

Citywide Case Management and Community Focus Program Cuts- 982 Mission St, SF

The Department of Health has singled out our services to the severely mentally ill for the largest percentage cut of any outpatient programs: 15% of our total budget (\$1.3 million) and there will be an **additional** Medi-Cal funding loss of \$1.7 million = \$3 million cut or 38% of our services.

The 1,035 Clients We Serve:

- 198 severely mentally ill offenders in SF Behavioral Health Court (BHC)
- 515 severely mentally ill high users of acute psychiatric services (averaging \$94,000 in treatment per year at intake)
- 322 clients receiving short-term linkage facilitating quicker discharge from psychiatric inpatient facilities.
- 80% suffer from substance abuse disorders and 40% have serious medical conditions

Current Services:

- Wrap around case management, employment support services, advocacy, medication management, outreach, crisis services, individual, group and family psychotherapy.
- Services provided to 72 clients in 4 Chinese dialects, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Spanish, Russian and English. There is no other Asian language intensive case management program in San Francisco. Clients reside in every SF district.

Current Program Outcomes:

- 40% decrease in violent offenses for BHC clients
- 72% decrease in homelessness and 75% of clients are linked to a primary care provider
- 25.3% decrease in psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations
- 140 clients actively pursuing employment, of which 85 are employed
- We leverage \$1.22 in Federal funding for every \$1 of city General Funds expended
- All mental health programs recently competitively bid for a contract, our proposal scored highest. Our last program reviews scored 4.0 out of a possible 4.0

Impact of Proposed Cuts:

- SF Behavioral Health Court will be unable to function as Citywide forensics provides over 70% of BHC treatment slots

- Loss of intensive case management services for over 400 severely mentally ill adults
- Decreased ability for psychiatric inpatient facilities to safely and quickly discharge clients to the community. More clients admitted to Psychiatric Emergency Services.
- Increased homelessness amongst discharged mentally ill adults in the South of Market, Inner Mission and Tenderloin communities.