

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25055A, 25064B

Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Contact: Karl Brimner

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) is an early psychosis intervention program addressing the needs of young persons aged 15-25 who demonstrate initial symptoms of psychosis, with the goal of managing long-term problems and consequences. EASA offers formal psychiatric treatment services as well as vocational and educational support, and involves the young person's family in treatment. The program, funded by the state, began offering services in March 2008. The State General Funds that pay for this program were reduced by 90% in the Governor's Recommended Budget. This program offer reflects the remaining 10%. Funding at this level is not sufficient to run the program so it will be used to transition existing clients to other resources and close the program.

Program Description

Research suggests that the median age for the onset of initial episodes of psychosis is under the age of 25. Research also suggests that early intervention and immediate access to treatment can reduce the incidence of psychosis' long-term disabling consequences. The EASA team identifies young people experiencing the first episodes of psychosis and offers them a broad array of individualized treatment avenues and community-based care.

This program, when fully funded by the state, consists of a multidisciplinary team that includes a psychiatrist, a nurse, a vocational and occupational therapist and mental health consultants. The team provides a full range of mental health and social services. Due to a 90% cut in State General Funds that pay for this program, the remaining 10% will be used to retain one staff to transition existing clients to other community resources and close the program.

Program Justification

The EASA program is based on preventive psychiatric care methods that have proven successful nationally and regionally. For example, the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network (MVBCN) in Marion County, Oregon has implemented a highly successful early psychosis intervention program upon which our own EASA program is modeled. By providing early diagnosis and intervention, this innovative program allows the Mental Health and Addiction Services Division to address the needs of young persons with a mental illness before they become acute and require more expensive care, which is a Basic Needs strategy.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY07-08) | Current Year Purchased (FY08-09) | Current Year Estimate (FY08-09) | Next Year Offer (FY09-10) |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Individuals currently enrolled who will be transitioned to other resources ¹ | 6 | 85 | 60 | 60 |
| Outcome | Total individuals successfully transitioned to community-based resources | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |

Performance Measure - Description

¹ Program began operating in March 2008. This output for next year is only to transition the current clients to other services, not to continue to serve them.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

We receive funds from the State of Oregon for this program through State General Fund 20.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2009 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$73,140 | \$0 | \$602,473 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$1,725 | \$0 | \$2,376 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$2,542 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$77,407 | \$0 | \$604,849 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$29,794 | \$0 | \$3,238 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$26,205 | \$0 | \$770 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$55,999 | \$0 | \$4,008 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$133,406 | \$0 | \$608,857 |
| Program Total: | \$133,406 | | \$608,857 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.67 | 0.00 | 6.20 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$77,407 | \$0 | \$604,849 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$77,407 | \$0 | \$604,849 |

Explanation of Revenues

State Mental Health Grant Non-Res Adult - \$411,757

OHP Premium - \$190,716

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #25064, Early Psychosis Intervention Program

Due to a 90% reduction in State General Fund 20 in the Governor's Recommended Budget, the Early Assessment and Support Alliance program cannot be sustained. This program offer funds a staff person (Mental Health Consultant) long enough to transition existing clients into other community resources and close the program and eliminates 1.0 FTE Program Manager 1 and the remaining 6 staff.