

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PLAN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

REQUEST

Authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to submit the attached Los Angeles County Mental Health System's Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan, as described in Attachment I (Executive Summary) and Attachment II (CSS Plan) to the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) in accordance with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

BACKGROUND

The MHSA, adopted by the California electorate on November 2, 2004, creates a new permanent revenue source, administered by SDMH, for the transformation and expanded delivery of mental health services and requires the development of integrated plans for prevention, innovation, and system of care services. The MHSA requires that each county mental health program prepare and submit a three-year plan for approval by the SDMH. In April 2005, your Board approved the "MHSA Plan Phase I – funding, Plan, and Planning Process," which provided initial funding for community engagement that lead to the development of the CSS Plan, the first of five distinct substantive plans that must be developed to access all available MHSA funding.

The SDMH requires that the CSS Plan focus on people in our community who have the most severe and persistent mental illness or serious emotional disturbances, including children and families, transition age youth (TAY), adults and older adults, who are at risk of homelessness, jail, or being put or kept in other institutions because of their mental illness. The CSS Plan must also provide help to ethnic and racial communities and other communities having difficulty helping individuals and families with serious mental health issues.

Almost 10,000 individuals across Los Angeles County have participated in a fast-paced, three-phase planning process to develop the CSS Plan. Phase I began in December 2004 and involved an expansive community assessment process that concluded in March 2005 with the publication of 930 pages of assessments which evaluated diverse aspects of the current community mental health system and incorporated an extensive array of preliminary recommendations. Phase II began in late March 2005 through June 2005 where five (5) countywide work groups representing all target populations convened to develop draft recommendations. Phase III began in early June 2005

where 63 delegates from over 40 Stakeholder groups met to review the recommendations and culminated with a draft document of the CSS Plan.

On August 9, 2005, a formal 30-day comment period began in order to solicit additional Stakeholder and community input and feedback. At the end of the 30-day comment period, delegates met in a final series of meetings to review all feedback received during Phase III and to initiate the development of the final draft of the CSS Plan.

The CSS Plan was shaped following SDMH requisite guiding principles which included: (1) significant increases in the level of participation and involvement of clients and their family members in all aspects of the community mental health system and programs; (2) changes in access and increased geographic proximity of services and programs; (3) age-specific strategies for children and youth, TAY, adults, and older adults; (4) increase in community partnerships; (5) expansion of culturally competent services and programs; and (5) expanded outcome monitoring and achievement of MHSA accountability goals.

The CSS Plan was submitted to the Mental Health Commission for public hearing and is being submitted to your Board for authorization to submit it to SDMH for approval.

INTENT

The intent of the requested action is to get Board approval for the submission of the proposed CSS Plan, which as developed in accordance with Stakeholder recommendations and SDMH requirements, to SDMH. Funding provided through the MHSA will be used to transform the current mental health system from one that focuses primarily on clinical services into one in which DMH can partner with clients, their families, and their communities to provide, under client and family direction, whatever it takes to enable people to attain their goals toward recovery.

JUSTIFICATION

The MHSA requires that each county mental health program prepare and submit a three-year plan for approval by the SDMH after review and comment by the State's Oversight and Accountability Commission. The CSS Plan is the first of five distinct substantive plans that must be developed and approved by SDMH to access the following projected MHSA funds:

- FY 2005-2006 - \$89,792,800 (\$44,896,400 in on-going funds,
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- FY 2006-2007 - \$90,690,728
- FY 2007-2008 - \$96,078,296

As soon as SDMH has approved the CSS Plan and DMH develops an implementation plan in conjunction with its community partners, DMH will return to the Board with a request for approval of the implementation plan and the corresponding fully funded Budget Adjustment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The subject does not apply.

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Attachments (2)

AW:MHSA Fact Sheet