

Mental Health Transformation Update March 2008

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 RFP review is scheduled for March 28, 2008.

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.

Work Group 4

A request for proposal (RFP) was released seeking qualified private non-profit applicants (mental health agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and other community primary health care providers) to implement a pilot program for general pediatric, family medicine and geriatric health care professionals. The purpose of the project is to improve the ability of primary care providers to identify, diagnose, refer and treat individuals with mental illness pursuant to Public Act 06-188 Sec.31. Applications will be reviewed the end of this month.

Work Group 5

A memorandum of Agreement was signed between DMHAS, DCF and CSSD.

The Child Health Development Institute (CHDI) is implementing a project in two communities 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.

Work Group 6

Launched Network of Care October 2007. Since going live, the site has averaged over 10,000 hits per day with 112 individuals using the My Folder feature to store personal information related to their condition and/or treatment.

Work Group 7 Workforce Development

Yale University is working with community based providers and others to implement workforce development interventions in the following areas:

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

Communications Sub-Committee

A statewide Communications Campaign to address stigma and mental health awareness will be started this spring. The group has coordinated its plan to complement recent efforts of the DSS Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) initiative's Connect-ability campaign.

MHT Request for Proposal and Mini Grants

MHT has released a request for proposals from state and local government agencies, qualified private non-profit organizations and Consumer/Individual in Recovery, Youth and Family organizations to implement transformative change within their agencies, organizations, local community or in collaboration with one another. Initiatives will be funded through 9/30/08. Applications are due April 25, 2008 and are available through DAS and DMHAS web sites.