

DMH Public Private Partnerships

Transforming LA Through Partnership: The Mental Health Incubation Academy

Funding: \$5M in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funding + \$1M in philanthropic funding

Transforming LA Through Partnership is a capacity building program designed to help small and mid-sized grassroots organizations be better prepared to compete for and manage sustained funding from DMH. By building up the capacity of trusted community-based organizations (CBOs), DMH hopes to both diversify its provider network and expand access to preventative mental health services for underserved communities across Los Angeles (LA) County. Community Partners is serving as the implementing partner for Transforming LA, and 29 CBOs are receiving training, technical assistance and capacity building through a series of academy sessions and one-on-one coaching and consultation tailored to their specific needs and goals. The organizations will also receive funding to implement a project to increase community access to preventative mental health services. While the majority of the project funding comes from MHSA funds, the private sector support will be essential supporting additional institutional capacity needs, including technology, software and other infrastructure costs.

FSP Transformation Project

Funding: \$100M+ in MHSA Funding + \$2.4M in philanthropic funding

In 2018 DMH began an effort to transform the Full Service Partnership (FSP) program. DMH's most intensive outpatient program, and our single biggest "book of business," the foundation of FSP is doing "whatever it takes" to help individuals on their path to recovery and wellbeing. This transformation was spurred by support from the Ballmer Group to engage Third Sector Capital Partners, experts in the field, to guide DMH in shifting our FSP contracts to an outcomes orientation. That effort launched an overall examination of the program across both our directly operated clinics and contracted providers and a series of updates to both the clinical and contracting model that we believe will result in improved life outcomes for our consumers and their families. This effort has also led to an investment in FSP programming across the state.

Mental Health Strike Team

Funding: \$1.5M in DMH Funding + \$750,000 in philanthropic funding over 3 years

MHSA funding provides an unprecedented opportunity to develop programs that address unmet mental health and wellbeing needs and drive reform across the system. However, due to complex bureaucratic hiring and procurement processes, as well as barriers to program implementation, historically DMH collected MHSA funding faster than it was deployed. Given the tremendous needs across LA County and the incredible potential of these funds, DMH and its private sector partners created a Mental Health Strike team (MHST), charged to optimize the deployment of MSHA funds broadly. This unique combination of existing DMH administrative, program and clinical staff, along with expert consultants, has resulted in almost \$100M in MHSA funds that would have reverted to the State being deployed to increase access to prevention and early intervention mental health services across the County. In addition to maximizing the impact of DMH's existing funding, the MHST has been central to the success of a number of other innovative DMH programs, including Transforming LA, the development of the Community Schools Initiative, and the groundbreaking Community Ambassador Network.