

# FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - OUTCOMES

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**PROGRAM TITLE:** MHSA Team Decision Making      **PROVIDER:** Department of Behavioral Health

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Team Decision Making (TDM) is a multi-disciplined/multi-dimensional process, comprised of parents, family, care givers, probation officers, social workers, teachers, and the community representatives, who work together to preserve/stabilize placements, determine the safety and welfare of children by deciding on filing 300 holds, Volunteer Family Maintenance or Volunteer Family Reunification. TDM meetings focused on decisions of placement change, removal of children or volunteer family maintenance for clients interfacing with the child welfare system. Services include but not limited to: Participation in TDM process, Mental Health Assessment, Linkage to other services, Case Management, Medication support, Critical Incident debriefing, Ongoing Therapy, Parent Partner Services, Consultation and Crisis Services via DBH CCAIR (crisis) Unit.

**AGES SERVED:**

Children  
 Adult

TAY  
 Older Adult

**DATES OF OPERATION:** July 2007 to Current

**DATES OF DATA REPORTING PERIOD:** Jan –Dec 2010

**OUTCOME GOAL**

**Increase clients mental health services to stabilize home placement/home improvement** – 1) Program will utilize the AVATAR System to track the clients CANS life domain functioning score, 2) linkage to mental health services for treatment within 90 days post-referral by TDM staff.

**OUTCOME DATA**

As of February 2011, TDM staff has completed CANS training and will retroactively implement this evaluation tool; data is currently being gathered at this time. In November 2010 prior to the CANS training, TDM staff began to implement the Global Assessment Functioning (GAF) evaluation tool. Based on the number of ongoing cases provided (5 clients); the average score at initial contact was 56. At time of Discharge the average score was 58.6 (4% increase – see table 1 below)).

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An increase in GAF shows a higher level of functioning. It is noted that TDM staff often do not have open cases (ongoing treatment) that allows for successful measurement for CANS or GAF scores, as most clients are referred to other resources as needed after the TDM process/meeting. TDM staff will look at other outcome measurements that best capture the success of the program.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION(S):** Based on outcome and contract measurements reported, the Department recommends to continue MHSA Funding for this program for FY 2011-12

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<b>Table 1</b>		
<b>GAF Score at Initial Contact</b>	<b>GAF Score at time of Discharge</b>	<b>Stabilized Home Placement</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>No</b>

Global Assessment Functioning (GAF) evaluation tool. - An increase in GAF shows a higher level of functioning. The average score at initial contact was 56. At time of Discharge the average score was 58.6 (4% increase)