

County of Santa Cruz Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WORKPLAN 2015-2016

**Activity 1: Monitoring the service delivery capacity of the Mental Health Plan.**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Sources	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
1. Improve access for Latino populations of Santa Cruz County.	1.1 Penetration rate shall meet or exceed state average.  1.2 Maintain or exceed number of bi-lingual or bi-cultural staff.	Offer MH First Aid Awareness Training to community (2 completed, 1 all day in April)  Recruitments for Bi-lingual clinical staff will be put on continuous basis	Medi-Cal data EQRO data Personnel data CC Coordinator data	IT Staff CORE Personnel Analyst CC Coordinator	Penetration Rate = Annually  Staff ratios = Quarterly	1.1 FY13-14 = 4.29% State FY13-14 = 3.92% 1.1 FY14-15 = 3.79% State = 3.64%
2. Improve culturally competent service delivery.	2.1 Increase number of staff attending CC trainings. 7 hours required annually.  2.2 Improve services to LGBTQ population.	2.1 Provide CC trainings throughout the year accessible to all staff & contractors.  2.2 Develop LGBTQ Work Group.	CC reports from Personnel. List of trainings. Outreach activities  Staff surveys & training.	CORE  Work Group & CORE	Annually  Monthly	2.1 CY 2014: 7+ =57 <7 = 75 0 CC = 65 TL = 197 CY 2015 7+ = 45 <7 = 86 0 CC = 70 TL = 201
3. Identify & improve areas lacking service capacity.	3.1 Monitor units of service by geographic area with goals set in annual budget & revisions of Cultural Competence Plan. 3.2 Monitor “wait lists” of Child MH Providers.	Meet with Providers monthly to identify barriers share resources as possible.	505 Reports, Child Access Wait lists	CORE	Quarterly	

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**Activity 2: Monitoring the accessibility of services.**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Sources	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
1. Insure callers receive linguistically appropriate responses.	1.1 Successful testing 100% of time.	Scheduled testing of 800 line will occur in English & Spanish	Access Logs Answering Service Logs	CORE Mgmt Access Team	Monthly	FY14-15 = 80% FY15-16 Q1 = 50% Q2 = 86%
2. Assure appropriate & timely access to routine, urgent and crisis services.	2.1 Appointments post-hospital for psychiatrists/NP will be no longer than 7 County business days.	Recruitment of more psychiatry staff. Change to scheduling protocol allowing more intakes.	ShareCare for Adult & Child Access log.	CORE Mgmt, Access, QI	Quarterly	2.1 (Jul-Sep 2015) Adults = 4.4 days Youth = 4.3 days (Oct-Dec 2015) Adults = 3.3 days Youth = 6.3 days  Current MD/NP Intakes: 2 intakes per day Previous: 1 per day Current: 8 CIT slots per day from 4 slots
	2.2 Urgent Care will be authorized w/in 1 hour & provided within 36 hours	Develop system for recording requests for urgent services.	Avatar intake log/Answering Service Log	CORE Mgt		
	2.2 Appointments for routine intake services will be no longer than 10 County business days.	Develop reporting methodology to capture information.	Access log. ShareCare reports.	Access Teams for Adult, Child	Quarterly	2.2 (Jan-Mar 2015) Days Adults = 14 Youth = 11 (Apr-June 2015) Days Adults =15 Youth = 14 (July-Dec 2015) Adults = 14 days Youth = 13 days

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**Activity 3: Monitoring beneficiary satisfaction**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Sources	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
1. Improve beneficiary satisfaction across all ethnic, cultural, linguistic, age and gender groups.	1.1 Number of beneficiary grievances related to client care will be reduced from prior year.	QI quarterly analysis of complaints reported to QIC thematized & assigned to mgr of work area.	Grievance & Change of Staff Log	QI, CORE Mgmt	Quarterly	1.1 FY13-14 = 17 FY14-15 = 36
	1.2 Number of requests to change staff compared by gender identity, ethnicity and age group.	Requests for changing persons providing services will be analyzed by cultural, and ethnic groups. Consumers will be assigned to appropriate linguistic and cultural providers.	Database of requests to change provider.	QI	Quarterly	Gender- FY 13-14 = 3 FY 14-15 = 2 Ethnicity/language = 0 requests
	1.3 Response of consumers & families during focus groups & stakeholder meetings.	Focus groups & stakeholder meetings will be held at least twice a year.	Attendance records of meetings.	Chiefs- MHSA Mgr	Bi-annually	Strategic Planning Mtg Minutes on website

