

Mental Health Services in the Schools

Transitioning away from AB3632
Thinking for 2011-12
(2012-13 is *another story*)

History Walk for 2010-11

- Governor failed to fund AB3632 (est. 1989) mental health services for 2010-11
- Courts determined lack of funds made mandate inoperable
- Sonoma CMH continued to serve with "business as usual" for 2010-11
- Trailer budget bill (AB70) in Spring 2011 re-benchmarked Prop 98 for funds to school for mental health services

Weighted Funding Allocation

- Unable to capture complete listing of Sonoma students as MH eligible because CASEMIS data were inaccurate
- Sonoma County pupils undercounted for funding
- AB70 funds (fixed amount) distributed on a weighted formula (1-2-4-9) to SELPA; based on MH eligibility
 - 9 = 9x per pupil \$ for # in residential placement
 - 4 = 4x per pupil \$ for # in day treatment
 - 2 = 2x per pupil \$ for # receiving counseling
 - 1 = 1x per pupil \$ for # receiving remaining MH services

Collaboration with CMH

- CMH indicated shortfall of funding for residential placements of \$2.6 million for 10-11
- Sonoma SELPA AB70 allocation = \$636,905
- CMH invoicing for \$636,905
- Met with CMH to draft MOU, recommend procedures and obtain menu of services and for 2011-12

Funding Sources for 2011-12

- Prop 63/MHSA funds to CMH – USE THESE FUNDS OR LOSE!
 - CMH estimated to receive \$1.8 million (based on 2009 claims for 2009-10)
 - Must have MOUs with schools to receive funds
 - One year only
- \$211.7 m (Prop 98) and \$31 m (previously pre-referral dollars)
 - Distributed on a per-ADA basis (net \$93.0M = \$2.88 million for Sonoma)
 - Faculty Committee to determine methodology
- \$69 m from IDEA
 - Previously chartered to CMH
 - Allocated on same weighted formula as AB70 for 2011-12
 - Sonoma County will be shorted due to CASEMVA data
 - Allocated on per-ADA basis for 2012-13; annual budget freeze

Expenses for 2011-12

- CRITICAL to track all expenditures, including staff time, supplies, transportation
- Day treatment = \$80-\$212 per day
- AB3632 annual cost estimate (non-MC):
 - \$3 million – mental health services
 - \$2.5 million – board and care
 - LEA tuition/education cost??
- NOTE: IEP services need to be determined in same manner for MC and non-MC students

Proposed Billing Procedures

- CMH retains est. \$1.3 million for services and bills against this account FIRST
 - Provides monthly invoice for services and costs by student to each LEA with copy to SELPA
 - LEA verifies CMH statement to SELPA
 - Provides summary of expenditures with a monthly balance to SELPA
- Finance Committee to meet on 9/6/11

Procedures for 2011-12

- Portions of AB3632 in effect for CCS, DOR
- CDE convening year-long work group
 - CDE will remove all MH CASMIS codes
- SELPA sent out Master Contract and ISA for residential services in July
- Need to provide uninterrupted/appropriate related services on IEPs for students on Spring CMH list
- LEAs have option of using CMH or any other vendor

Options for 2011-12

- CMH Fees = \$2.01 per minute (\$156.60 per hour) for:
 - Assessment, including CASES (0-15 hours)
 - Individual counseling
 - Family counseling
 - Travel/consultation
- Must have CMH give diagnosis to bill Medicaid; school psychs not authorized
- CMH will also bill for IEP meetings, travel, phone, etc.
- IEP team determines eligibility and services
- LEA determines provider for services
- Medication management: refer to physician and/or CMH for community options
- Potential RFP to attract additional vendors?

Students Currently Identified as AB3632 (see Flowchart)

- LEA identify every student
- CMH to send written report (1-2 pages) on status, progress on goals, recommendations for services to LEA for every student
- LEA to convene IEP team to review current services and placement
- LEA to include CMH at IEP meeting if anticipated challenges to recommendations (billable time)
- If student uses CMH vendor for services, vendors will continue, if needed, and invoice from CMH

"New" Referrals to CMH: challenges and issues (see Flowchart for New Referrals)

- CMH adhering to assessment time lines
- Initial parent contact by CMH for appointment
- Responsibility falls to LEA for IEP goals, assessment completion, attendance, access, due process OR if parent fails to respond to CMH
- Need ISA approved by School Board (one for services; one Master Contract/ISA for board and care and one for NPS School, as appro.)
- Track MH expenses; Medi-Cal eligibility

Proposal: Assessment Tool to Assist IEP Team Members

- Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool
 - Exclusively used by Sonoma CMH
 - Used in many nations and several states in US
 - Assessors must be trained and certified
 - School Psychologists are appropriate assessors
 - Determines the level of need and services
 - Use in conjunction with other educational assessments
 - SELPA to organize training for September, 2013

CANS Training & Authorization

- Face-to-face training (one day), John Lyons, September 28, 2011 in conjunction with SCA5P
- REQUIRED attendance for school psychs; you may attend on space available basis
- Will need ability to certify psychs who are hired after September, 2011
- Future option may be on-line training and certification

Procedure Options (See Flowchart for New Referrals)

- When school team suspects eligibility under ED, have parent sign Release/Exchange of Info for CMH
- Send student name to Lori in Greg's office to determine Medi-Cal eligibility
- If student is MC eligible, LEA to contract with CMH to complete assessment, CANS, draft goals and provide service
 - FAX Assessment Plan to CMH within 1 school day
 - CMH to make 2 calls to parent and notify LEA via email within 10 calendar days if parent fails to respond
- If student becomes not MC eligible, continue with CMH until end of year or annual IED review before changing provider

Carl Corbin: Looking in our future



Group Discussion

1. Steering members with students currently in residential placement form two groups: feeder LEAs to Santa Rosa and feeder LEAs to Petaluma or West County
2. Remaining Steering or audience members form trips
3. Groups to count off and get topic

TOPICS

1. Models of service delivery
2. Personnel- providers, qualifications, training
3. Funding options - suggestions to Finance
4. Assessments and procedures
5. Residential placements
