

**Mental Health Services Act
Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, January 12, 2015

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

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Tho Be, Julia Bidwell, Chris Bieber, Theresa Boyd, Kim Branch-Stewart, Helen Cameron, Shannon Peterson, Barry Chaitin, Denise Cuellar, Anna Bowes, William Gonzalez, Cheryl Hart, Patricia Boortz, Geoff Henderson, Lori Maze, Brian Jacobs, Pamela Kahn, Nahla Kayali, Hiromi Minakata, Alyce Mastrianni, Kathryn McCullough, Khe Ngo, Tricia Nguyen, Brett O'Brien, Mitch Cherness, Frank Ospino, Paul Shapiro, Belinda McCleese, Julian Rodriguez, Linda Smith, Kelly Tran, Sue Watson, Patti Petit, John Zeimantz, Chase Wickersham

Item I Call to Order/Welcome

- Mary Hale, BHS Director welcomed everyone to the meeting and went over the meeting's agenda.

Item II MHSA state and local update:

- Mary announced that there's two new supervisors, Lisa Barlett and Michelle Steele. Supervisor Bartlett was appointed to the Mental Health Board.
- There will be a special election on Tuesday, January 2, to elect a supervisor for the 1st district.
- Mary shared the progress of Round 1, 2 and 3 of the Innovations projects.
- At the State, Governor Brown announced the state budget on Friday, January 8th. Also on the mental health side, BHS is looking into the benefits for people who have a substance use disorder. HCA/BHS will participate in future meetings/hearings so we can receive funding for inpatient treatment.
- Regarding Prop. 47, the criminal justice is aware of the implications of the new law. Savings will go mainly to school districts.
- We are expecting an increase in the MHSA and re-alignment funds

Item II MHSA Update

Dr. Jeff Nagel, MHSA Coordinator

- Last Monday, the co-chairs met for approximately an hour and a half. Recommendations were made, and will be announced next month. A few of the topics included format and how to present.
- Annual Plan update will be coming next month. Legislative and regulations information will be available at a later time.

Item III Innovation Round 3

Dr. Jeff Nagel, MHSA Coordinator & Gerry Aguirre, Innovation Coordinator

- Dr. Nagel announced that there were 31 proposed projects. Gerry reviewed process.
- Some discussion was made as to the process of selecting the most needed projects and concerns that the proposed projects do not address the need of some populations. Questions and comments of concern were raised regarding the process and the possibility of delaying the vote for a later date until the committee had an opportunity to read the proposals.

Item IV

Public Comments

- Madeline Hall, CHOC, shared concessions and offered recommendations, ie. Leap of Faith
- Nancy Montgomery, IVC, shared the benefits of the Veteran's programs
- Shirley Hunt, Wellness Center, shared that there's a need for services specifically for people with PTSD
- Heather Benjamin, CSP, The work of Arte, talked about teaching the TAY population how to deal with their crisis and to how to manage their behaviors
- Joy Torres, community member, talked about the need for services for the LGBTIQ. Also, she asked why consumers were not part of the Innovation Round 3 selection process.

Item VIII Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.