

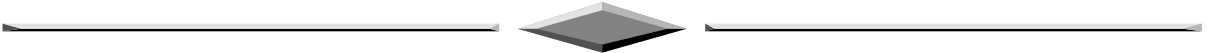


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Community Mental Health Services

Services Description

2008 – 2009



I. CMHS MANAGEMENT

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Telephone: 415-499-6769
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

General Description

One of five divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) provides and oversees a range of mental health programs for children, adults, and older adults. Under the supervision of the Department's Director, the Division is administered by the Assistant Director of Health and Human Services for the Division of Community Mental Health Services. The Board of Supervisors appoints community volunteers to a Mental Health Board. The Mental Health Board approves a public planning process, recommends priorities, and advises on client needs.

Community mental health services are provided in California with funds that are appropriated under the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act. The Bronzan-McCorquodale Act created a realignment of the state's mental health funding by dedicating a percentage of a special sales tax to counties. Realignment sales tax and vehicle license fee collections provide approximately 63% of the funding. The state's Medi-Cal consolidation funding provides 7%. Other state and federal categorical funds add 4%; fee for service revenues from Medicare and Medi-Cal, other third-party insurers, and individual client fees add 14% of the funding; and matching funds (including state maintenance of effort requirement) from the County's General Fund Dollars contributes 12%. Given the reliance on sales tax and fees, there is a natural variance among the funding sources; therefore, percentages can change accordingly.

Each county is charged with the responsibility of developing and coordinating a comprehensive system of programs to meet its residents' mental health needs. These programs address the problems of acute and chronic mental disorders, of life crises, and other disabilities that occur concurrently with mental disorders. Services may be provided directly by CMHS, or may be purchased from private practitioners or service agencies. There are 112 full-time staff working for CMHS. The majority of service funds are contract expenditures. There were over 4,000 individual clients seen last year, with a wide range of services provided to clients and families. Services provided care by private providers complement or enhance the comprehensive system of care and are taken into consideration when budget allocations and program planning takes place.

The primary responsibility of CMHS is to provide culturally and developmentally appropriate services to severely emotionally disturbed children and seriously mentally ill adults. It should be noted that the initial manifestations of mental illness do not always show up in the mental health delivery system, thus necessitating coordination with the educational, medical, criminal justice and social service systems.

All residents of Marin County are eligible for services. Fees are assessed on a sliding scale, based on the client's income, family dependents, etc., and may range from zero to full charge. Funding limitations have focused services to clients who are in acute distress, those most seriously mentally ill, and those without financial ability to access mental health care and for whom service is mandated.

Clients may enter the CMHS service system through any of the Division's units and receive integrated mental health services or referrals that are appropriate to their specific needs. As a division of the county's integrated health and human service system, all CMHS units maintain close contact and coordinate activities with other programs of the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as with community-based agencies and services. This helps to maintain and improve integration of CMHS services with all other services needed by clients.

The Mental Health Director - The Marin County Mental Health Director is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is responsible for the direction, administration, program development and implementation of County mental health services. The Mental Health Director reports to the Department's Director and is also Assistant Director of Health and Human Services.

Medical Director - Reporting to the Mental Health Director, the Medical Director is responsible for maintaining the quality of medical practices throughout the CMHS system and serves on the Quality Improvement Committee.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

CMHS Administrative Services are under the direction of the Assistant Chief Fiscal Officer (CFO) H&HS – Mental Health who provides overall direction for all administrative services. The Assistant CFO reports to the Mental Health Director and to the CFO of Health & Human Services.

Administrative services are under the supervision of the Assistant CFO and include fiscal services, maintenance of systems and procedures to comply with reporting requirements of multiple funding sources, contract management, system-wide data collection management, and accounting operations.

Administrative Services -- Contract Providers

Community Action Marin - Contract provides for the Patients' Rights Advocate services to protect the rights of all local psychiatric clients under involuntary treatment status.

All other contracts listed in the following clinical services section are under the joint oversight responsibility of three Mental Health Program Managers who report directly to the Mental Health Director.

