
AGENDA ITEM 2

Action

February 25, 2015 Commission Meeting

Siskiyou County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Siskiyou County's request to fund its new Innovative (INN) project, Health Care Coordination (HCC). Staff reviewed the county's plan and recommends that the Commission approve a total of \$1,710,858 for five years.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that a 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 a INN project address 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; or (4) increase access to services.

The Siskiyou County Mental Health project, HCC, makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach by modifying existing health care integration models to work in a rural community with limited public transportation and limited providers. The primary purpose of the program is to increase the quality of services, including better outcomes. The INN project complies with all MHSA requirements.

The project is innovative as it will seek to determine how to develop an integrated care model that utilizes peer support services in a rural community with limited public transportation and providers. The evaluation will be developed and implemented with guidance from the Quality Improvement Committee, the HCC advisory board, behavioral and primary healthcare providers and the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Board and management team.

This project will benefit the system of care by (1) furthering knowledge and lessons learned on developing a strong, collaborative relationship with local health care providers; and (2) developing further evidence around peer service provision in integrated care situations.

Siskiyou County is requesting authorization from the MHSOAC to fund this five-year project in the amount of \$1,710,858.

Presenter: Nev Jones, Ph.D., Staff

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Siskiyou County Innovation

Handout: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

Proposed Motion: The MHSOAC approves Siskiyou County's Innovation Project:

Name: Health Care Coordination Project

Amount: \$1,710,858

Project Length: 5 Years