

## Case Management Re-configuration to CSP

The approved SFY2011 state budget includes a \$1,500,000 reduction in DMHAS grant funds for Mental Health Case Management services. The Department will begin to actualize this reduction effective July 1, 2010. It is the intent of the Department to use this as an opportunity to enhance and re-align Mental Health Case Management services to **Community Support Program (CSP)** and a less intense case management service, Recovery Pathways, throughout the state. Through the use of standardized CSP and Recovery Pathways definitions, case loads, and service expectations, The Department anticipates a more efficient and effective statewide CSP that will lead to increased capacity and service levels.

CSP is designed to assist adults with severe and persistent psychiatric disorders or co-occurring severe and persistent psychiatric and substance use disorders in achieving and maintaining rehabilitative, sobriety and recovery goals. These services will be designed to address the mental health/substance abuse treatment needs of individuals as well as provide financial, social, educational, vocational, residential and other treatment and support needs of the individuals. CSP services focus on building and maintaining a therapeutic relationship with the individual while delivering rehabilitative, skill building interventions and activities, facilitating connections to the individual's community recovery supports and emphasizing the individual's choices, goals and recovery path. Recovery Pathways will provide supports of a less intense nature and will include utilization of peer recovery specialists/staff.

In an extremely expeditious process over the next six (6) months, from April to September 2010, DMHAS will work with providers to offer opportunities for agencies to learn the skills needed in order to provide CSP services. Many agencies have already been exposed to CSP implementation through managing nursing home clients and have been certified for these services. Other agencies have implemented the MRO Group Homes and have learned the tools of functional work and will also be better able to absorb this change. DMHAS will provide training where needed, and continuous monitoring to determine how well the system changes are assimilated.

To effect the budget reductions referenced above, grant amounts in existing contracts will be reduced pursuant to Part I, Paragraph 10 of contracts effective July 1, 2010 and will reflect the new models and service expectations for your agency.

The Department is sensitive to the situations faced by all of the agencies within its system during these economic times, and will provide information about changes as quickly as possible to allow the maximum amount of time for each agency to adjust their services and make changes with a minimum of disruption.