

**Mental Health Services Act
Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, February 1, 2016

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

Delhi Community Center

505 E. Central Ave.

Santa Ana, 92707

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Members Present: Ahmal Alufsa, Tho Be, Chris Bieber, Kim Branch-Stewart, Helen Cameron, Denise Cuellar, Sandra Fair, Rick Francis, William Gonzalez, Cheryl Hart, Geoff Henderson, Jena Jensen, Pamela Kahn, John Kim, Marc Lerner, Lori Maze, Belinda McCleese, Kathryn McCullough, Khe Ngo, Tricia Nguyen, Brett O'Brien, Sharon Petrocino, Nicole Ramirez, Julian Rodriguez, Loreta Ruiz, Michael Schumacher, Paul Shapiro, Linda Smith, Kelly Tran, Janis White, Chase Wickersham, Deby Wolford.

Item I Call to Order/Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Sharon Browning
- Sharon explained the meeting's schedule

Item II State/Local Update

Mary Hale, BHS Director

- Mary provided a state and local update, including an update on the status of the homeless shelters

Item III MHSA Update

Dr. Jeff Nagel, MHSA Coordinator

- Dr. Nagel gave an update on MHSA, including:
 - HCA received updated forecasts for anticipated revenue that was higher than previous forecasts. As a result, additional CSS funds are available for implementation in the FY 16/17 Annual Plan Update.
 - Regional and statewide groups are meeting to discuss implementation issues related to the new PEI Regulations.

Item IV Innovations Round 1 Overview and Presentation

Flor Yousefian

- Flor provided an overview of the Round 1 Innovative Projects, and spoke about the overarching question of having peer mentors work with each project within the innovative component of the Round 1. Peer Specialists then presented their own experiences while working with the following Innovations Round 1 projects: Collective Solutions, Project Life Coach, Brighter Futures, OC ACCEPT and Integrated Community Services.

Item V Community Services and Supports Expansions

Mary Hale, BHS Director

- Mary provided an overview of the additional CSS funds that are available for program expansion/new programs in the FY 16/17 MHSA Annual Plan Update. Approximately \$3.5 million was available for FY 15/16 and \$12 million was available for FY 16/17. These new dollars were the result of an updated financial forecast provided by Mike Geiss, the State financial consultant. Mary discussed in greater detail the following recommendations:
 - Increase funding for FSP services \$7M
 - Increase funding for Crisis Stabilization Unit \$3M
 - Increase funding for Co-occurring (medical) care \$2M
 - Increase funding for housing (FY 15/16) \$3.5M

Item VI Action Item: Approve the HCA recommendations on the new or expanded CSS Programs to be funded in the MHSA FY 16/17 Annual Plan Update.

The Steering Committee supported by consensus the recommendations on CSS expansion as detailed above.

Item VII Steering Committee Comments

No comments

Item VIII Public Comments

A gentlemen from the public asked why African/Americans in Orange County are not mentioned at all during presentation and discussions. A member of the Steering Committee stated that she has been an advocate of the African/American community and has made her mission that they are mentioned during important meetings and are represented.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm