to use any of these funds to make up any shortfalls to fully fund ongoing staffing/service/contract commitments for 2017-20?
- How is unspent funds different than the prudent reserve?
- Will there be an opportunity to assess service needs and gaps, what has been met or not met, and then use this information in planning for the use of unspent funds?
- How will we determine whether proposed uses for unspent funds line up with MHSA values, such as client/family driven services?
- If used for a new program or project, will there be outcomes reported and/or progress reports provided?
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Stakeholder Meeting Calendar

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 MH Commission: 4:30—6:30 pm 550 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill	2 CPAW: 3-6pm 2425 Bisso Ln Concord	3	4
5	6	7	8 Systems of Care: 10am—12 pm 1340 Arnold Dr, Ste 200, Martinez	9 Children's: 11:00-1:00pm, 1340 Arnold Dr, Ste 200, Martinez Social Inclusion: 1-3 pm 2425 Bisso Ln, Concord	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 MHSA Finance: 1-3 pm TBA Steering: 3-5 pm 2425 Bisso Ln, Concord	17	18
19  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	20 Membership: 3-4:30 pm 1340 Arnold Dr, Ste 200, Martinez	21	22 Aging and Older Adult: 2-3:30 pm 2425 Bisso Ln, Concord AOD Advisory Board : 4 -6:15pm 651 Pine St, Martinez	23	24	25
26	27 Innovation: 2:30—4:30pm 1340 Arnold Dr, Ste 200, Martinez	28 Adult: 3:00—4:30pm 1340 Arnold Dr, Ste 200, Martinez	29	30		July 5 BH Housing 1:00-3:00 PM 2425 Bisso Ln Concord, CA