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**Activity 4: Monitoring the MHP’s service delivery system and meaningful clinical issues affecting beneficiaries, including safety and effectiveness of medication practices.**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Sources	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
1. Monitor appropriate & effective service delivery for adults & children matching needs with services.	1.1 Adult & youth consumers with CANS & ANSA evaluations.  1.2 Establish data recording system to retrieve info by individual & aggregate.	1.1 Team Supervisors & staff training on CANS/ANSA. 1.2 Follow-up training by staff certified trainers. 1.3 Development of web based tool to input data. CANS mid-July 2014 ANSA starts Dec	Access database connected to web based portal.	Adult & Child Mgrs, IT staff	6 mos or as needed	Database is in Excel spreadsheet. Avatar postponed until Mar 2016 Baseline developed. N=469 157 reassessed
2. Increase consumer and family involvement in policy and decision-making through participation in QI processes.	2.1 Consumer & Family Member participation in forums, “town meetings” etc.	2.1 Outreach to NAMI, consumer groups, LMHB to educate on function of QIC.  2.2 Add position of Consumer Affairs manager.	List of meetings & numbers/types of attendees.	CORE Mgmt and QIC	Quarterly	2.1 FY13-14 1 Consumer Member & 1 Family Member QIC
3. DMC authorizations for residential treatment will be made within 24 hours.	3.1 Number, percent & time period for DMC prior authorization requests approved or denied		Avatar MCO database	ADP /QI	Quarterly	Pending contract with DHCS

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**Activity 4: Monitoring the MHP’s service delivery system and meaningful clinical issues affecting beneficiaries, including medication management issues**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Sources	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
3. Track & trend occurrences of poor care/other Sentinel Events.	3.1 Use of new Sentinel Event analytic tools.  3.2 Identify any barriers to improvement: clinical or administrative.	Development & implementation of new Sentinel Event P & P.  Develop Sentinel Event database via SharePoint or Avatar	Reports/Reviews currently paper folder kept with QI.	QI/CORE QIC	Quarterly	Developed & distributed new P & P Developed & distributed new Sentinel Event Report Form Database pending Avatar/Share-Point start-up
4. Consistent use of E & M documentation in medical record by psychiatry staff.	4.1 UR record review.	Training all psychiatry staff on use of CPT Coding Guidelines from CMS.	SCHIE	Chief of Psychiatry & QI	Training as needed, review monthly	
5. Improve chart documentation of medically necessary services.	6.1 Adult/Child UR Chart Review disallowance rate.	Staff training. Supervisor oversight. ID reports for Avatar.	Medical records, UR Chart Review reports.	QI, Clinical supervisors	Monthly	DHCS disallowance rate = 53%

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**Activity 5: Monitoring continuity and coordination of care with physical health care providers and other human service agencies.**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Sources	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
1. Improve coordination of care between behavioral health and primary care.	1.1 Inclusion of BMI, weight, medical condition(s), name of PCP & med list in medical record.	<p>Training of psychiatry providers to insure they include vitals in medical record &amp; share with PCP.</p> <p>Purchase &amp; use of new equipment such as BP cuffs, weight scales etc.</p>	<p>SCHIE</p> <p>Avatar (2016)</p> <p>Meeting minutes of Work Group</p>	<p>FQHC Services, QI</p> <p>Psychiatric Medical Director</p>	Monthly & aggregate quarterly.	Work Group met in Jan & identified placement of equipment & work flow for usage and training.
	2. MOU with CCAH will be updated as needed.	<p>Quarterly meetings with CCAH to monitor MOU activities.</p> <p>Monthly coordination meetings with Beacon (CCAH BH intermediary).</p>	CCAH MOU	Chiefs	<p>Quarterly with CCAH</p> <p>Monthly with Beacon</p>	

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**Activity 6: Monitoring provider appeals**

Goal	Measurement	Action	Data Source	Resp. Party	Frequency	Status
1. Reduce number of provider appeals and complaints to zero.	1.1 Number of provider complaints and appeals per year compared to prior year.	The number and types of provider complaints/appeals will be compared by quarter.	Provider appeals database. Primary correspondence files.	QI/Access	On-going	1.1 FY 14-15 = 1 upheld as denied All inpatient services