

## 2/17/22 - Workgroup Meeting 1 Notes

In attendance:

- BHRS: Doris Estremera
- Facilitator: Alison Hamburg
- Workgroup members: Lanajean, Jean, Amanda, Marina, William, Kae

### 1. Introductions

- a. Workgroup members, BHRS (Doris), and consultant (Alison) introduced themselves

### 2. MHSA and INN overview

- a. Alison and Doris provided an overview of MHSA and INN funding, regulations, and processes

#### b. Questions addressed:

- i. How do we determine which ideas to submit to the state?
  1. We will develop a list of criteria for reviewing the ideas that were submitted by the community. The MHSA INN workgroup will be involved in choosing the criteria. A subset of the workgroup will be involved in reviewing and selecting which ideas we want to submit to the state.
- ii. Do the submissions have to show each year's costs?
  1. Yes
- iii. Is funding for a project for the entire 3 or 5 year project, or do projects have to reapply for funding each year?
  1. Funding is for the entire project period (3-5 years)
- iv. Is there a limit to the number of projects that can be submitted to the state?
  1. No, but we want to be intentional about submitting a reasonable number
- v. Will there be opportunities for stakeholder input on the ideas that BHRS plans to submit to the state?
  1. Yes, the ideas will be presented to the MHSA Steering Committee for discussion and input. There will also be a 30-day public comment period before the ideas are submitted to the state.
- vi. Is sustainability of projects considered in the review of ideas?
  1. Sustainability is considered and is incorporated in Requests for Proposals and contracts for the providers who will be delivering the services.
- vii. What happens to INN programs after the INN period ends?
  1. It depends. If projects were shown to be effective, some may get funding from another MHSA component (CSS or PEI). Some may have other funding sources, or a mix of MHSA and other funding sources.

- viii. Have there been any situations where agencies have come together to submit a proposal, and/or there are multiple funding sources?
  - 1. Typically they don't have other funding sources, since INN presents an opportunity to try something that typically wouldn't be funded with other funding
  - 2. There was one case where a project received SAMHSA funding in addition
  - 3. There have been cases where several organizations have come together during the REquest for PRoposal process. So far there hasn't been a situation where multiple organizations have come together to submit a proposal, but this would be a great idea that we could encourage.
- 3. Brainstorm stakeholder participation process
  - a. The group began brainstorming ideas for how to create an inclusive and accessible process for stakeholders to submit ideas, documented on this google doc:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/16qSyqbpUT7XeLGCwSXqdegDMb\\_zpoYB8Ubixwplwlic/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16qSyqbpUT7XeLGCwSXqdegDMb_zpoYB8Ubixwplwlic/edit?usp=sharing)
- 4. Next steps/action items
  - a. Workgroup members are welcome to add to the google doc between meetings
  - b. Before the next meeting, Alison will send out drafts of the information and the form for idea submission - workgroup members are expected to review the drafts before the next meeting
  - c. Next meeting is Thursday, March 17, 3:00-4:30pm