III. MENTAL HEALTH PLAN AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Marin Mental Health Plan (for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries)

The 24 hour phone line is: 1-888-818-1115.

The Marin Mental Health Plan (MMHP) is responsible for authorizing all mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries from Marin County. Part of a statewide plan, each county in California began authorizing hospital inpatient services in 1995 and outpatient mental health

services in 1998. A network of individual and agency providers contract with the County to provide these services. The goal of the Marin Mental Health Plan is to assure access to necessary and effective mental health services for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Marin County. The MMHP has 11 organizational providers and individual providers who offer services in 20 languages.

These agencies provide out patient services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries:

Bay Area Community Resources
Catholic Charities CYO
Child Therapy Institute of Marin
Community Institute for Psychotherapy
Family Service Agency
Jewish Family and Children's Services
Novato Youth Center
Asian Community Mental Health Services (Oakland)
Hearing Society for the Bay Area On a Case by Case Basis (San Francisco)
Hospice by the Bay
Huckleberry Youth Programs

Acute/Subacute Contract Providers

Alta Bates/Herrick Hospital - Provides short-term, acute psychiatric hospital care for adults, children, and adolescents with specialties in dual diagnosis and older adults. Located in Berkeley.

St Helena Behavioral Health Services. Short term acute psychiatric hospital care for children and adolescents. Children and adolescents are treated in Vallejo. Adults and older adults are treated in St. Helena

John Muir/Mt Diablo Health System. Short term acute psychiatric hospital care for adults, children and adolescents. Located in Concord.

Marin General Hospital, Unit A - Provides local short-term, acute psychiatric hospital care for adults and older adults. Located in Greenbrae.

Solano Telecare Psychiatric Health Facility - provides short-term acute psychiatric hospital care for adults and older adults. Located in Fairfield.

Quality Improvement

The Quality Improvement Manager, who reports to the Mental Health Director, is responsible for ensuring that CMHS fulfills all state and federal requirements for quality of care, including but not limited to; medication monitoring, utilization review, program certification, and maintaining standards for medical records. The Quality Improvement Manager chairs the Quality Improvement Committee. The Quality Improvement Coordinator reports to the Quality Improvement Manager and is responsible for the day to day implementation of the Quality Improvement Plan and the Quality Management Plan.

IV. ADULT AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Address: 250 Bon Air Road, Greenbrae, CA 94904
Telephone: 499-6666 (Psychiatric Emergency Services);
499-6835 (Adult Outpatient)
Hours: 24 Hours, 7 Days Per Week (Psychiatric Emergency Services);
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Adult Outpatient and Continuing
Care Services)

Adult Continuing Care & Case Management

Intake Telephone: 507-2767

Provides case management for clients who have a serious mental illness, coordinating their treatment and aftercare programs in the community.

This unit provides and connects its clients to a continuum of services. Some of these services provide residential care in addition to a range of specific treatment interventions, as well as support services for clients who live independently.

This unit manages State Hospital admissions and Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD) placements. This unit also manages all contracted community placements for CMHS adult and older adult clients.

Adult Continuing Care -- Contract Providers

All Saints - 14 beds in a licensed board and care. Provides quality board and care for mentally ill and adult clients. Licensed Adult Residential Care.

Saint Michael's Extended Care – 42 beds licensed board and care home - Residential Care Home for Elderly (RCFE). Includes younger mentally ill adults, physically ill adults, persons with dementia, provides hospice services.

Bucklew Programs

Marin Assisted Independent Living (MAIL) - Assists clients who have serious mental illness to form households and obtain rental housing. Provides on-going clinical support and independent living training to the household units at the clients' residences. Serves 63 clients.

Residential Support Services (Avanti RSS, D Street RSS, Harbor House RSS, Novato RSS, Horizon House RSS, Drake House RSS) - 64 beds in 6 locations providing quality board and care. The emphasis is on permanent placement in a home-like environment with activities designed for enrichment.

Supported Housing - Provides housing assistance and clinical support to mentally ill clients in a home environment. Clients are given their own key and services are offered to clients based on need. Total served is 57.

