County of San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department Mental Health Services Act

Mental Health Advisory Committee (MAC) Stakeholder Group Meeting:

This document is proof of stakeholder involvement in decision making priorities and practices for the County of San Luis Obispo Mental Health Services Act programs.

The MAC Stakeholder Group asserts that they have fully understood and made a decision regarding the changes for the following program/service:

Behavioral Health – Program Manager to Coordinate Countywide SAFE	
Current Program/Service	New Changes/Updates to Program/Services
Community School Therapeutic	Program Manager -Behavioral Health for Countywide SAFE Coordination
Services	
Current Total Amount : \$139,225	New Total Amount: \$ 146, 754 (projected addition of \$7,000) with projected subsidy from DSS and Probation.

Justification:

- Convert vacant 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Clinician assigned to Community Schools to a 1.0 FTE Program Manager to provide countywide coordination for the SAFE System of Care.
- Currently the SLOBHD MHSA funds a full- time Clinician to act as coordinator for the South County SAFE, and provides funding to support a North County coordinator via The LINK. The San Luis Obispo-based SAFE is coordinated by SLOBHD, but for only a few hours by available staff as possible.
- This new position will take over all system coordination, and the San Luis Obispo-based activities, while direct services will continue to be coordinated in the North and South regions as is.
- The Program Manager, as the countywide coordinator will oversee county and regional meetings with SAFE partners (e.g., DSS, Probation, schools, CBOs, etc.), outreach to school districts (focusing on rural and/or underserved), facilitate family meetings for those who cannot travel to regional centers, and represent the Department and Public Mental Health System in development of SAFE initiatives.
- The Program Manager will be responsible for coordination of grants, MOUs, data reporting, and other administrative processes. These processes are now done in an ad hoc fashion and have been overlooked in recent years.
- While MHSA will house the position and the majority of its funding, this position's cost will be subsidized with funding from SAFE partners including Department of Social Services and Probation.
- Current position is a Behavioral Health Clinician originally assigned to serve Community Schools. Over the past four years the county's Community Schools have reduced from three sites to one, and the County Office of Education has added its own therapeutic staff.

Outcomes:

- Increase the number of referrals to SAFE from school districts by 30% within first year.
- Establish subsidized funding to support this position as well as SAFE initiatives within first two years.
- Develop MOUs with two new schools/districts within first two years.
- Supervise 1-2 FTE to reduce load on SLOBHD Program Supervision.

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023: Add additional funding support to add a Behavioral Health – Program Manager.

[X] SLOBHD Staff recommends approval by the MAC Stakeholder Group as specified above.

[] SLOBHD Staff does not recommend approval by the MAC Stakeholder Group as specified above.

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