Briefly describe your plan for using the Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building funding and indicate (if known) potential partner(s) or contractor(s).

We have identified initially three areas where technical assistance and capacity building for providers and the community are needed in San Mateo County. The first area involves training BHRS’ and contractors' staff to become trainers in the “Assist” model. The funding for this training for trainers would allow such staff to provide clinical and “Gatekeepers” training for providers and community members in San Mateo and neighboring communities. Making these training opportunities available will greatly increase the capacity of community members and providers to respond, among other things, to suicidality. The second area involves launching an outreach and education effort aimed at providing primary care practitioners with training in Evidence Based Practices, in order to help them address in their offices an array of mental illness identification strategies including suicidality. This area of focus recognizes the fact that individuals across cultural groups and ages tend to have a connection with a primary care provider; it also recognizes that the majority of individuals who completed suicide had a recent primary care visit. The third area of focus involves technical assistance collaboration with stakeholders from non-traditional mental health settings in order to develop community capacity building strategies targeting broad audiences through different topics addressing public perception on behavioral health issues. No providers have been selected for any focus area.

All three areas will create opportunities for neighboring counties to participate and benefit. In addition, as programs are developed and documented, San Mateo County BHRS’ Workforce Development Director will insure opportunities for the development and dissemination of training materials for other counties throughout the State. This could include but might not be limited to peer support, web resources and online sessions, on-site or by-phone consultation, joint conferences, among others.

The County and its contractor(s) for these services agree to comply with the following criteria:

1) This funding established pursuant to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) shall be utilized for activities consistent with the intent of the Act and proposed guidelines for the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the County’s Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.
2) Funds shall not be used to supplant existing state or county funds utilized to provide mental health services.
3) These funds shall only be used to pay for the programs authorized in WIC Section 5892.
4) These funds may not be used to pay for any other program.
5) These funds may not be loaned to the state General Fund or any other fund of the state, or a county general fund or any other county fund for any purpose other than those authorized by WIC Section 5892.
6) These funds shall be used to support a project(s) that demonstrates the capacity to develop and provide statewide training, technical assistance and capacity building services and programs in partnership with local and community partners via subcontracts or other arrangements to assure the appropriate provision of community-based prevention and early intervention activities.
7) These funds shall be used to support a project(s) that utilizes training methods that have demonstrated the capacity to increase skills and promote positive outcomes consistent with the MHSA and PEI proposed guidelines.

Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the best of my knowledge and belief this request in all respects is true, correct, and in accordance with the law.

Louise Rogers, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services