

FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - OUTCOMES

PROGRAM TITLE: PATH Program

PROVIDERS: Kings View Corp

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program is designed to provide a full range of mental health services, primarily intensive case management services, psychiatric medication evaluation and follow-up to 30 Severely Mentally Ill (SMI) homeless individuals. These services can include providing funding for housing, emergency housing and one time rental subsidies as indicated by the consumers' needs within the fiscal limitations of the budget. The Program targets mentally ill adults who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

AGES SERVED:

Children
 Adult

TAY
 Older Adult

DATES OF OPERATION: August 26, 2008- Current

DATES OF DATA REPORTING PERIOD: Jan-Dec 2012

OUTCOME GOALS:

1. Reduce incidents of incarcerations for consumers on probation. The number of arrests, citations, and probation violations experienced during the twelve month period prior to program entry is compared to the number experienced during the six month period prior to discharge.

2. Reduce incidents of inpatient hospitalizations for consumers enrolled in the program. The number of hospitalizations experienced during the twelve month period prior to program entry is compared to the number experienced during the six month period prior to discharge.

OUTCOME DATA:

82% of consumers decreased or maintained (at zero) their number of arrests, citations or probation violations in 2012 compared to 2011. Based on the PATH data for said reporting period the program showed a 3.5% increase in jail related incidents. This is accounted for by admitting more co-occurring, criminally active consumers into the program in 2012 than in 2011.

63% of consumers decreased or maintained (at zero) their number of hospitalizations in 2012 compared to 2011. Based on the PATH data for said reporting period active participants showed a 33% reduction in hospitalization incidents.

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3. Reduce incidents of homelessness for consumers enrolled in the program. The number of homeless experienced during the twelve month period prior to program entry is compared to the number experienced during the six month period prior to discharge

100% of consumers decreased or maintained (at zero) their number of homeless days. Based on the PATH data for said reporting period active participants showed a 100% reduction in homeless days when comparing baseline data to current experience (from almost all consumers being homeless for the year prior to intake and 0 consumers homeless prior to discharge). The only consumers with increased number of homeless days are those who were not actively involved in treatment which is 3 consumers. These consumers are kept open as part of extended engagement process requested by the county.

4. Consumers will exhibit emotional and behavioral improvement, increase pro-social behavior, and improve adult/youth relationships. Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) scale to measure improvement in this area.

The average LOCUS score at intake for consumers in 2012 equals 24 and the average score at discharge equals 22 which demonstrates an improvement in LOCUS. Out of the consumers who were discharged during 2012, 87.5% of them improved their overall total LOCUS score.

5. Consumer and Caregivers will report an improvement in social and emotional well being.

Consumer satisfaction data was collected during the one-week Fresno County Satisfaction Survey collection period (August 20 – 24, 2012). The raw data was submitted directly to the county and in turn to the State for data analysis. Detailed data analysis has not been requested to the State and the County has yet to receive data analysis for outcomes.

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6. PATH will outreach to at least 440 homeless individuals each year, linking them with necessary health, social and mental health services.

PATH staff outreached to 549 homeless individuals this past year. This is a 25% increase over the contract requirement .

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION(S): Based on outcome and contract measurements reported, the Department recommends continuing matching MHSA funding for this program for FY 2013-14.