



**Health Care Agency  
Behavioral Health Services  
Mental Health Services Act**



**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2011**

**Anaheim Community Center**

**Facilitator: Sharon Browning**

**Item 1 – Mary Hale State/Local Updates**

1. The governor has proposed a realignment of various government functions.
  - Under his proposal, counties would have responsibility for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT), the AB3632 special education mental health services, and Medi-Cal mental health managed care. The proposal includes a one-time transfer of \$861 million in MHSAA funds for the costs of these programs. The state currently has \$2 billion in unused MHSAA funds. Although it is not clear where the \$861 million in MHSAA funding would come from, it is not expected to impact funds that have already been allocated to the counties.
2. Issues regarding how AB3632 services will be paid for are still not settled. CMHDA is taking a position that it is better to leave services with Education. Federal funding for the programs will be used to pay for the services for a limited time, probably through March.
3. 1115 Waiver proposal was submitted to expand coverage.
  - If approved, this would mean new mental health benefits available to those currently without coverage.
4. Many Prevention and Early Intervention Programs have been operational for six months to one year. Programs are meeting or exceeding contractual goals.
5. The Board of Supervisors has approved 30 new Pacific Clinic slots for family members.
6. A new FSP is being implemented to provide enhanced recovery services to adults who are exiting from Institutes of Mental Disease (IMD's) and those coming from Judge Lindley's court. The provider is Telecare.

**Item 2 – Kathleen Murray and Adil Siddiqui - Technology Proposal**

1. HCA is moving ahead with the Technology Timeline to develop an Electronic Health Records System. If we wait for a nationwide level solution, it would take too long, thus local efforts are needed. Security safeguards to maintain privacy are a high priority.
  - The Committee was in agreement to move forward with the Technology plan.

**Item 3 – Benny Luna and Anthony Perera – Computer Training**

1. Computer Education courses for consumers currently exist at the Wellness Center and the Recovery Education Institute, but have restricted access.
2. Through the Center of Excellence, computer training will be available at clinics in the community.
3. Separate from the Technology component is the placement of kiosks in various locations accessible to consumers. The hope is to reach those consumers with limited transportation.

#### **Item 4 – Bonnie Birnbaum – MHSA update**

1. Cal MHSA (the JPA) has released an RFP for statewide Suicide Prevention Projects. The project could be a regional, state, or local county proposal.
2. Stigma Elimination RFP is due to be released on February 14, 2011, Student Mental health RFP is to be released on February 28, 2011.

#### **Item 5: Nancy Richmond, MSN, CS NP-C, Nurse Practitioner, manager of Medical Services for the Older Adult Full Service Partnership program, OASIS**

1. She discussed how OASIS helps members to access medical services.
  - Consumers gain more self-esteem and motivation to navigate their healthcare system.
2. Eighty-five percent of the consumers receiving services at OASIS use their primary care physician rather than an ER for medical services.
3. She presented material on the co-morbidity of chronic illness in Older Adult homeless individuals with SMI. Without the assistance provided at OASIS, clients would utilize crisis mental health services and emergency room care.

#### **Item 6: Committee Comments**

1. Committee member inquired about the availability of data related to services provided by FSPs and stated that the data is important in planning services.
2. Question was asked about the availability of services in threshold languages.