

MEMORANDUM

TO: Adult Workgroup Members
FROM: Pat Bowie (patriciabowie@earthlink.net)
DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 2005
RE: Summary from May 11, 2005 Workgroup Meeting

I. REASONS FOR MEETING

- A. Begin discussion and test for agreement about focal populations.
- B. Begin discussion and test for agreement about criteria for system capacity investments.
- C. Develop agreement about timeline and next steps

II. FOCAL POPULATIONS FOR ENROLLEE=BASED PROGRAMS

- A. The State has recommended in the guidelines for the Community Services and Supports plan that Counties adopt the following focal populations for enrollee-base programs:
 1. Adults with serious mental illness
 2. Including adults with a co-occurring disorder or health condition
 3. Who are not currently served and are homeless
 4. and/or are at imminent risk of homelessness, involvement in the criminal justice system, or institutionalization.
- B. Workgroup members developed a list of focal populations for consideration *in addition to* the State suggested list for enrollee-based programs. **The additional populations named included adults with serious mental illness who:**
 1. Have a co-occurring disorder or health condition, including substance abuse;
 2. Have a history of trauma
 3. Are not currently served
 4. Are isolated without peer or family support
 5. May be living with family members or other supportive individuals but are not receiving appropriate care
 6. Are living in institutional care
 7. Are incarcerated
 8. Are living in Residential Care Facilities
 9. Are residing in sober living facilities
 10. Are a conservatee and without a mental health services coordinator
 11. Are currently receiving outpatient services but the services are not sufficient.
- C. **Participants agreed that, for this first round of CSS funding, we did not want to privilege those adults with serious mental illness who are homeless above all other potential groups to be served. The group decided instead to examine the potential populations for enrollment-based programs based on a number of considerations, including need, the desire to reach different racial, ethnic, and cultural groups, the potential larger impact on the system, and other criteria.**

III. **FOCUS FOR OUR NEXT CONVERSATION:** The group decided to begin our conversation on Wednesday, May 18, with a focus on our larger intention and vision for transforming the mental health system in LA County. The purpose of this conversation is to help us make more strategic recommendations about how to invest the first round of CSS funding. An ad hoc planning group will meet Monday, May 16 to help plan this conversation

IV. CRITERIA FOR SYSTEMS CAPACITY INVESTMENTS

- A. The group began the conversation about criteria for Systems Capacity Investments.**
- B. The group developed a first cut at criteria for these decisions, including:**
 - 1. Support transformation of the system toward a client-focused and operated recovery model**
 - 2. Support investments that benefit the most seriously chronically ill**
 - 3. Support the delivery of culturally competent services to the focal population groups already agreed upon, and utilizing the expertise of consumers**
 - 4. Support the enrollee-based programs investments**
 - 5. Support the infrastructure necessary for evidenced-based models**
 - 6. Support investments that are tied to outcomes**
 - 7. Support services and strategies targeting co-occurring disorders**
 - 8. Support services targeting a reduction in utilization of services and decriminalization**
 - 9. Support strategies that reduce racial disparities in program participation and outcomes**
 - 10. Provide opportunity for leveraging additional resources to move the systems change forward**
 - 11. Capacity to use the dollars over the three-year plan**

V. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Dates and times**
 - 1. May 18th, Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00**
 - 2. May 25th, Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00**
 - 3. May 31st, Tuesday 1:00 – 4:00**
- B. Locations are to be scheduled and e-mail notices with this information will be distributed prior to each meeting.**