



**Mental Health Services Act
Steering Committee Meeting**
Monday, July 1, 2013

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

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Members Present: Tho Be, Greg Boston, Theresa Boyd, Helen Cameron, Shannon Peterson, Maria Carrillo, Belinda McCleese, Alan Edwards, Sandra Fair, William Gonzalez, Amy Grindrod, Cheryl Hart, Lori Maze (alt. for Douglas Hatchimonji), Brian Jacobs, Paul Shapiro (alt. for Wendy Lindley), Alyce Mastrianni, Richard McConaughy, Nazee Nazari, Khe Ngo, Calvin Nguyen (alt. for George Nguyen), Tricia Nguyen, Nancee Lee Allen, Brett O'Brien, Deby Worlford (alt. for William O'Connell), Maureen Robles, Julian Rodriguez, Linda Smith, Greg Swift, Kelly Tran, Daria Waetjen, Patti Pettit (alt. for Sue Watson), Janis White, Jean Wilkinson, Frank Ospino

Item I. Call to Order/Welcome

- At 1:10 p.m. by Sharon Browning.

Item II. Local MHSA Update

- Bonnie Birnbaum, MHSA Coordinator, said the Board of Supervisors approved the MHSA plan on June 18, 2013.
- Bonnie also said the Oversight & Accountability Commission will let us know the status of the following eight new innovation projects.
 - Proactive On-Site Engagement in the Collaborative Courts to Offer Access to Mental Health Education Programs to Reduce Recidivism
 - Religious Leaders Mental Health First Aid
 - Access to Mobile/Cellular/Internet Devices in Improving Quality of Life
 - Veterans Services for Military/Veteran Families and Caregivers
 - The Brain & Your Health Education Exhibition and Resource Center
 - Skill Sets for Independent Living & Project
 - Healthy Ideas Partners: A Community Collaboration Addressing Depression in Older Adults
 - Retreats for the Caregiving Families
- Bonnie also mentioned that there will be a full Steering Committee next month because Mike Geiss will be there to discuss the MHSA fiscal Projections.

Item III. State MHSA Update

- Mary Hale, Behavioral Health Director, talked about legislation which would allow us to use MHSA money to fund "Laura's Law".



Item IV.

MHSA Subcommittee Updates

- Helen Cameron and Patti Pettit, CCS Adults/Older Adults, talked about how Karen Roper, Interim Executive Director of OC Community Services, came and talked about the 10 Year Plan to end Homelessness.
- Daria Waetjen and Chris Bieber, Prevention & Early Intervention. Daria said she was not at last month's subcommittee meeting. Chris Bieber was not available today to discuss updated.
- William Gonzalez, Innovations & WET, thanked Sheryl Curl, WET Coordinator, for her detailed explanation of WET at last month's subcommittee meeting.

Item V.

Community Action Advisory Committee Update.

- Denise Cuellar, President of CAAC, was absent, and therefore the CAAC update has been postponed to a later date.

Item VI.

Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Linkages

- Brett O'Brien, ADAS Admin, talked about AB109, and the impact it has on the County and the Criminal Justice System in regard to mental health services.
- Ian Kemmer, talked about the assessment teams and how they refer people to appropriate courts, such as:
 - Whatever It Takes Court
 - Opportunity Knocks Court
 - Recovery Court
 - Assisted Intervention Court
 - Homeless Outreach Court
- Lisa Steele, WIT Telecare, talked about Whatever It Takes' philosophy, approach, functions, demographics, program design and program successes.
- Jane Gibb, Opportunity Knocks, explained that Opportunity Knocks is a Full Service Partnership program, whose target population are individuals with a mental illness involved in the criminal justice system who are between the ages of 18 – 60.

Item VII.

Steering Committee Comments

- Helen Cameron announced there will be a Celebration of Recovery at Centennial Park on August 3, 2013.

Item VIII.

Public Comments

- None

Item IX.

Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.