

**Mental Health Services Act  
Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, May 04, 2015

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Ahmal Alufsa, Tho Be, Julia Bidwell, Chris Bieber, Theresa Boyd, Kim Branch-Stewart, Helen Cameron, Barry Chaitin, Jane Coller, Denise Cuellar, Rick Francis, William Gonzalez, Cheryl Hart, Brian Jacobs, John Kim, Sylvia Kim, Hiromi Minakata, Suhail, Mulla, Alyce Mastrianni, Kathryn McCullough, Khe Ngo, Tricia Nguyen, Brett O'Brien, Deby Wolford, Sharon Petrosino, Belinda McCleese, Julian Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Linda Smith, Mary Sweeney, Kelly Tran, Patti Petit, Ken White, Chase Wickersham, Sylvia Worden

**Item I Call to Order/Welcome**

- *At 1:05 p.m. by Sharon Browning*
- Sharon announced agenda items

**Item II State/Local Update**

*Mary Hale, BHS Director*

- Statewide- No new statewide activities related to MHSA were reported.
- Local-
  - Services will be going out to bid on the homeless shelter.
  - Transportation is also high on the priority list.
  - \$25 million added last year.
  - Additionally, \$8-10 million in available CSS funding is available for planning purposes: new programs can be added if approved by the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations from the sub-committees will be heard.
  - Steering Committee membership: eight individuals will be joining the Steering Committee to fill vacant spots or to replace inactive members. The following people will be joining:
    - Rick Francis
    - Sylvia Kim
    - DDA Michael Pevney
    - Jim McAleer
    - John Kim
    - Doug Wooley
    - Ann Mason
    - Hufsa Ahmad
  - Prevention and Intervention is working on a community training needs assessment from community members.

**Item III MHSA Update**

*Dr. Jeff Nagel, MHSA Coordinator*

- MHSOAC released instructions on FY 15/16 Annual Plan submissions. Our plan is exempt from these instructions, as our plan was posted for public comment prior to April 30, 2015.
- Four comments were received in response to our public posting, and the comments and responses will be included in the final Plan in Appendix III.
- A MHSA Plan public hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, from 9am till 11am at the Costa Mesa Community Center.
- Dr. Nagel requested volunteers to provide feedback on the Round 3 Innovations stakeholder process, to begin the planning process for Round 4 Innovation Programs.

**Item IV Community Action Advisory Committee Survey**

- *Kyle Chang, MHSA Office, Denise Cuellar and William Gonzalez, CAAC members* provided an overview and purpose of the survey that will be conducted by CAAC members of the county and contracted MHSA programs.

**Item V Sub-committee Updates**

*Helen Cameron & Patti Pettit, CSS, Adults & Older Adults*

- Employment specialist positions will be added to certain FSP programs to assist with vocational needs.
- *Linda Molina* gave an update on the CAT, PERT & CRT teams.
- *Alyce Mastrianni & Pam Hahn* gave an update on PEI. They discussed the Protective Factor Survey.
- *Kelly Tran & Linda Smith* gave an update in CSS Children & TAY. They shared that there are five children and TAY FSP Programs.

**2:30 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**Item VI Steering Committee Comments**

- Following the break, the MHSA Steering Committee provided areas of mental health needs and priorities from their perspective that can be used to prioritize the spending of the available CSS funds (\$8-10 million per year over five years) mentioned by Mary Hale. The following areas of need and priority as well as recommendations were identified:
  - Support Mental Health Matters Awareness Month
  - Focus on ending homelessness in Orange County, by investing in housing.
  - Housing and jobs are essential.
  - More funding for services for refugees and immigrants.
  - More funding for FSP programs that have proven successful.
  - Review ACA and how we in Orange County can benefit as a whole.
  - Revisit the Innovation Programs to see if any additional programs could benefit from ongoing funding.
  - Fund programs that work for people before they get arrested.
  - Target interventions for homeless who congregate in the Civic Center area and those who are at a higher risk of homelessness.
  - More services should be offered in faith based community.

**Item VII**

**Public Comments**

- There are chronic homeless patients at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- There is a need to leverage funds to get maximum benefit from MHPA dollars.

**4:00 p.m.**

**Adjourned**