Don't Tax Me, Don't Tax Thee, Tax That Man Behind the Tree!

Lessons from California’s Prop 63

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Today’s Presentation:

» Fundamentals of Prop. 63

» Successes and challenges with the implementation of California’s Mental Health Services Act

» Applicability of MHSA lessons to the healthcare reform debate in general and client-directed care specifically
Proposition 63: Basic Facts

✓ Voter initiative
✓ Passed with 54% of the vote
✓ Imposed a 1% surcharge on taxable income in excess of one million dollars
✓ Created a dedicated funding stream for mental health services of between $1 billion and $1.5 billion dollars per year
Your Appointed Task:
Gather Signatures at Lord of the Rings Movie Lines
(staring 5pm Tuesday and ending 9 am Thursday)
and become the LORD OF THE SIGNATURES

LORD OF THE SIGNATURES
SARA KNOWS...

MORE SIGNATURES  MORE LOVE

Spend one hour.
get 20+ signatures
 Improve the Mental Health system.
“Planning for services shall be consistent with the philosophy, principles, and practices of the Recovery Vision for mental health consumers…”
Mental Health Services Act Funding

Intended to supplement, **not replace**, existing funding

MHSA is 25% of the total State Mental Health Budget

** Non-supplantation clause **

** Maintenance of effort clause **
MHSA Funding Distribution
Year 1

- Administration and Planning: 10%
- Training and Workforce Development: 45%
- Capital facilities and Information Technology: 45%
MHSA Funding Distribution
Years 2 – 4

- Workforce Development and Training: 10%
- IT and Capital Facilities Infrastructure: 10%
- State Administration: 5%
- Community Services and Supports: 55%
- Prevention and Early Intervention: 20%
- Innovative Programs (5% of CSS & PEI)
MHSA Funding Distribution
Year 5 and Forward

- Prevention and Early Intervention (5% of CSS & PEI)
- Innovative Programs (5% of CSS & PEI)
- State Administration (5%)
- Community Services and Supports (75%)
Stakeholder Process

- County by County Process
- Extensive Stakeholder Process
- Approval of each County plan by the State Department of Mental Health
Full Service Partnerships (FSPs)

--Modeled after AB 34

--Intended to serve the highest impact clients

--Intensive case management, supported housing, employment and education

--“whatever it takes”
FSPs: Successes and Challenges

- 51% of CSS dollars required to go to FSPs
- 20,000 new high need clients served since the inception of the MHSA @ $15k - $22k per year
- The “two-tiered system”
- “Recovery stagnation”
- Lack of meaningful outcome data
Integrated Services for Homeless Adults (All Funded Programs)
November 1, 1999 through January 31, 2004
Homelessness - Number of Homeless Days

Number of Homeless Days during 12 mos prior to enrollment: 962,861
Number of homeless days since enrollment (INCLUDING SHELTER DAYS): 274,627

Percentage Decrease = -71.48%

Avg. Number of Days in Program per Consumer = 679.63
Actual Post - Enrollment Days = 507,859
Workforce Development

• Overall lack of trained mental health professionals and para-professionals

• Lack of people with lived experience of mental illness in both leadership and direct service positions
Workforce Development: Successes and Challenges

- Stipends and Loan Forgiveness
- Peer Supporter/Advocate training
- Training programs for unlicensed staff
- Inability of Counties to welcome former and current consumers as staff
### Mental Health America of Los Angeles -- Mental Health Workforce Pipeline Project

#### Prospective Worker Entry Points

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**Post Baccalaureate Training “Jump Start”**

Trainers/Instructors will be a combination of academicians and MHALA employees who are providers, family members and consumers.

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### Practicing Worker Entry Points

- Mental Health Workers employed as peer supporters, community worker or program aide
- Mental Health Workers with AA or 2 years college
- Mental Health Workers whose employers encourage outside extended “orientation”
- Workers employed for DMH or MH agency with BA...interested in part time program to get their master’s degree
- Mental Health Workers seeking extra training in creating or working in a recovery oriented environment

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**At each Entry Point emphasis will be given to finding people with experience of the mental health system, family members, and people who are culturally and linguistically representative of underserved communities.**
Prevention and Early Intervention

- $300 million across the State
- $100 million already distributed
- First time that there is adequate funding available for PEI
- Enormous difficulty in developing outcome measurement for PEI programs
Capital Facilities and IT Infrastructure

- $450 million across the State
- $125 million for Los Angeles County

- Capital Facilities: 35%
- IT Infrastructure: 65%
Funding Envy

My paws are freezing!

Buddy, you think you’ve got problems!

The Mental Health Community

Other Human Services
The California Budget Crisis

• No state budget from July 1, 2008 through February 19, 2009
• State facing a $42 billion deficit
• MHSA funds threatened
• 2.5 billion in unencumbered funds
  (however, they WERE committed!!)
If you don’t have a seat at the table, you’re probably on the menu...
Proposition 1E

- “Compromise” proposal that re-directs $230 million of MHSA funds per year for 2 years
- Mental Health community plans to fight
- Special election May 19
The National Healthcare Reform Debate

Does the “integration” of physical and mental health care really mean diminished attention toward mental health care?

Who is representing our issues at the table?
Lessons Learned

- Importance of outcomes
- Flow through the system
- Re-thinking of the stakeholder process