Bucklew Employment Services – Provides comprehensive vocational services including pre-employment counseling, vocational training, job development, placement, job coaching, a computer lab and classes for support and skill development to assist clients to secure and maintain employment. Serve up to 30 clients at any given time.

Canyon Manor – Beds in a mental health rehabilitation facility providing an enriched psychiatric treatment program for adults and older adults. Located in Novato.

Community Action Marin - Client run drop-in center, warm phone line, trains and supervises peer providers, and provides outreach. Outreach, pre-crisis support provided by the Outreach Coordinator. Places trained peer case managers on several service teams through the ASOC, including the Odyssey and STAR Programs.

Creekside Mental Health Rehabilitation Program, Nadhan, Inc. - 19 dedicated beds in a skilled nursing facility providing an enriched psychiatric treatment program for adults. Located in Santa Rosa.

Crestwood Manor – 12 beds in IMD/skilled nursing facilities for adults. Various locations.

Community Institute of Psychotherapy – supervision of intern therapists to work with low income mental health community clients and Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Davis Guest Home – Enriched board and care for adults with serious mental illness. Located in Modesto.

Homeward Bound

Carmel Hotel - 26 rooms in a local hotel for semi-independent living for formerly homeless, mentally ill adults, providing permanent, affordable housing. Located in San Rafael.

Voyager - An eight-bed temporary housing program for homeless, chronically mentally ill adults. Length of stay up to 4 months.

Marin Housing Authority - Support for Shelter Plus Care program provides rental subsidy and case management support for up to 115 adults who are homeless and mentally ill, many of whom are also enrolled in the Odyssey Program.

Medical Hill Rehabilitation Center – Beds in a skilled nursing facility for neurologically impaired adults in a skilled nursing facility. Located in Oakland

Providence Place – Enriched board and care for adults with serious mental illness and dementia. 3 beds in San Francisco.

Willow Glenn – Enriched board and care for adults with serious mental illness. 2 beds in Eureka, CA.

Odyssey Team - Homeless Outreach Program

Telephone: 499-3240

The Odyssey Team provides a comprehensive, integrated continuum of services to individuals who are seriously and persistently mentally ill and who are homeless. All services are guided by the principles of recovery and consumer empowerment. Odyssey currently has the capacity to partner with 60 clients. Odyssey's multidisciplinary staff works within a strength-based model, confident that program participants are most successful when they set their own goals and actively engage in their mental health recovery. Services (including outreach, case management, psychiatric and medical treatment, employment support services, and supportive housing services) are designed to reduce symptoms that impair clients' ability to live independently, work, maintain community supports, care for their children, remain healthy, and avoid psychiatric hospitalizations and crime. The program's goal is to help enrollees achieve their highest level of wellness and independence within the community.

WIN - Work Independence Network, An Employment Cooperative

Telephone: 473-3304 (Mental Health Liaison)
456-9350 (Buckelew Employment Services)

WIN is an employment program that offers support services, including job development and job coaching services, to adults with severe and chronic mental illness to assist them in overcoming challenges to employment. Up to 40 eligible enrollees can be enrolled into WIN at any given time. Based on a wellness and recovery focus, WIN integrates services provided by a Mental Health Liaison from Marin County Community Mental Health, a Job Developer and a Job Coach from Buckelew Employment Services, and a California Department of Rehabilitation Counselor. Funding is provided by a collaborative contract between the California Department of Rehabilitation and Marin County Health & Human Services.

WIN's multidisciplinary team recognizes that employment success happens when an enrollee is actively engaged in mental health recovery. WIN's goal is to support enrollees through the employment process -- identifying ways clients can achieve levels of wellness and independence that help them reach their employment goals.

