

MARIN COUNTY INNOVATION PLAN

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Summary

- Marin County proposes to improve access for TAY from un/under served populations by integrating the expertise of TAY and informal providers into the system of care
 - Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project.
 - 4 years, \$1,616,900 in MHSA funding
- Staff recommends that Marin County's proposal has met program requirements



Regulatory Criteria

- **Funds exploration of new and/or locally adapted mental health approach/practices**
 - Adaptation of an existing mental health program
 - Promising approach from another system adapted to mental health
- **One of four allowable primary purposes:**
 - Increase access to services
 - Increase access to services to underserved groups
 - Increase the quality of services, including measurable outcomes
 - Promote interagency and community collaboration
- **Addresses a barrier other than not enough money**
- **Cannot merely replicate programs in other similar jurisdictions**
- **Must align with core MHPA principles (e.g. client-driven, culturally competent, recovery-oriented)**
- **Promotes *learning***
 - Learning ≠ program success
 - Emphasis on extracting information that can contribute to systems change



What OAC Staff Look For

- **Specific requirements regarding:**
 - Community planning process
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Clear connection to mental health system or mental illness
 - Learning goals and evaluation plan
- **What is the unmet need the county is trying to address?**
 - Cannot be purely lack of funding!
- **Does the proposed project address the need(s)?**
- **Clear learning objectives that link to the need(s)?**
- **Evaluation plan that allows the county to meet its learning objective(s)?**
 - May include process as well as outcomes components



Marin County Innovative Program Project Proposal: *Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project*

4 years: \$1,616,900 in MHSA funding

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Marin County Context

- Mid-sized, high-income county with a very tight labor market.
- Rapidly growing Latino population.
- Inequities for people of color increased.
- Geographically isolated areas.

Challenges:

- Weak connections between the informal system of care (grass-roots, faith-based, and peer-led groups) that effectively engages un/underserved populations and the “formal system of care”
- Informal providers often lack capacity to integrate with existing County processes
 - Lack of infrastructure
 - Formal credentials
 - Lack of familiarity with terminology
- TAY is a high risk life phase, while also underserved/hard to reach

Marin County Innovation Project History

One project - Client Choice and Hospital Prevention

Approved by the Commission on January 27, 2011 for \$1,481,800

- Project concluded in FY 14/15
- Purpose:
 - To provide services to adults (age 18 and older) experiencing psychiatric crises through the creation of a recovery-oriented, community-based response to psychiatric crises to provide alternatives to hospitalization while supporting clients, families and communities to increase resilience.
 - Innovation funds were used to develop and operate a community-based crisis service in a homelike environment that integrates crisis intervention and stabilization with wellness and recovery principles.
 - ✓ Integrated peer and professional staffing
 - ✓ Use of client-driven crisis plans
 - ✓ Use of SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment)
- Status
 - Evaluation/Final report forthcoming in next annual update
 - Funding for key aspects of the project have shifted to Community Services and Supports (CSS) as for FY 15/16

Proposed INN Project: Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project

- **Purpose: Increase access to underserved groups**
- **Local adaptation of a Community Integration model**
 - TAY Advisory Committee
 - Needs assessment
 - Action plan
 - Evaluation
 - **Sustainability: Joint learning process**

Proposed INN Project Learning Objectives & Evaluation

■ Specific Learning Question:

- Can Marin County reduce disparities in access to culturally competent behavioral health service for TAY from un/underserved populations who are at risk for or experiencing a mental illness by building on the strengths of the informal system of care?

■ Evaluation Plan:

- Marin County plans to hire an evaluator to examine process indicators and quantitative measures.
- 27 percent of budget is for evaluation: evaluator, participatory evaluation process
 - ◆ **Outcomes**
 - ▼ Increase the integration of the informal system of care with the formal behavioral health continuum of care
 - ▼ Increase access to culturally competent behavioral health services
 - ▼ Improve outcomes for TAY
 - ▼ Identification of key elements that have led to success

Proposed Motion

■ The MHSOAC approves Marin County's INN Project.

- ◆ Name: Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project
- ◆ Amount: \$1,616,900
- ◆ Project Duration: 4 Years

