



Health Care Agency
Behavioral Health Services (BHS)

Mental Health Services Act PEI Sub-Committee Meeting



Monday, November 4, 2013
1:00 –4:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

Members Present: Nazee Nazari, Belinda McCleese, Hiromi Minitaka, Daria Waetjen, Susan Holl, Maureen Robles, Shelly Lummus, Christopher Bieber, Sandra Fair, Deby Wolford, Brett O'Brien, Patricia Boortz, Julian Rodriguez, Kim Branch-Stewart, Carol Kanode, Tricia Nguyen, Nomi Lonky, Alyce Mastrianni.

1. Co-Chair Chris Bieber welcomed the subcommittee members and announced the December 2, 2013 Public Forum. A Public Comment form and instructions are on the MHSA website.
2. Co-Chair Chris Bieber reviewed the draft timeline with the subcommittee members.
3. Co-Chair Chris Bieber reviewed the PEI Program Budget Spreadsheet.
 - a. Mark Lawrenz brought up new recommendations for program and funding. He suggested the following:
 - i. Take the funding from the Behavioral Health Response Services (program never implemented, \$1,646,552) and move to:
 1. Referral Services – The OC LINKS is now up and running and will need additional funding in the future as it expands. \$400,000
 2. Crisis Response Network Services to maintain volunteer community responders and coordinate services. \$150,000
 3. The additional \$1,096,552 from the BH Response Services will be available for a new project to be determined at a future date after receiving input from the community on unmet needs.
 - b. Public Comment: A request was made to look at children with co-occurring disorders that require psychiatric care, as well as a chronic medical condition.
 - c. Steering Committee Comment: request to look at funding more SMI clients.
4. Vote taken to protect all of the current programs with the amendments made by staff to the Steering Committee.
 - a. Approved by consensus – approved with 1 voting no.
5. Co-Chair Daria Waetjen brought the HCA and Mental Health Board recommended BHS Counseling Program up for discussion. This is a new program idea that has been developed after hearing about the need from the public.
 - a. Discussion points included: wanting to know how many clients would the program be able to cover (unable to determine at this point); ages for clients (all ages); why another new program was needed (these clients are those who currently do not qualify for clinics, and is an unmet gap)
 - b. Public Comment: questioned the speed of receiving services, as sometimes referrals take months, need to look for a big system change.

6. Vote taken to approve of the new BHS Counseling Program and to take the recommendation to the Steering Committee.
 - a. Approved by consensus with one abstaining.
7. Steering Committee Comments: Need to look for money to be put into research and outcomes.

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