

Steering Committee Meeting

July 11, 2011

Downtown Community Center, Anaheim

Facilitator: Dr. Clayton Chau

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

Item 1: Mark Refowitz – State and Local Updates

1. The Board of Supervisors passed the County budget in June, giving augmentations to various departments, but the state budget took back \$48 million in Vehicle License Fees from Orange County.
2. Two budget augmentations of importance to behavioral health that are at risk:
 - a. Sheriff's Department \$450k for post custody treatment program (residential care)
 - b. Health Care Agency \$5 million to Medical Services for Indigents programs to increase and expand services
3. AB 3632
 - a. Responsibility for services now resides with the school districts; this is a transitional year for how we will go about maintaining services.
 - b. Question: Are kids who are not in public school or school at all eligible for services?
 - i. If they are receiving Medi-Cal then they will still qualify; if in private school, then they are typically not covered.

Item 2: Mike Geiss – MHSA Fiscal Update

1. Assembly Bill 100 (Originally signed by the Governor in March)
 - a. Streamlines funds to the local level and services to those who need it.
2. Administrative Changes
 - a. State DMH and MHSAAC no longer have responsibility for reviewing and approving county plans.
 - b. The amount available for State administration costs was decreased from 5% to 3.5%.
 - c. Counties will still submit three-year plans.
 - d. Question: Will there be changes in the JPA?
 - i. No changes with regards to the JPA. (JPA folks will be at a future Steering Committee meeting to provide an update.)
 - e. Question: What are the changes in the DMH and its function with MHSA?

- i. The key change is that DMH is out, and the OAC is now focused on outcome measures (they have contracted with UCLA).
 - f. Question: What if the BOS wants something different for MHSA?
 - i. Ultimately the elected officials have authority, but that has been the way since day one. It has never made changes in MHSA plans in funding or programs.
- 3. MHSA Planning
 - a. The amount of component funding is not guaranteed and estimated funding needs will be tracked; thus leading to more risks to the county if the funding is not tracked correctly. (This is similar to realignment funding.)
- 4. Reversion
 - a. CSS, PEI and Innovation must be spent within three years
 - b. WET and CFTN must be spent within 10 years.
 - c. Funds in the Prudent Reserve are exempt from reversion.
 - d. The State DMH eliminated the 50% cap and 50% requirement for the Prudent Reserve.
- 5. Other Mental Health Funding
 - a. Some MHSA funds in FY11/12 are redirected to pay for Medi-Cal Mental Health Managed Care, EPSDT, and education related mental health services.
 - b. AB 100 gives specific statewide amount for each program.
 - c. The methodologies for specific county allocations will be developed by CMHDA and approved by the State Department of Finance.
- 6. AB 118 – Local Revenue Fund 2011
 - a. Mental health revenues specified in AB 118 are higher than current mental health realignment.
 - b. The realignment funding we had been getting through Vehicle License Fees and sales tax will be used to fund CALWORKS grant costs.
 - c. In place of that, we are given slightly more than 1 billion dollars to get transferred into our existing realignment account to get dispersed monthly. No real change structurally, but we know we are getting a certain amount.
 - i. This doesn't rely on tax money, and is thus much more predictable.
 - ii. There is no change in the structure for allocating realignment funds to counties. Payment is about the same every month making it much more predictable.
 - iii. The mental health realignment funding specified in AB 118 for FY11/12 is 5.9% higher than estimated for FY10/11.
 - d. This is only for FY 11/12.
- 7. Healthy Families is being consolidated into the larger Medi-Cal program
- 8. AB 1297
 - a. Eliminates most of the state imposed Medi-Cal requirements.
- 9. Question: How does Mike see all of these changes as positives for the county?

- a. Money remains at the local level, consistent with the act .More revenues are available, and having EPSDT and mental health managed care in realignment is a plus because otherwise, the state would try to cut the funding.
- 10. Question: Does Orange County need to take money out of Prudent Reserve?
 - a. Mike feels we are in a good position, and this isn't needed at this point. Putting funds in the Prudent Reserve really is only needed to avoid reversion. This should be revisited once more is known in about FY12/13 and beyond.
- 11. Will there be a process where advocacy groups could add their input to the mental health directors in regards to supplemental funds (i.e. youth, older adults, etc.)
 - a. CMHDA, in consultation with legislature, has been asked by the Department of Finance to make recommendations for one year. Right now what is budgeted for the County will be enough. If they start taking away Orange County's money because another county overspent, that would be something that would need to be addressed.

Item 3 Clayton Chau – MHSA Update

- 1. November 16 will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Tustin Facility.
- 2. There will be a cultural competency conference in Ontario on Nov. 2-3.
- 3. The 2nd Annual Disparities Conference is tentatively scheduled for November 1-2.
- 4. The integrated services innovation project was approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- 5. Question: Will there be increased MHSA funding next year?
 - a. Mark and Clayton said there was no increased funding, only access to money that was already included in our annual plan.
- 6. Question: What has MHSA done thus far in regards to the original goals (jobs, housing, etc)?
 - a. Clayton and Mark said they would have something at a future meeting to help committee members be able to see things in graphs and statistics.

Item 4 Committee Comments

- 1. Recovery Celebration will be on July 30 at Centennial Park.

Item 5 Public Comments

- 1. There is a Peer Conference on August 26 at the Delhi Center.
- 2. Judy Adams – Announced the MHSA Calendar Contest for all those consumer artists and writers.