

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) will implement the provisions of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) that relate to assisting persons with severe psychiatric disabilities to obtain employment and necessary independent living skills. DOR currently partners closely with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to support and oversee local DOR and county mental health cooperative programs in 25 California counties. The mental health cooperative programs are contractual relationships between DOR and county mental health agencies geared toward the provision of necessary services to stabilize and prepare individuals with severe mental illnesses for employment. The Mental Health Planning Council has recommended that mental health cooperative programs be established in every California county as an effective use of leveraged funds. The planning and implementation activities have been and will continue to be directed toward this overall goal. DOR also funds and partners with California's system of 29 Independent Living Centers (ILC) who provides independent living services to individuals with disabilities, including those with severe mental illness, in need of assistance.

DOR activities reported to DMH for the period 7/1/08 – 12/31/08 are as follows:

Brief summary of the major activities performed during FY 08/09

- DOR staff provided information and technical assistance to numerous counties and DOR districts to aid in the development of new or expanded cooperative contracts and new collaborative relationships.
- Through an interagency agreement with DMH, 23 days of training in 13 different counties were provided as of 12/31/08. An additional 89 days have been requested. These trainings were designed to support local county efforts to implement the MHSA and reinforce the recovery model consistent with MHSA philosophy and intent. In addition, they encourage and foster the development of local relationships between County MH and DOR to serve mutual clients and blend staff and resources to maximize funding.
- DOR staff have participated in monthly meetings to coordinate statewide activities in support of local partnerships
- DOR staff have been providing training, technical assistance, and monitoring of contracts developed using MHSA funding in prior fiscal years.
- DOR staff have participated in state level groups in support of establishing and maintaining relationships between local County MH programs and DOR.
- The results of these efforts are outlined in the next section and/or in the attached annotated work plan.

Identify 2 or 3 activities or accomplishments that are considered highlights and help further the intent of the MHSA (e.g., achieving system change)

In July, as part of the budget act of 2008, DOR shifted budget authority to cooperative programs to effect the development of new cooperative programs and the expansion of existing cooperative programs. As a result, **funding has been approved** for the following programs:

- New MH Cooperative programs:
 - Butte County MH, including the development of two new case service contracts.
 - Lake County MH
 - Imperial County MH

- Expansions of existing MH Cooperative programs:
 - Sonoma County MH, including the expansion of a case service contract with Goodwill industries
 - San Francisco County MH, including the expansion of a case service contract with Richmond Area Multi-Services (RAMS)
 - Los Angeles County MH, including the development of a new case service contract with Mental Health Association in the Antelope Valley area and the expansion of a case service contract with San Fernando Valley Inc.
 - Fresno County MH to include new services for Transition-aged youth
 - Contra Costa County Mental Health
 - Alameda County Mental Health, to include the development of a new case service contract to serve monolingual Asian-speaking consumers
 - Solano County Mental Health, to include an expansion to the Caminar case service contract.

These newly-funded new and expanded programs are in various stages of development of the contract documents and program. These activities are being coordinated by the MHSA-funded AGPA staff in coordination with County and local DOR staff.

Other Counties or DOR districts have expressed an interest in the development of new cooperative programs and have begun the discussion and development stages. These programs are currently on a waiting list for funding:

- Nevada County Mental Health
- Napa County Mental Health
- Orange County Mental Health

Other cooperative programs have expressed an interest in expanding their existing services, and are currently on a waiting list for funding:

- Los Angeles County Mental Health to include the development of a new case service contract in the South Bay Area
- San Francisco County Mental Health, to include an expansion of the case service contract with Community Vocational Enterprises (CVE).

Identify activities being coordinated with the local mental health system

All of the above activities are being coordinated by the MHSAs-funded AGPA staff with the Counties and local DOR staff. In addition, these staff are in ongoing discussion with other programs that may want to submit a proposal, but are in more preliminary stages of development.