

FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - OUTCOMES

PROGRAM TITLE: PEI First Onset Team (FOT)

PROVIDER: Department of Behavioral Health

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The First Onset Team (FOT) provides mental health services to adult severely mentally ill populations who have been identified as experiencing a first onset of mental illness with psychosis within the last 365 days. The program consists of a team of a psychiatrist, a nurse, clinicians, case managers, office assistants and a peer support specialist who collaboratively provide a “whatever it takes” approach to engaging the consumer in appropriate and expedited mental health services. Referrals are generated through and received from various agencies, programs, hospitals and individuals. Outreach efforts involve educating the public in the availability of First Onset Program services, reducing stigma via education and presentations, program explanation to potential referring sources and consumer contact. The program continues to review existing practices according to community responses/needs and requests as well as staffing reporting issues.

AGES SERVED:

- Children
- Adult

- TAY
- Older Adult

DATES OF OPERATION: March 2010 to current

DATES OF DATA REPORTING PERIOD: Jan 1, 2011 – March 2011

OUTCOME GOAL

- Consumers will demonstrate improvement in overall functioning and ability to move toward less restrictive settings. Consumers’ scores on the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) instrument, to be administered at admission, at 6 month intervals and upon discharge.

OUTCOME DATA

- The program started to implement LOCUS tool in January 2011. LOCUS Jan 2011 thru March 2011 baseline data being gathered at this time. LOCUS scores will then be measured after 6 month and/or at discharge and will be reported at that time.

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- Create and develop 1 Rehabilitation and 1 Therapy group
- Conduct 3 outreach activities per month
- Conduct 10 assessments per month
- Established 1 Rehabilitation group
- Conducted 7 outreach activities per month
- Conduct 14 assessments per month

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION(S): Based on the outcome and contract measurements reported, the Department recommends to continue MHSA funding for this program for Fiscal Year 2011-12.