

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE July 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES pt NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROJECT - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

FISCAL
IMPACT:

Block Grant funding in the amount of \$153,260 has been allocated to Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services by the State Department of Mental Health for fiscal year 2001/2002 to help support the organization's Dual Diagnosis Project. Revenue and expenditures are included in the organization's budget. No additional funds are required.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-500

On motion of Supervisor Caruso, Seconded by Supervisor Blom
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

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DISCUSSION: This is the twelfth year of the Dual Diagnosis Project. The intent of the project continues to be to ensure that appropriate, comprehensive clinical services are provided to individuals who have both a mental illness and a substance abuse disorder.

Services provided by the Dual Diagnosis Project include treatment and recovery-based support and specialty groups, as well as individual outreach and transition support to those leaving residential facilities or experiencing life changes. Services are provided through staff and volunteer facilitators. Program consultation and intervention services are also offered. Outcome data has shown continuous measurable improvement for this population over the term of the project.

The Dual Recovery Specialist, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, oversees the program, develops partnerships with other programs and supports the existence of numerous recovery initiatives through a structured volunteer program. A Peer Recovery Specialist, who is a recovering consumer, provides a variety of recovery oriented activities to mental health clients throughout the organization. Volunteers provide peer recovery activities, outreach to clients who are hospitalized, support for clients leaving residential programs as well as mutual aid groups.

During the past fiscal year, the program supported clients hospitalized at Stanislaus Behavioral Health Center to successfully transition home following their hospitalization. The program also conducted weekly mutual aid groups to support and introduce recovery for persons served by the organization. The program began computer classes, one in Spanish, for individuals interested in developing computer skills for employment or educational advancement.

The Stanislaus County Mental Health Board has reviewed the grant reapplication and supports the continuation of services provided by the Dual Diagnosis Project utilizing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grant funding.

POLICY ISSUE: The Dual Diagnosis Project, supported by the grant, supports the Board of Supervisor's priority of a safe and healthy community. Additionally, Board of Supervisor approval is required to allow the Director to accept this funding.

STAFFING IMPACT: Block grant funding will offset the costs of existing staff positions.