



Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2014

**Delhi Community Center
505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana, Ca**

MINUTES

Members Present: Tho Be, Julia Bidwell, Chris Bieber, Theresa Boyd, Helen Cameron, Shannon Peterson, Barry Chaitin, Denise Cuellar, Belinda McCleese, Christine Smith Snapper, William Gonzalez, Amy Grindrod, Lori Maze, Brian Jacobs, Hiromi Minakata, Marc Lerner, Joe Perez, Paul Shapiro, Alice Mastrianni, Kathryn McCullough, Khe Ngo, George Nguyen, Calvin Nguyen, Brett O'Brien, Mitch Cherness, Deby Wolford, Mary O'Connor, Tom Loats, Julian Rodriguez, Linda Smith, Mary Sweeney, Daria Waetjen, Janis White, Ken White, Frank Opsino, Sylvia Worden

Item I. Sharon Browning, Facilitator

- Sharon Browning called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Item II. MHSA Update

- Bonnie Birnbaum, MHSA Coordinator, talked about the Three- Year Plan; she said the Plan is posted on the MHSA website for public comment with forms available in Farsi, Spanish and Vietnamese.
 - April 21 – Public Comments End
 - April 23 – Public Hearing at Mental Health Board
 - May 13 – BOS Approval set for 1) Assisted Outpatient Treatment Resolution and 2) Three-Year Plan
- Mary talked about the Affordable Care Act (ACA). ACA opens up eligibility for persons living with mental health issues and/or drug problems – some persons who couldn't qualify for Medi-Cal in the past will now be eligible.

Item III. Community Action Advisory Committee Update

- Denise Cuellar, CAAC Vice President, reported on a presentation by Calvin Nguyen during the CAAC meeting in February about opening a new Wellness Center for the Vietnamese community.
- Questions were asked about who can bid on new Wellness Center. Mary Hale, Behavioral Health Director, answered that there will be a solicitation process to find a provider. Qualifications for applying will be included in the process. She said that there will be a new Wellness Center for South County, and also explained that more research and analysis is needed to determine if a new "West" Wellness Center is appropriate or whether there is another way to meet the needs in West County.
- CAAC member visited OASIS during CAAC meeting in March.



Item IV.

Local/State Update and HCA Reorganization

- Mary Hale, Behavioral Health Director, spoke on Innovations:
 - She explained that there were changes in the membership of the Oversight and Accountability Commission. The OAC staff has given approval to extend time periods of the current Innovations projects.
 - Round # 2 Innovations projects are awaiting approval on April 24.
 - She also stated that hopefully by May, the planning for new innovation Projects can start.
- Mary also spoke about the county budget:
- She stated that BHS is still working with CalOptima to implement the Affordable Care Act.
- HCA Reorganization:
 - Mary explained the HCA Reorganization.

Item V.

Subcommittee Reports

- CSS Adults/Older Adults
 - Helen Cameron – during last month’s subcommittee meeting, they discussed 13 topics that the community wanted more information on.
- PEI
 - Daria Waetjen – during last month’s subcommittee meeting, they discussed 10 topics the community wanted more information on.
- CSS Children and TAY
 - Linda Smith – during last month’s subcommittee meeting, they discussed 10 topics the community wanted more information on.
- Innovations
 - William Gonzalez – during last month’s subcommittee meeting, they had a presentation from Hieu Nguyen, project lead for OC ACCEPT and had a client share her experience with the program and how she benefited from it.

Item VI.

Reconnect Socialization Program

- Theresa Sena, Volunteer Coordinator, and Derrick Nguyen, Case Manager
 - They talked about the program and had a participant talk about her experience with the program.

Item VII.

OCLINKS

- Jason Austin talked about OCLINKS and how it connects people to one of 205 behavioral health services available in the County.

Item VIII.

Steering Committee Comments

- Meeting of the Minds on May 13, 2014



Item IX. Public Comments

- “Recognizing the Journey of Wellness” will be on May 2, 2014
- “Mental Health & Dignity Day” on May 4, 2014

Item X. Adjourned

- 3:45 p.m.