



**Mental Health Services Act  
Steering Committee Meeting**

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Monday, March 05, 2012

Neighborhood Community Center  
1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

**MINUTES**

**Recorder: Nicole Ramirez**

**Members Present:** Tho Be, John Hambuch, Chris Bieber, Michael Marks, Helen Cameron, Shannon Peterson, Belinda McCleese, Denise Cuellar, Dianna Daly, Alan Edwards, M.D. Ray Gallagher, Steven Bush, William Gonzalez, Amy Grindrod, Harvey Grody, Eric Handler, M.D., Anna Beltrán, Geoff Henderson, Paul León, Judith Lewis, Gregory Wright, Alyce Mastrianni, Kathryn McCullough, Dominic Mejico, Brian Jacobs, Nasee Nazari, Khe Ngo, George Nguyen, Tricia Nguyen, William O'Connell, Mary O'Connor, R.N., Palafox, R.N., Devin Peterson, Julie Puentes, Gloria Reyes, Maureen Robles, Julian Rodríguez, Linda Smith, Mary Therese Sweeney, Kelly Tran, Daria Waetjen, Ed. D., Patti Petit, Janis White Ed. D., Jean Wilkinson.

**Members Absent:** Theresa Boyd, América Bracho, Dave Bridgewaters, Cecile Dillon, Ph. D., Rowena Gillo, Ginger Hahn, Nahla Kayali, Wendy Lindley, Shelly Lummus, Jenny Monge, Andrew Muñoz, Brett O'Brien, Steve Pitman, Karin Rogers, Alex Romero, Karen Roper, Michael Schumacher, Donald Sharps, M.D., Patricia Shute, Cheri Stabell, Gerry Strickland, Jeff Trash, Ana Linda Tutila.

**Staff:** Mark Refowitz, Mary Hale, Bonnie Birnbaum, Clayton Chau, Sheryl Curl, Kenneth Grebel, Jim Harte, Annette Mugrditchian, Kevin Smith, Jenny Qian, Center of Excellence, Innovation.

**Item I. Call to Order:**  
Sharon Browning welcomed members and the public and reviewed today's agenda.

**Item II. Local and State Updates:**  
HCA Interim Director Mark Refowitz provided a brief update and reminded the Committee that there is a 3-year cycle for reversion of funding using the first in first out method. An important topic being discussed in Sacramento at this time regards the possibility of counties keeping the funds that would have been reverted back to the state.

Mary Hale announced that key transitions will define the roles of various state agencies and determine how everything will look. Trailer bills are being considered by the state legislature. An important issue is that new language was added that the county BOS must approve the plans and annual updates (would start with plan for FY 13/14). The requirement that we must have a contract with the state to spend funds was deleted. OAC will still have T&A function.

Member Question: Cal Mesa three-year contracts will not be affected by changes to the trailer bill.

**Item III.**

Bonnie Birnbaum reported that all Sub Committee chairs agreed that members of the public can be part of the committees. A meeting of the Sub-Committee chairs and co-chairs will take place to determine a process by which members of the public can join a Sub-Committee. Ideas for agenda items will also be discussed. Ideas for agenda items must be submitted to the chairs, Bonnie and Brad Hutchins.

Staff changes: Brad will no longer be taking minutes at the CSS meetings. Cheryl will be taking his place.

Work on the FY 12/13 is under way. Language on describing the programs is currently being done.

Feedback on the Sub-Committee process:

**What worked?**

- Allowing public participation – helpful to remember things that are not working in the system.
- Potential for small group participation is a strong benefit – greater dialogue
- Sub-Committee groups will accept public membership

**What didn't?**

- Need more clarity on the role of the committees and staff support
  - Each Sub-Committee category will review those respective programs and decide /recommend to the big general committee the programs that they think should be presented/updated. Brad will be handling all administrative functions for the Steering Committee.
- More participation of Sub-Committee members is encouraged especially when meeting for a recommendation.
- Need more time and need to bring in experts to work with the committees
- Include contact information for the Chairs on the minutes of the Sub-Committees.
- State how many members should be present for a decision to be made.

**Item IV.**

The Sub-Committee chairs for each respective Sub-Committee reported on the proposed FY 12/13 budgets

- a) Chairs: Jeff Henderson and Helen Cameron presented the CSS Adults and Older Adults budget. Chairs provided members with their background and told how that background applies to the respective Sub-Committee. Chairs didn't feel that they had enough time to review budgets so they moved forward with a second meeting. Significant discussion ensued about the need to increase funding for the CAT/PERT teams. Recommended increasing funding to double the size of CAT/PERT staff. The rest of the financials stand as presented.

- b) Chairs: Kelly Tran and Cynthia Coad (absent) presented the CSS CYS /TAY budget and described the details that were discussed related to CAT/PERT as it works with TAY and the need for clarity on how it is different from the Adults CAT services. Also, indicated the need to review outcome statistics in helping make decisions. FY 12/13 budgets are recommended approved as presented.
- c) Chairs: Daria Waetjen and Chris Bieber provided us with their background related to their chosen Sub- Committee (PEI). Chairs reported that the Sub-Committee recommended approval of the FY12/13 update plan as presented. Group would like to hear more on the eight categories of PEI programs in future meetings.
- d) Chairs: William Gonzales and Denise Cuellar introduced themselves and described the significance of their backgrounds to INN/WET. This Sub-Committee approved the recommended budget for FY12/13. The Sub-Committee would like an email sent out to indicate which INN programs have started and when others will start.
  - a. Ten projects were approved. Three were initially extended to operate for three years. The remaining seven have been recommended to be extended for another year to the total of three years. Eight projects have started.

**Item V. Action Item:** FY 12/13 Plan Update with a modification of CSS Adults/Older Adults budget by \$2,339,013 to increase CAT/PERT program staff met consensus.

**Item VI. Break**

**Item VII. Duals Demo presentation:** Diana Daly from CalOptima presented an overview of the “California’s Dual Eligible Demonstration Project.”

Who are the Dual Eligibles? They are persons with Medicare and Medical/Medicaid; Orange County has about 75,000 such persons; only 16% in managed care; all are receiving services by CalOptima.

Goal: to integrate consumer services and ensure that these services are consumer-friendly, and keep people out of institutional services.

There is a possibility: that the Demonstration Project will provide other services not currently being provided.

Diana asked the MHSA Steering Committee to participate in forming an ad hoc Dual Eligibles Demonstration Workgroup to meet with HCA and CalOptima staff to share their perspectives and assist in planning a delivery system.

Comments/Questions:

How was the process in County of Orange initiated? A: through DHCS.

Mary: for BHS, specialty mental health services is carved out, and OC BHS currently sees about 1,200-1,600 individuals who are dually eligible, most are Adults and Older Adults.

There are many unanswered questions at this time.

Comment: the current managed care program for dual Eligibles is called OneCare. OneCare includes dental, vision, taxis, and meals if patients are frail and upon release from hospitals.

**Item VIII. Committee Comments: None**

**Item IX. Public Comments: None**

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:06 p.m.**