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Innovation Component
Request for Funding for Community Program Planning

Date: February 26, 2009

County: Stanislaus

Total Amount Requested: \$457,200

Funding Purposes

Please briefly describe the purpose and amount for which the requested funding will be used.

Stanislaus County submits the following request for MHSAs Innovation Community Program Planning funds in the amount of \$457,200 to begin planning for this component of MHSAs. In requesting these planning funds, a commitment is made to provide an authentic focus that continues to develop the innovative project ideas that have come out of previous planning processes, most notably the recently conducted Prevention Early Intervention Planning process, as well as other new ideas that are developed during the community planning process.

A unique and focused community stakeholder process will proceed that ensures a fair, respectful and effective process that includes diverse underserved communities, mental health consumers, family members and other required and recommended stakeholder leaders throughout the process. The six General Standards of MHSAs will be incorporated in the planning process and into each project as appropriate for the individual project.

This planning process will be build on input from earlier processes and therefore will be brief and focused. A key focus will be to ensure that community leaders who are likely to be affected by the projects are involved in the development of the projects. Further, that individuals of diverse cultural backgrounds are engaged and community strengths incorporated in development of project(s). One or more of the essential purposes of this component will define projects to be included in the INN plan, as follows: 1) increased access to underserved groups, 2) improve quality of services; including better outcomes, 3) promotion of interagency collaboration, and 4) increased access to services.

When project(s) are developed to be included in the INN plan, they will be designed to contribute to learning, inform current future practices/approaches in communities in one of the three ways suggested in INN guidelines.

Staffing:

BHRS MHSAs Planning Coordinator will take the lead in planning and conducting the community meetings, data analysis, and INN plan development through submission.

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BHRS Prevention Education Coordinator/ Public Information Officer will co-facilitate the community stakeholder meetings, organize community outreach efforts through community-based organizations as needed, assist with data analysis and plan development through submission.

An independent consultant with background in community outreach, community capacity building and process management will work with the MHSA Planning Coordinator to ensure a focused planning process. The consultant will play a key role in analysis of data and technical advice in plan development.

A marketing and communications firm may be engaged to assist with community surveys and survey data analysis.

A research consultant may be engaged to assist in design of a project to measure effectiveness of community capacity building strategies

Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY under penalty of perjury that I am the official responsible for the administration of Community Mental Health Services in and for said County and the following statements are true. I have not violated any of the provisions of Section 5891 of the Welfare and Institution Code in that all identified funding requirements listed above represent costs related to the expansion of mental health services since passage of the MHSA and do not represent supplanting of expenditures. The proposed activities are consistent with the Mental Health Services Act, the Department's regulations governing the MHSA, and draft proposed guidelines for the Innovation component of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan; and to the best of my knowledge and belief this request in all respects is true, correct, and in accordance with the law.



Signature (Director/Designee, County Mental Health Department)