Southern Marin Services (SMS)

Telephone: 332-3129

SMS is a community based MHSA-funded program of Family Service Agency of Marin and Bay Area Community Resources, which provides comprehensive, culturally competent and community-driven mental health outpatient services for people in southern Marin. The program is staffed by a diverse, multi-cultural team that includes licensed and pre-licensed mental health practitioners, psychiatrist, school-based therapist, family advocate, and volunteers. SMS is strength-based, focusing on the 'whole' needs of individuals and families, and is working to fully integrate Wellness and Recovery principles. Family Service Agency, as lead agency, has also partnered with Community Action Marin to place a Peer Aide as part of the SMS team. The SMS program provides a continuum of mental health services spanning the life cycle from pregnancy through old age, and targets individuals with serious emotional disorders and serious mental illnesses, and their families, and MediCal eligible children and

adults. Staff work from the SMS Sausalito office, as well as being outstationed on school sites and other community settings, and conduct home visiting as needed. The goal of the program is to improve the health, self-sufficiency and productivity of children, adults and families, and increase accessibility of services in southern Marin.

HOPE Program and Senior Peer Counseling (formerly Older Adult Services)

HOPE Program Main Number: 473-4306
Senior Peer Counseling Telephone: 499-6802

The HOPE Program is a Mental Health Services Act funded program that provides intensive case management for people over the age of 60 and who are suffering from mental illness. The HOPE Program team uses a multi-disciplinary approach and is comprised of mental health practitioners, nurse practitioners, a public guardian and a psychiatrist. An extensive assessment process is conducted in order to determine eligibility. Once eligibility is met, services will focus on promoting mental health, housing issues, medication and physical health coordination.

Senior Peer Counseling is also for people over the age of 60 but the focus is on supporting those who would benefit from a little extra support in their life. Support is provided by trained volunteers who receive weekly supervision from a licensed MFT and/or Registered Nurse. Decreasing isolation, issues of aging, grief and depression are common issues addressed in Senior Peer Counseling.

Both The HOPE Program and Senior Peer Counseling are departments within Community Mental Health Services of the County of Marin. Both programs are offered in English and Spanish and are offered where the senior resides.

Adult Medication Clinic

Telephone: 499-6835

Clients' need for psychiatric medications and the lack of willing providers in the private sector has created a remarkable growth in the CMHS Adult Medication Clinic over the last few years.

Under direction of the CMHS Medical Director the equivalent of two full time psychiatrists provide assessments, prescriptions, and on-going medication support to over 1000 individuals.

Adult Outpatient Therapy

Provided primarily by masters and Ph.D. level interns working under supervision of licensed CMHS clinicians, this clinic provides brief psychotherapy for clients with Medi-Cal or no insurance. Fees for the uninsured are based on the client's ability to pay.

Access to Care Program

The Adult Medication Clinic provides psychiatric medications to some clients who are uninsured. CMHS works with the pharmaceutical companies to obtain medications at no cost to the client when possible. Each company has its own criteria for admission to their program.

CMHS works with over 20 pharmaceutical companies. The program can only provide this service to CMHS clients. CMHS currently provides this service to approximately 175 clients.

Marin County Jail Criminal Justice Team

Telephone: 499-6648

The Criminal Justice Team provides consultation, evaluation, treatment discharge planning, and placement services for mentally disordered offenders at the County Jail. The goal of the jail mental health service is to provide seamless psychiatric care for clients who are involved with community mental health and private providers during a jail stay.

Court ordered evaluations are performed in the County Jail. Crisis intervention in the jail includes transfer of the inmate to a treatment facility in Santa Clara County when Section 5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is applicable.

In addition, the Team provides referrals, evaluations and other consultations to the jail staff, as well as to the courts, District Attorney and Public Defender's Office. CMHS staff participate in pre-trial conferences and provide clinical input to the court as requested.

The Marin County Support & Treatment After Release (STAR) Program

Telephone: 473-2100

The Support & Treatment After Release program is an innovative local collaborative between Community Mental Health, the Sheriff's Department, other law enforcement, and community agencies.

The STAR Program serves mental health consumers that have been arrested, usually for minor crimes, often the result of behaviors related to the symptoms of their illnesses. The STAR Program serves up to 40 mentally ill consumers with a community based interdisciplinary team made up of mental health professionals, probation officers, medical staff, family partners, peer providers, and mental health liaison officers from local law enforcement agencies.

