County Name

Merced County

Work Plan Title:

South East Asian Community Advocacy (SEACAP)

Population to Be Served

Priority population to be served will be the South East Asian transition age youth (TAY), adults, and older adults. Men, women, and families with children that have severe mental illness, post traumatic stress disorders, and/or depression.

Count by age group:
Youth: 25
TAY: 25
Adult: 100

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Annual Number of Clients to Be Served

A total of 150 participants

Number of Clients By Funding Category

Full Service Partnerships

X System Development

Outreach & Engagement

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

Annual Number to Be Served

_____ Total

Number of Clients By Type of Prevention

_____ Early Intervention

_____ Indicated/Selected

_____ Universal

Work Plan Description

Merced County Department of Mental Health contracts with Merced Lao Family Community Inc. to provide SEACAP services. The contractor provides culturally competent and linguistically appropriate services. SEACAP advances the goals of the Mental Health Services Act by providing services to underserved populations through community collaboration in a culturally and linguistically appropriate format. The program was originally implemented to provide culturally competent services to the Southeast Asian community in Merced, specifically the Hmong community to include Adults, Older Adults, and TAY's of legal age.

The unique aspect of the program is that, through community input, the SEA community requested collaboration with the Shaman (spiritual healers). Consequently, SEACAP was created to provide traditional mental health services in collaboration with the client's designated Shaman as requested. As the SEA community became aware of the services, the demand for services for children and youth increased. The work plan was expanded to include children/youth, TAY, and adults in the SEACAP Program. The Program is currently staffed with two bilingual/bicultural clinicians, one case manager, and one (.25 full time equivalent) Community Leader.

The Community Leader provides workshops geared to acculturation issues in the older adult Hmong Community. The Community Leader also mediates, educates, and intervenes in the increasing discord between older generation husbands and wives. The Hmong community is experiencing an increase in homicidal/suicidal behavior by Hmong married men as their wives become more independent and assertive. Community leadership has expressed concerns that this behavior is on the rise in the Central Valley. The Department is committed to being responsive to the cultural needs of this community. To ensure access to SEACAP services by the unserved SEA community due to lack of transportation, a transporter to SEACAP services is proposed by means of this update.