

Mental Health Transformation Update January 2008

Work Group 7 Workforce Development

Yale University has released three Requests for Proposals focused on workforce development interventions with application deadlines of February 25, 2008, and a fourth due February 29th.

The RFPs focus on:

- * Parent Leadership Training
- * Workforce Development in Intensive Home-Based Services
- * The Connecticut Recovery Employment Consultation Service
- * Supervisory Competencies

Work Group 2 Consumer/Youth and Family Driven

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has issued a proposal seeking qualified private non-profit applicants to coordinate the development of a consumer, family, and youth based collaborative.

The purpose of the collaborative is the promotion of choice and self-determination of appropriate, quality mental health services based upon a consumer, family, youth (C/F/Y) driven performance measurement and continuous quality improvement process.

The contractor will plan, organize, coordinate, direct and manage the activities and tasks necessary to support the implementation of a C/F/Y-driven quality improvement process for mental health services evaluation.

Responses to the RFP must be received by February 22, 2008

Work Group 5

A memorandum of Agreement was signed between DMHAS, DCF and CSSD to create and issue an RFP seeking a contractor to implement the work group's plan to divert children and youth from involvement in the juvenile justice system through a focused implementation of Community Based Wraparound, a proven effective approach to addressing the needs of children and families. Wraparound is a transformative approach to delivering care that places the family at the center of decision making and shares the concepts and values of the adult Recovery Movement and other approaches that build upon the natural resilience of children, families, and communities.

Thank You Luncheon

Over 120 former work group participants attended a thank you luncheon held in December at Indian Ridge Country Club.

Communications Sub-Committee

Has approved a request to work with a professional media consultant to implement a statewide Communications Campaign to address stigma and mental health awareness. The group has coordinated its plan to complement recent efforts of the MIG initiative's Connect-ability campaign.