STAR services include assertive community mental health treatment, supervised probation, medication services, dual-diagnosis treatment, financial management, housing and employment advocacy, and general support. The goal of the program is to provide coordinated, intensive services to assist consumers in obtaining treatment, locating housing and employment, avoiding criminal behavior, and staying out of jail. The Marin County program is a first of its kind, combining law enforcement staff directly with treatment staff to collaboratively assist some of the most impaired and challenged persons away from repeated criminal justice involvement and into supportive care.

V. Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)

Telephone: 499-6666 (crisis)

Psychiatric Emergency Services provide the following services for youth, adults, and older adults:

- Psychiatric emergency response for voluntary and involuntary (W&I Code 5150) clients who are experiencing acute psychiatric symptoms
- Crisis stabilization to support the resolution of psychiatric emergencies within 24 hours
- Evaluation of clients for psychiatric hospitalization or referral to other services

PES screening and intervention services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Length of stay is limited to less than 24 hours. Admissions for hospital inpatient care are arranged as necessary.

Referrals are received from all other components of CMHS, other H&HS divisions, the County Jail, local police, and from other mental health providers. In addition, families and individuals may request service for themselves.

VI. YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Address: 3230 Kerner Blvd. San Rafael, CA 94901
 Mailing -- P. O. Box 2728, San Rafael, CA 94903
 Telephone: 473-6724
 Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Youth and Family Team

Under the direction of the Program Manager for Youth & Family Services this team provides mental health services that range from outpatient clinical evaluation and therapy case management, psychiatric evaluation to school-based clinical services for children and their families. Emergency services are provided by the Psychiatric Emergency Services.

The Youth and Family Services (YFS) Team works with children who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in which mental health services were offered by the YFS team to help the student benefit from their educational plan. This program is often referred to as AB 3632, which stands for the original assembly bill passed in the 1980's. The IEP team, which includes the parents/legal guardian, and appropriate school staff determines whether or not to make a referral to mental health. The following services fall under AB 3632:

Outpatient Therapy

This is offered to the individual student and the family at our offices or in the community for a defined period of time as described in the IEP, depending on the needs of the student and the goals set by the IEP team. The clinical staff sees students individually, with their family, or in groups. Approximately 8 masters and Ph.D. level interns also provide therapy under the supervision of licensed YFS clinicians.

Parenting classes are offered in 10-week series in the Fall and Spring, co-led by a clinician and Family Partner with separate groups for younger children up to age twelve and another for teenagers. These parenting classes are offered in both Spanish and English.

Blended Classes

Blended classrooms are located on school campuses and provide an integrated approach for students with mental health issues. These classes are staffed with a full time CMH clinician, half time behavioral coach, a teacher and a teacher's aide in partnership with school districts, Marin Office of Education, Marin County SELPA and a community based organization.

There are six blended classrooms with a full time CMH clinician based at the school site. Of these, four are high schools: San Marin High School (Novato), Redwood High School, (Corte Madera), Tamalpais High School, (Mill Valley), and Terra Linda, (San Rafael). Two are middle schools: Sinaloa (Novato) and Hall (Larkspur). In addition, a bilingual clinician is based part time at Bahia Vista in San Rafael. These programs meet the CMH YFS goal to provide services to youth in their community.

Grant Grover and Braun Day Treatment

Seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents whose educational and mental health needs require the level of care of a Day Treatment Program are referred to Grant Grover and Braun Day Treatment. These programs are run jointly with Marin Office of Education and a community based organization, Sunny Hills, with which CMH contracts to provide the clinical staff. The Grant Grover and Braun Day Treatment Programs provide milieu, individual, family and group therapy on site in combination with a structured special education program. Grant Grover Day Treatment serves children through the eighth grade. Braun Day Treatment serves youth from ninth grade through graduation.

