VOLUNTEER TO WORK

Volunteer to Work (VTW)

Supported employment programs tend to be challenging for mental health populations, especially individuals struggling with serious and persistent mental illness. VTW provides a "stepping stone" for individuals who need additional support in entering or re-entering competitive employment.

Services:
- Peer mentor support
- Skill development trainings
- Connections to volunteer opportunities

Goals:
- Vocational fulfillment through 90-day volunteer work in participants' desired area of interest

VTW Continued

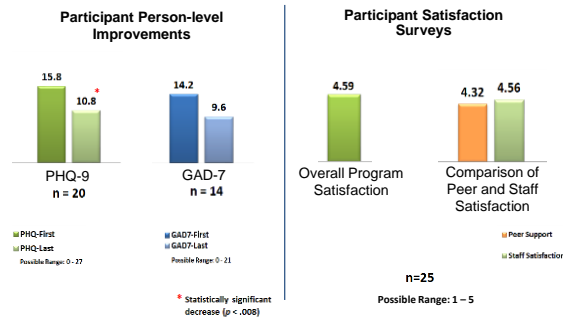| Launch Date	Proposed End Date	Requested 1-yr Extension
July 1, 2013	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016

- VTW is a 2-year MHSA Innovation project contracted with Goodwill Industries Orange County (GIOC)
- The current annual budget is $541,510
- Innovation funds for VTW will end on June 30, 2015

Project Outcomes

	FY 13/14 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)	FY 14/15 – To Date (July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014)
Number Served	110	77
Volunteer Placements	73	57
Job Placements	4	13
Successful Completions	22	27
Referrals Out	32	24
Linkages	13	23

Project Outcomes
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Participant Person-level Improvements

Participant Satisfaction Surveys

PHQ-9 n = 20: 15.8, 10.8 *
GAD-7 n = 14: 14.2, 9.6

PHQ-First
PHQ-Last
Possible Range: 0 - 27

GAD7-First
GAD7-Last
Possible Range: 0 - 21

* Statistically significant decrease (p < .008)

Overall Program Satisfaction: 4.59
Comparison of Peer and Staff Satisfaction: 4.32, 4.56

Peer Support
Staff Satisfaction

n=25
Possible Range: 1 – 5

Summary

- A recent article featured in the OC Register highlights the positive impact and need for supported employment programs
  - http://www.ocregister.com/articles/mental-646365-people-health.html

- VTW has contributed to supporting individuals with SPMI in entering or re-entering employment
  - Project has exceeded target enrollment and placement goals since beginning services

- VTW has also helped participants overcome barriers to seeking services
  - Referrals and linkages provided to the Department of Rehabilitation, One-Stop Centers, Project Life Coach, GIOC Beyond Jobs, and Women Helping Women

Action Item

- Approve of the recommended action, to fund the Volunteer to Work Program for 1 additional year with available funding through Community Services and Supports (CSS)

- CSS Adults and Older Adults Co-Chairs:
  - Helen Cameron
  - Patti Pettit