

Community Resource Development Fund (CRDF) Needs Assessment Outreach

Introduction

On March 5 and 6, 2018, directors and select staff of North Los Angeles County Regional Center ("NLACRC"), along with colleagues from other regional centers, participated in a conference call with the Department of Developmental Services, the purpose of which was to seek input on the development of the Community Resource Development Fund ("CRDF") guidelines.

In accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4679, priorities for the Community Resource Development Fund, which provides funding to support consumers living in the community, include, but need not be limited to:

- Safety net services and supports that reduce reliance on the secure treatment program at Porterville Developmental Center;
- Institutions for mental disease (IMDs);
- Other restrictive settings in the community for which federal funding is not available;
- And out-of-state placement.

During the month of April 2018, NLACRC conducted outreach which sought input from stakeholders, including consumers, family members, providers and advocates, in an effort to determine local needs and priorities for the use of community resource development funds. Outreach efforts included public meetings, surveys, and discussions with stakeholders and advocates.

Public Meetings

Public meetings were scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at NLACRC Chatsworth, and Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at NLACRC Lancaster. The meetings were announced via a flyer that was distributed at the Disability Town Hall meeting and Vendor Advisory Committee meeting on April 5th, posted to the NLACRC website, and announced by email on April 10th.

Surveys

It was determined that results from the NLACRC Community Needs Assessment Survey of consumers, parents, family members, and service providers would be utilized as part of the CRDF guidelines study. Close to 1500 stakeholders responded to this survey, which was conducted between August and December 2017.

Two additional surveys were created for Case Management Service Providers, which focused primarily on the needs of hard-to-serve consumers. The surveys were open to respondents beginning April 10, 2018, and closed at the end of the day on April 23, 2018. A total of almost 120 individuals responded to these surveys.

Survey Dissemination

The surveys were announced at the public meetings and via email to NLACRC service providers and case management staff. The service providers survey was also made available in the Service Providers section of the NLACRC website. Responses were limited to one per respondent.