Residential Programs and the Placement Return Team

The Placement Return Team (PRT), consisting of a clinician and two Family Partners (a parent who has had a child in the mental health system) work intensively with the youth who are returning from residential placement. Students are placed residentially after all less restrictive settings have been tried or deemed inappropriate. Their mental health issues have to have interfered with them benefiting from their educational program. The residential case manager monitors their progress closely and visits them on a regular basis. The PRT, works intensively with the youth and family prior to the youth returning home and then on going, utilizing the wraparound process which helps the family access natural resources and support in the student's school and local community.

Residential Placements and the Wraparound Program

Students are placed in therapeutic residential programs after all less restrictive settings have been tried or deemed inappropriate. In order to be placed out of home, a student must be designated as emotionally disturbed by his or her IEP team, and his/her mental health issues must significantly interfere with the capacity to benefit from an individualized educational program. When placement is recommended, attempts are made to place the student closest to home, and in the lowest level of care appropriate to the student's need. Once in placement, the residential case manager monitors a student's progress closely and conducts quarterly visits to evaluate progress and the appropriateness of the placement. The Wraparound program aims to work with students at risk of out of home placement. A typical wraparound team consists of a facilitator, a family partner (a parent who has had a child in the mental health system) and a case manager who work intensively with the youth and family to identify needs, to access natural resources and to support the student in the home community. Wraparound services are also utilized to assist youth and families in the transition home from residential placement.

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)

Telephone 499-3068

This team provides assessments and referrals for children and adolescents who are full-scope Medi-Cal eligible and are in need of mental health services. Children and youth with Medi-Cal are assessed by our EPSDT staff and are then referred to Medi-Cal providers in the community if they meet Medi-Cal necessity.

The network of MMHP providers offers an array of necessary services. Psychiatric services are provided at our clinic at Kerner Blvd.

Children's System of Care (CSOC)

The System of Care offers intensive case management, wraparound services and flexible therapeutic approaches to complex family challenges. Although grant funding for CSOC was eliminated in 2004, CMHS funding through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) maintains CSOC services at Juvenile Probation, and County Community School. The CSOC program provides a vital linkage for youth with mental health needs who enter the juvenile probation system.

Some of the strengths of CSOC services include the ability to take services to where the clients and their families are located in the home and community, as well as the capacity to serve clients who do not have other resources and would not be able to access needed mental health services. This is in contrast to an outpatient model of providing services where the client is expected to come to the clinic to receive a service. CSOC providers also focus on the systems involved with clients and their families, helping clients to link different systems and access available community resources. Three of the four CSOC providers are also bilingual Spanish speaking, so up to 50% of services in this program are provided to monolingual Spanish families in the community. As a part of the MHSA, CSOC also provides 24 hour/7 day per week on-call coverage to assist with crises that occur during non-business hours and weekends. The CSOC program has worked alongside the juvenile probation unit for approximately 10 years, and is considered a vital resource in helping to maintain youth in the community.

Family Partnership Program

A key component of the Children's System of Care is the Family Partnership Program, contracted through Community Action Marin (CAM). This program employs 6 parents as Family Partners whose children have received mental health services and therefore Family Partners know how to navigate the system as well as a better understanding of the parent's perspective. Family Partners support families whose children are currently receiving mental health services, as well as giving a voice to the parent perspective within the mental health system. The Director of the Family Partnership Program participates in developing policies, programs and services. Family Partners provide the following direct services:

- Positive parenting classes – 2 in English and 2 in Spanish for children up to 12 and one for teenagers.
- A monthly parent support group
- A twice monthly group for parents who have children in residential treatment
- Individualized support for the family

The Program Director for this program, a parent of a child who has been in the mental health system, participates in the management team of Community Mental Health Youth and Family Services.

Transition Age Youth (TAY) Program

Phone: 460-2167

The Transition-Age Youth (TAY) program, a collaboration between Buckelew Programs, Family Service Agency of Marin, and Marin Community Mental Health Services, provides services to young men and women, ages 16-25, who are struggling with mental health challenges. The TAY is a Full-Service Partnership program, meaning that staff provide a complete range of services using a “whatever it takes” approach. The program uses a Strength-Based model, and integrates Wellness and Recovery principles. The program supports Transition-Age Youth to become the architects of their own futures, to engage in a journey of self-discovery, and to live meaningful lives in a community of their choice. Annually, Full Service Partnership services are provided to 20 young people and their families, and an array of more limited services are offered to an additional 120 youth and family members.

