

Community Planning Process: Innovative Projects

1. Staff reviews previous planning processes to identify issues/needs.
2. The MHSA Steering Committee reviews list
3. Community “Town Hall” Meetings (one each so. & no. County)
 - Outreach to all target groups (Consumers, family members, providers)
 - a. Context (Leslie Tremaine)
 - Describe/define our target population & mission
 - Impact of budget & staff reductions
 - How can we support our core services/mission? (NOT supplantation; innovative project that addresses need in our target population.)
 - b. What are the priorities of the Innovative Programs component? (“Guiding principles”)
The funds for this component must be used for one of the following purposes:
 - To increase access to underserved groups;
 - To increase the quality of services, including better outcomes;
 - To promote interagency collaboration;
 - To increase access to services.
 - c. What do we expect to learn?
An Innovative project is defined as one that contributes to learning rather than a primary focus on providing a service. Innovative Programs are available for a range of approaches, including, but not limited to:
 - Introduction of a new mental health practice;
 - Substantial change of an existing mental health practice, including significant adaptation for a new setting or community
 - New application to the mental health system of a promising community approach or an approach that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings.
 - d. Time Limit
Innovative projects are similar to pilot or demonstration projects and are subject to time limitations to assess and evaluate their efficacy.
 - e. Share ideas and collect additional input
4. Staff develops proposals based on community input
5. MHSA Steering Committee reviews proposals and makes recommendation(s)
6. Develop Plan (including County administrative staff works out fiscal and program details and writes proposed plan.
7. Post for 30 day Public Review.
8. Public Hearing
9. Submit to State Department of Mental Health and the Oversight Accountability Commission for review/approval.