

CaIMHSA FACT SHEET/TALKING POINTS

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Background

- CaIMHSA is established for the purpose of the Members to jointly develop, and fund mental health services and education programs as determined on a regional, statewide, or other basis.
- Authorization operates under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) approval by each member's County Board of Supervisors and CaIMHSA's Bylaws for the operation of the JPA, as approved by the CaIMHSA Board of Directors
- Present membership is at 90% of the California population, which are 39 members and 40 counties. (4 counties have assigned money to CaIMHSA and in process of membership)
- It is the intent of the Authority that all such programs are fiscally self-contained requiring no additional funds from Members.
- Cost to operate Statewide PEI programs are based on funds assigned and plan/budget approval by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)
- Yearly budget's adopted by the CaIMHSA Board of Directors
- One time member application fee based on county population (\$250 - \$1,000)
- Cost to operate other local/regional/statewide programs is based on funds assigned and approved by the CaIMHSA Board of Directors.
- Subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, open to public participation

Accomplishments

- Executed contractual agreement with DMH for \$160 million to implement Statewide PEI projects
- JPA is now managing up to 24 different contractors (Program Partners) for the implementation of Statewide PEI projects.

Example:

Suicide Prevention/Program One: Suicide Prevention Network Program- Program Partner: Didi Hirsch

Stigma and Discrimination Reduction/Program One: Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Consortium – Program Partner: California Network of Mental Health Clients

Student Mental Health/Statewide K-12 Program: Program Partner – California Department of Education

Note: For a complete list of Program Partners please see attached document

- Administers other contracts: A seven county Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Contract thru CiMH, Marin SAMHSA Grant, Contra Costa WET Program, and Federal SAMHSA System of Care Grant (official notification pending)

Business Plan/Future Activities

- Investment of funds to ensure a maximum return on funds to be applied to program/services
- JPA has an insurance program with the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (EIA)
- Currently working with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to obtain Affiliate Membership
- JPA is currently collaborating with the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) on a 5 year business plan and potential role for CalMHSA in the transition of DMH Non-Medi-Cal functions
- JPA is currently preparing a position paper identified by DMH that could lead to assignments to the Authority

Why the JPA?

- Acting jointly with members to increase cost efficiency in administration. Rather than individual counties complying with reporting requirements, this task could be centralized, resulting in cost avoidance.
- Leverage CalMHSA as a hub to develop multiple requests for proposals and contracts with providers. The JPA facilitates the efficient use of member and provider resources to accomplish the agreed upon goals.
- Negotiate cost effective rates with various subcontractors statewide and greatly reduce the cost of overhead administration.
- Serve as a repository to house, share and disseminate research, information and specific strategies that are the most effective and quality assured.
- Evaluate and analyze potential statewide and regional efforts for systematic results.
- Provide members with an alternative to the assignment of county MHSA funds to the state department and state legislature to implement state and regional MHSA projects.

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