

**Santa Clara County Mental Health Department – Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
FY09-10 Annual Update to Community Services and Supports Plan (CSS)**

**ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

CSS Work Plan A-03	Ongoing MHSA Funds: \$6,215,937	One-Time MHSA Funds: \$500,000
<b>WORK PLAN DESCRIPTION &amp; PROGRESS</b>	<b>POPULATION TO BE SERVED</b>	
<p>This work plan implements several strategies that are designed to stabilize individuals in the community and reduce the likelihood of their return to the criminal justice system. Although the primary focus is to address the behavioral health problems that have contributed to the individual's involvement with the criminal justice system, a wide range of strategies and supports are offered. This work plan's core programs are in place and MHD expects all programs to be fully operational in FY09-10.</p> <p><i>Note: Initiatives under this work plan have significantly benefitted from the activities of the MHD's law enforcement liaisons. Over the past several years, they have improved services to consumers by expanding Crisis Intervention Training, promoting use of Mental Health Urgent Care as an alternative to Emergency Psychiatric Services, assisting local communities respond to consumers in crisis, advocating for more mental health training among all law enforcement officers and by forging partnerships between MHD and the criminal justice system (see Work Plan A-01).</i></p>	<p>This work plan serves adults 18 to 59 years old with concurrent mental health and substance abuse problems who also are involved in the criminal justice system. These individuals have frequent incarcerations for non-violent crimes and often return to jail due to insufficient primary treatment, lack of stable housing and inadequate services. The work plan's FSP Program focuses on mentally ill Latino, African American and Native American adults.</p>	
	<p><b>Focal Populations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jail/Justice System-Involved, Homeless and/or Dual Diagnosed</li> <li>○ Unserved and Underserved SMI</li> </ul>	<p><b>Estimated Number of Clients Served:</b></p> <p>Total Unduplicated: 285</p>
<b>CRITICAL CONCERNS</b>	<b>STRATEGIES / GOALS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concurrent drug and alcohol abuse</li> <li>○ Poverty, homelessness, inadequate housing</li> <li>○ Sadness, depression and suicide</li> <li>○ Lack of work/meaningful activities or skills</li> <li>○ Violence in family/community</li> <li>○ Frequent Hospitalizations</li> <li>○ Frequent emergency medical care</li> <li>○ Inability to manage independence</li> <li>○ Isolation and/or Institutionalization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>CJS FSP</b></li> <li>○ <b>Treatment court</b></li> <li>○ <b>Jail aftercare</b></li> <li>○ SMI underserved FSP</li> <li>○ <b>EBP &amp; services for dual diagnosis</b></li> <li>○ Services for developmentally disabled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Self-help and family network expansion</li> <li>○ Recovery model development</li> <li>○ Urgent care/mobile crisis teams</li> <li>○ Expanded housing options</li> <li>○ <b>Dual diagnosis aftercare</b></li> </ul>

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**KEY INITIATIVES, PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**

- **FSP Program for Criminal Justice System (CJS) Involved Adults.** This Full Service Partnership program provides adult consumers who are involved with the criminal justice system with intensive wrap around services. The program offers a “whatever it takes” to engage seriously mentally ill, CJS-involved adults, including those who are dually diagnosed. Emphasis will be to provide services to the most vulnerable individuals with a high risk of recidivism. The FSP Program focuses on Latino and African American consumers who are over-represented in the criminal justice system and under-represented in the Mental Health Department service system. Candidates for the FSP Program may also be referred from the following criminal justice systems: Pre-Trial Diversion, individuals eligible for early discharge from jail, and the Probation Supervision Unit. Currently contract agencies have capacity for up to 180 enrollees, 30 more “slots” will be funded by the State Department of Corrections; the expansion is in progress. Ongoing funds for this program include approximately \$540,000 in housing assistance (e.g. rental subsidies) and about \$575,000 for approximately 40 Transitional Housing Units (THUs).
- **Evans Lane Residential Services.** This County-operated program provides CJS FSP clients with temporary housing (up to one year) in a community and supportive environment; there are 56 units located at Evans Lane. The program provides at least three well-balanced, healthy, nutritious meals per day at regular intervals. Staff work collaboratively with the clients to develop a safe, stable and recovery-oriented environment. The program will also be partially funded by a contract with the California Department of Corrections and will house up to 10 parolees. All clients receive treatment and support services from their FSP programs or other contract agencies.
- **CJS Outpatient Services.** This County-operated program is located alongside the Evans Lane Residential Program. This outpatient program that works closely with system partners to help clients transition from incarceration back into the community; the program provides intensive support services including case management and therapy.
- **CJS Aftercare Program.** Similar to the County program, this CBO-operated program provides adult consumers who are being released from jail with ongoing supportive and treatment services.
- **Recovery through Employment Pilot Program.** This initiative allows MHD to implement a pilot employment program for clients involved in CJS FSPs. MHD envisions a self-sustaining enterprise that provides clients with some income and meaningful daily activities and thus enhancing their recovery and supporting their independence within the community. This program is under development.
- **Treatment Court.** Using MHSA funds, the MHD expanded the capabilities of the Drug Treatment Court. The MHD staff work with the Court and system partners to engage individuals prior to their release from jail to increase the likelihood that they will remain connected to treatment services. Staff members provide incarcerated adults with clinical case management and linkage services in order prepare them for their release and transition to outpatient or community-based services. Many of these individuals are referred to the work plan’s FSP Program.