
AGENDA ITEM 4

Action

April 28, 2016 Commission Meeting

Marin County Innovation Plan

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider approval of Marin County's request to fund its new Innovative project, Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project for \$1,616,900 over four years.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires that an 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 an 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 Marin County Mental Health Project, Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project, makes a change to an existing mental health practice or approach by modifying general Community Integration models by specifically focusing on integrating the informal system of care for transition age youth (TAY) with the formal system of care provided in public mental health. The primary purpose of the program is to increase access to underserved groups. The INN project complies with all MHSA requirements.

The project seeks to reduce disparities in access to culturally competent behavioral health services for TAY from un/underserved populations who are at risk for or experiencing a mental illness by engaging un/underserved TAY who are at-risk for mental illness or experiencing mental illness in a process to identify what their needs are and what strategies for engaging them are working. TAY will also be key in designing and guiding the implementation of services that make sense to them.

This project will benefit the system of care by: (1) furthering knowledge and lessons learned on developing an integrated system of care for TAY in Marin County and (2) developing further evidence around key elements in the integration that led to success.

Marin County is requesting authorization from the MHSOAC to fund this four-year project in the amount of \$1,616,900.

Presenters:

Introduction: Brian Sala, PhD., Deputy Director, Evaluation and Program Operations

County Presenters: Kasey Clark, MHSA Coordinator; Kristine Gardner, PEI Coordinator

Enclosures: Innovation Plan Approval Summary: Marin County Innovation; and Supplemental information provided by Marin County- *Marin County Mental Health and Substance Use Services Innovation Plan, Growing Roots: The Young Adults Services Project*

Handout: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

Proposed Motion: The MHSOAC approves Marin County's Innovation Project.

Name: Growing Roots: The Young Adult Services Project

Amount: \$1,616,900

Project Length: 4 Years