

**Providers Meeting
November 5, 2008**

HIGHLIGHTS

PREVENTION EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI)

MHSA will be conducting focus groups which will help in receiving additional funding for co-occurring disorders. Approximately \$9 million available. Strongly encourage provider participation. Alcohol providers are encouraged to engage with PEI. Asking providers to give remarks on web page, www.co.fresno.ca.us/mhsa

NORA - did not pass

Dennis introduced new staff to Substance Abuse Services. Victoria Urrutia, and Jason Yang are Staff Analyst and Tina Hedstrom and Kimberly Stalcup, Sr. Substance Abuse Specialists will be available for technical assistance and will be conducting site visits to programs.

RFP'S

Due to contracts coming due around the same time, Substance Abuse Services will begin using universal language and will be changing the RFP process. Past practice has been when new monies become available, new RFP was developed. New RFP's will be going out towards the end of November or early December and will be due back around first of the year. We will be developing global RFP's and will be adding all funding together. These RFP's will be designated by:

Residential

Outpatient

Juvenile Justice (combined mental health and substance abuse services)

SAS will continue to spread services/funding streams across multiple providers. Review committee will continue to determine which programs are fundable; the County will determine actual funding level. Past performances and ability to input data entry on a timely basis will be a factor in contract awards (CalOMS, DATAR). SAS will be asking for a five year contract as opposed to a one year with 2 one year extension. Also, future contractors will be asked to use Niatx model in order to reduce client wait time, reduce the amount of no show clients, increase admissions and encourage clients to stay in treatment and use Minkoff/Cline model for co-occurring clients and their outcomes. Also, determine what outcomes to be looked at and how effective were they. We will be looking into how well client is engaged, how client is handed off to next service. Maybe

more cost on treatment services. Would like to work on phase programs (relapse) and have structured time (ASAM).

Outpatient programs will be gender specific, have locations in rural areas (West, East and Metro). We will be releasing Requests For Applications (RFA) for sober living and narcotic replacement therapy programs for Prop 36 clients.

STATE BUDGET

State is looking at additional budget reductions totaling \$430,000. No reductions in current year for Prop. 36 due to unspent roll over funds covering reductions.

STRATEGIC PREVENTION PLAN

Community forums will be held in January on Prevention Services and will be conducting a community assessment (needs/resources), on risks, what current services are available and unmet needs. SAS is requesting copies of mailing lists from providers of their coalitions, etc. so we can include them in the forums. Contact Colleen Gregg for participation.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA (MM)

More clients are now qualified for the use of medical marijuana as Fresno now supplies MM Cards. Providers are currently treating like any other prescription, asks to see prescription, can not come to program under the influence or smell, etc.