The TAY Program Office is located at: 820 Fifth Avenue in downtown San Rafael.

VII. DISASTER TEAM

Telephone: 473-3875 or PES 499-6666

One of the mandates of the state of California for each county mental health system is to provide community mental health services as appropriate to people affected by disasters. The County of Marin Community Mental Health Services has an emergency response capacity with the Disaster Response Team. The Disaster Assistance Coordinator develops and regularly updates the Disaster Response Plan in collaboration with other emergency staff from the county and is directly responsible for the direction and management of the disaster mental health response capability. The Disaster Assistance Coordinator reports to the YFS Program Manager.

The Disaster Team Coordinator is responsible for ensuring clinicians from both adult and children's services have been trained to respond to the psychological needs of disaster victims and first responders. They provide critical incident stress debriefing (CISD) to those involved with traumatic highly stressful events. The local community often calls on these trained staff to provide counseling for small groups in the community when a traumatic event or accident has occurred. The team also provides mutual aid to other counties struggling to respond to large disasters of all kinds.

IX. CLINICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

CMHS offers a clinical internship program for graduate students in psychology, social work, and counseling. The purpose of the training program is to provide carefully supervised, in depth clinical experience in a multi-service community mental health system of care. Marin County CMHS provides both emergency and continuing care to a diverse client population

with a wide range of challenging mental health needs. The interns have the opportunity of a 40 week training program or a full year program, either full or part time. Under the direction of a licensed clinical psychologist, the interns are assigned throughout CMHS. Interns are also placed at Juvenile Hall and Marin Maternity Services. CMHS currently provides small stipends for interns.

The program is designed to provide the following:

1. Direct experience in clinical work with clients who have acute and chronic mental disorders.
2. Supervision and training to develop interns' repertoire of clinical intervention skills to meet case specific needs.
3. Training and practice in assessment, treatment planning, case disposition, and collaborative work with affiliated providers in the field.
4. Multiple opportunities to formulate cases, discuss treatment perspectives and integrate theory and practice.

X. WEST MARIN SERVICE CENTER

Address: 100 6th Street
Point Reyes Station, California 94956
Mailing – P.O. Box 331, Point Reyes Station, California 94956
Telephone: 446-4456
Hours: 8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Provides evaluation and referral, crisis intervention, medication management, dual diagnosis (mental illness and substance abuse) treatment and individual and group therapy. A contract with Catholic Charities provides counseling for mono-lingual Spanish speaking clients.

XI. PUBLIC GUARDIAN

Address: 20 North San Pedro Road, Suite 2014
San Rafael, California 94903
Mailing – Same as above
Fax #: 507-4156
Phone: 499-6186
Hours: 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.

LPS Conservatorships

The Public Guardian serves as the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Investigator and Temporary Conservator for individuals who are referred for LPS Conservatorship. LPS Conservatorships are for persons gravely disabled as a result of a mental disorder requiring psychiatric treatment and possible placement.

Probate Conservatorships

The Public Guardian investigates, petitions and is appointed by the Court as Probate Conservator for individuals who have no family or friends who are willing to assist them and are substantially unable to manage for themselves or resist fraud or undue influence.

Representative Payee Program

The program is for individuals who have difficulty managing money or financial affairs but whose needs can be met without the formality and restrictions of a conservatorship. This program is limited to individuals whose source of income is solely from government funds and for whom CMHS or related community agency is providing case management services.

XII. COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Address: 20 North San Pedro Road, Suite 2028
San Rafael, CA 94903
Mailing – Same as above
Telephone: 499-7363
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mental Health Board

The Mental Health Board (MHB) is a state-mandated advisory group that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and to the Mental Health Director about the local mental health services.