

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES

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No Date Specified

Section 403: (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for multicultural services, the department shall ensure that CMHSPs or PIHPs meet with multicultural service providers to develop a workable framework for contracting, service delivery, and reimbursement. (2) Funds appropriated in part 1 for multicultural services shall not be utilized for services provided to illegal immigrants and people who are not residents of this state. The department shall modify contracts with recipients of multicultural services grants to mandate that grantees establish that recipients of services are legally residing in the United States. An exception to the contractual provision will be allowed to address persons presenting with emergent mental health conditions. (3) The department shall require an annual report from the independent organizations that receive multicultural services funding. The annual report shall include specific information on services and programs provided, the client base to which the services and programs were provided, and the expenditures for those services. The department shall provide the annual reports to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

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MULTICULTURAL SERVICES FUNDING

Mental Health Multicultural Funding consists of two components. The first is a General Fund appropriation for direct contracting by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). This includes separate contracts with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, the Chaldean Community Foundation and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit (\$1,520,000) subcontracts for a variety of services. These encompass the provision of case management, mental health counseling, psychiatric evaluations, transportation and translation services for 1,585 clients. Additional services under this contract include 1,500 days of specialized programming for aging adults with developmental disabilities, 7,283 hours of medical advocacy, 900 home visits and 40+ group programs per month for children with special needs, medical monitoring of 140 individuals, support services for 90 individuals with chronic mental illness and/or severe developmental disabilities, assessment, consultation and supports for 110 adults with behavioral disorders, assessment training and/or special supports for 300 older workers, supports and skills training for 75 job seekers with mental health barriers to employment, assessments and support for 19 adults with dementia disorders, mental health services for Holocaust Survivors and Families including support groups providing 1035 units of service and non-traditional support group meetings providing 960 units of service and summer programs for 12 teens with developmental disabilities and four children with disabilities.

The contract with the Chaldean Community Foundation (\$420,057) includes their partnering with the St. John Health System-Eastwood Clinics to provide Refugee Mental Health Services (RMHS). RMHS include outreach, health awareness, prevention and treatment strategies, case management, translation services, advertising, education and transportation services as well as outpatient mental health and psychiatric services at multiple locations. The case management services include 450 sessions on interpretation and 2,500 case management sessions provided by three case managers.

The contract with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (\$374,684) provides financial support to seven federally recognized tribes. These resources facilitate the provision of mental health services in an ethnic sensitive manner based on their cultural needs. The project supports reservation based mental health workers and clinicians who provide a broad range of mental health services. These include a .50 FTE psychologist, two Mental Health Therapists, the services of a clinical psychologist to serve twenty (20) individuals, support of a MSW position, one FTE Master's level counselor serving forty-five (45) individuals, and the services of a psychiatrist.

The second component of Mental Health Multicultural Funding is the General Fund allocation to Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP). A total of \$4,551,092 is allocated to fourteen (14) CMHSPs for programs focused on Chinese, Native American, Asian, Hispanic, Arab/Chaldean and Vietnam Veteran consumers.