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Mental Health Services Act

30-Day Public Comment Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Name | | | |
| Agency/Organization | | | |
| Phone number | | E-mail | |
| Mailing address (street) | | | |
| City, State, Zip | | | |

MY ROLE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Person in recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> | Probation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Service provider | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Law enforcement/criminal justice | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please state) |

COMMENTS

In regards to the jail re-entry program, the mentally ill often need help getting to those agencies that are supposed to help them. Without oversight, they will not follow through.

If they loose their discharge papers or throw them away as they leave the jail, it should not take a month of effort to get a copy of the original discharge papers. Our son did as such, and without my help, he would never have connected to the proper agency.

They also need help getting any SSI, SSA benefits re-established.
 They need help getting their medications back in order.

In 2012, after our son was released from jail for failing the WIT program. I had to watch our son decompensate twice, because we could not get his meds back in order for him.

Susan Price made it clear. You can't hand addresses to a mentally ill person and send them on their way. It does not work. There has to be a person providing oversight for them, and staying with them every day until their needs are re-established. Nothing short of that is worth spending the tax money on.

Response #1

The MHSA CHS Jail to Community Re-Entry program will expand existing Correctional Health services in the following notable ways:

- Implement risk-needs-responsivity assessments
- Establish re-entry groups that will identify possible barriers to successful re-entry
- Develop tailored discharge plans

This comprehensive approach to discharge planning allows for the identification of referrals that are tailored to best meet the unique needs of each individual. Such referrals will include assistance with medications and benefits, as well as a range of other behavioral health services aimed towards supporting the individual's recovery and community re-integration. This MHSA-funded program will then work in tandem with outpatient BHS programs in order to facilitate direct linkages to the services identified during individualized discharge planning.

- Note: A second public comment was received regarding misconceptions of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (“Laura’s Law”)
- Response: Because AOT is not one of the programs being amended at this time, this comment will be presented during the Community Input portion of the MHSA Steering Committee meeting held on October 2, 2017 from 1pm-4pm at the Delhi Center in Santa Ana