

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE

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TO: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director

FROM: Jim Allen *JA*
Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **AB 34 ORIENTATION**

Attached is the agenda for the AB 34 Program Orientation meeting scheduled for today that we discussed. Also attached is a program overview document, which on page 2, has a statement (in bold) that you should see before we distribute it in the meeting.

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AB 34 PROGRAM ORIENTATION

November 1, 1999
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Conference Room

550 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W
Director of Mental Health

Jim Allen, Deputy Director
Adult Systems of Care |
| II. | Overview and Comparison of
Intensive Case Management Programs | Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Ph.D./
Dennis Murata/Janet Abreu |
| III. | AB 34 Client Selection Criteria/
Role of AB 34 Coordinator | Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Ph.D. |
| IV. | Jail Mental Health Services (JMHS) | Richard Kushi |
| V. | Navigating The Jail System | Captain Charles Jackson
Sergeant Paula Larson |
| VI. | MIS Data/Billing Client Services | Dennis Murata |
| VII. | Documentation of Direct and
Indirect Services | Terry Lewis-Nwachie |
| VIII. | Contract Issues | Miguel Rico |
| IX. | Provider Reimbursement Issues | Tracy Frazier-Dantzler |
| X. | Tracking & Reporting Outcome
Data Through Caminar System | David Pilon, Ph.D. |

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AB 34 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO HOMELESS
MENTALLY ILL CLIENTS OR THOSE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS**

Overview:

AB 34 (Author: Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg, et al) establishes funding for one year for up to three counties to demonstrate that counties can provide comprehensive services to severely mentally ill persons who are "homeless, recently released from a county jail or the state prison, or others who are untreated, unstable, and at significant risk of incarceration or homelessness unless treatment is provided to them." These comprehensive, integrated services are to be based on the Adult System of Care Model established in Chapter 982 of the Statutes of 1988 (Section 5831 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

Since AB 34 is an urgency statute, the timeframe to design and implement the scope of services as required by AB 34 for the Demonstration Grant has been accelerated. The implementation date is November 1, 1999. This bill requires the State DMH, in consultation with a yet to be established advisory committee, to report to the Legislature by May 1, 2000 on the effectiveness of the strategies in providing successful outreach and reducing homelessness, involvement with local law enforcement, and other measures to be identified by State DMH. Furthermore, AB 34 requires that, to be eligible for a grant, a county must have an existing integrated adult service program that meets the criteria for an adult system of care and that can develop an integrated forensic program, as specified.

LAC-DMH has targeted this program for existing Adult Systems of Care contracted agencies that meet the following general eligibility criteria. Eligible agencies are:

1. Existing LAC-DMH contracted legal entities in good standing: and
2. Currently contracted with LAC-DMH to provide one or both of the two types of comprehensive integrated adult mental health services:
 - a. Serve as a primary provider for LAC-DMH's Adult Targeted Case Management Services (ATCMS) or
 - b. Serve as a PARTNERS/ISA agency

AB 34 Services:

AB 34 funding focuses on developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of care for mentally ill persons which would "enable adults with severe mental illness to reduce symptoms which impair their ability to live independently, work, maintain community supports, care for their children, stay in good health, not abuse drugs or alcohol, and not commit crimes."

AB 34 amends the current Adult System of Care legislation to include an outreach program and extensive community-based mental health treatment services that would include: substance abuse services, housing or residential assistance, vocational rehabilitation, benefits assistance, money management assistance, access to health care, and other non-medical programs necessary to stabilize homeless severely mentally ill persons who may either go untreated or come in contact with the criminal justice system.

As identified in AB 34 legislation, through reference to the Adult System of Care Model (Chapter 982 of the Statutes of 1988), the targeted client population includes persons who have as a result of mental disorder "substantial functional impairments or symptoms" and are "(1) Criminal justice offenders. (2) Homeless." Thus, for Los Angeles County, this program will serve adult and older adult homeless persons with severe mental illnesses who are: (1) living on the streets or in emergency/temporary shelters; (2) homeless and pending release or recently released from a Los Angeles County Jail; (3) evaluated and referred by the MET/SMART team; or (4) identified and referred by the County Court/Criminal Justice Programs, social service or community-based agencies.

Funding Issues:

Funding for AB 34 has been appropriated in the State Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. Funding for Los Angeles County is \$4.8 million. Please note that AB 34 funds must not be used to supplant existing programs. Funded agencies are required to demonstrate the outcomes of their programs, specify the additional numbers of severely mentally ill adults to whom they will provide AB 34 funded services and agree to provide services specified in AB 34. For this demonstration grant, LAC-DMH funded programs will not be contracted on a capitated rate basis.

Agencies that demonstrate success in addressing client care under AB 34 guidelines including the enrollment, maintenance in appropriate community settings, and attainment of other established outcome measures for the number of clients specified in their approved proposal will be recommended for participation in the second phase of the program. Phase II of the project is scheduled to begin July 1, 2000.

In addition, the LAC-DMH is establishing and facilitating specialized services to support these programs. These include emergency housing and transportation, and training.

The County General Fund (CGF) allocation per enrolled client for the remaining eight month period of FY 1999/2000 is \$5,200. This amount includes outreach services, including those for individuals who do not become enrolled clients. The allocation does not include costs of state hospitalization, acute psychiatric hospitalization, placement in Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD), and forensic mental health costs. Please be reminded that if client eligibility for Medi-Cal can be established, additional revenues will be available.

Of Key Importance Is:

- Commencing implementation of the program by November 1, 1999.
- Ensuring that clients involved in this program receive age, gender, and culturally appropriate services, to the extent feasible, that are designed to enable clients to:
 - 1) live in the most independent, least restrictive housing feasible in the local community;
 - 2) engage in the highest level of work or productive activity appropriate to their levels of abilities and experience;
 - 3) create and maintain a support system consisting of friends, family and participation in community activities;
 - 4) access an appropriate level of academic education or vocational training;
 - 5) obtain an adequate income;
 - 6) self-manage their illness and exert as much control as possible over both the day-to-day and long-term decisions which affect their lives;
 - 7) access necessary physical health care and maintain the best possible physical health;
 - 8) reduce or eliminate antisocial or criminal behavior and thereby reduce or eliminate their contact with the criminal justice system;
 - 9) reduce or eliminate the distress caused by the symptoms of mental illness; and
 - 10) have freedom from dangerous addictive substances.
- Demonstrating program success by May 1, 2000 by developing comprehensive outcome measures that demonstrate significant reductions in homelessness; reductions in contacts with law enforcement, including significant reductions in incarcerations; increases in the number of clients employed; reductions in substance abuse; increases in the number of clients participating in employment services programs including competitive employment; the amount of hospitalization that has been reduced or avoided. The programs must participate in and utilize an outcome evaluation protocol developed by the State and LAC-DMH to measure the success of the program.