



**Prosumer Action Center
(COS Grant – FY 2012)
Second Quarter Report FY '12**

This report is for the Second Quarter, fiscal year 2012 for the Prosumer Action Center.

Narrative:

In the Second Quarter for fiscal year 2012, the Prosumer Action Center continues to have a lot of activity.

Members of the Prosumers participated in the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Advisory group for Disability Rights Texas, The ViaHope Advisory Group, the State Local Area Planning Advisory Committee (LANAC), the Bexar County Behavioral Health Planning and Network Advisory Committee (BHPNAC) and the Restraint and Seclusion Task Force. Additionally, Prosumers have taken the leadership position for the Bexar County Consumer Family Conference and the Texas Catalyst for Empowerment Leadership Symposium.

The Prosumers had eight members participate in the two day African American Conference. One of the Project Coordinators is attending classes for Power and Contribution. Prosumers purchased a table for the LULAC Dinner Fundraiser event in December and 8 Prosumers participated. There were six Prosumers who participated in the Mental Health Stakeholder Forum for comments on current services. The Public Consulting Group (PCG) was conducting a comprehensive analysis of the public behavioral health system in Texas, as required by DSHS Rider 71, General Appropriations Act, 82nd Texas Legislature, 2011. We additionally had one Prosumer who went to Dallas to testify.

Prosumers were asked to speak at the Mental Health Task Force about Peer Services and at the University Of Texas Health Science Center School Of Nursing at San Antonio Center for Women and Children research Department. This is also an outreach opportunity.

The Center for Health Care Services invited John Herron, CEO of Harbor City Services, Inc., and Steve Miccio, Executive Director of PEOPLE for a Social Enterprises Summit to begin a process of looking at possibilities for social enterprise and/or consumer operated businesses for consumers in San Antonio. We have additionally talked with Leon Evans about the possibility of hiring a Peer Support Specialist to manage the wait list and to begin the process of starting a Crisis Peer Respite for San Antonio.

Our first major fundraising event started off slowly and now, with a change in leadership, it is well on its way to being a fantastic event. We lost two months and so we have begun with a vengeance to make this happen. Our event will take place May 4, 2012 at Morgan's Wonderland from 5-8 pm. We will be honoring Senator Leticia Van de Putte in a Dinner Gala. Ed and Jackie Dickey have agreed to help us with our first major fundraiser. We are looking to work with the Food Bank Catering for the event. We hope to raise a minimum of \$10,000 after expenses.

People interested in going to the World Congress on Mental Health in Buenos Aires Argentina in 2013 have begun fundraisers to raise money to go. Our first was a Bowl-a-Thon on March 3 and we raised over \$1,000. We have scheduled a second Bowl-a-Thon on September 15, 2012. We also have a Chick-fil-A fundraiser on May 16 from 5-8. People wishing to support the Prosumers just need to purchase food from Chick-fil-A on SE Military drive between 5 and 8 p.m. They will need to present the fundraiser coupon and Prosumers will get a percentage of the food sold.

The Project Coordinators are Board Members of the Texas Catalyst's for Empowerment (TCE). This is a group that is looking to develop the consumer leaders in Texas. We are planning to have a Leadership

Symposium next August to bring tools and skills to the consumers in Texas. One of the Project Coordinators is taking the lead on this. This Symposium has had no money attached yet we have secured a location in Houston. Prosumers will support raising money for this event as well as looking for sponsors for this event.

We continue to grow and expand. We held our first Prosumer Leadership Training. We had nine participants. Three were from Houston; one from Fairbanks, Alaska; one from Ft Worth; and four from San Antonio. The training left everyone inspired and looking to make a difference in the world.

We have secured Dr. Paul Warner to conduct a drumming class for our June Prosumer Meeting. Disability Rights Texas will be speaking to our group in April. We hope to make drumming a part of the Prosumer Action Center as well as a Focus for Life as a ten series study group.

We have begun working with Dr. Jodi Gonzales on a NIMH grant were Prosumers serve as both the intervention and the control group. As this is a controlled study, it will give us the basis for being evidence based.

We continue to work on our 501c3 and are coming closer to having all the paperwork completed. Texas Association of Non Profits is working with us to have this happen. We have paid them for helping us do this. They have also come out and worked with us to become a tighter, cohesive group.

A total of 227 services were provided over the Second Quarter of 2012. Of those, 118 were unduplicated services for FY'12.