

PEI Stakeholders Meeting Notes

Date May 9, 2016 | *Time* 3:30-5:00 pm | *Meeting location* South St.

Present: Pam Dudley, Public Health; Janice Fong Wolf, SLOCCF; Matthew Green, Cuesta College; Henry Herrera, TMHA; Raven Lopez, SLOBHD; Laurie Morgan, Staff; Shana Paulson, CAPSLO; Hannah Tempas, TMHA; Sheena Jones, BBBS; Tom Milder, Probation; Melinda Sokolowsky, CAPSLO; Juan Muñoz-Morris, SLOBHD; Joseph Kurtzman, TMHA; Jane Pomeroy, LINK; Lisa Fraser, CFS; Bonita Thomas, TMHA

Agenda Topic: Demographic Survey Results | *Presenter:* None

After collecting all the responses during several meetings, this is the demographic breakdown of the PEI Stakeholder group. Please note that only the total count, race, and gender identification numbers are UNDUPLICATED, all other counts are DUPLICATED:

Total responses: 13

Gender and Race: 7 Female, 6 Male; 1 Latino, 1 Asian, 9 White, 1 Multiple, 1 Other (Ashkenazy)

Groups and Causes represented: 4 Adults with SMI; 6 Family Members of consumer with SMI; 7 Providers of services; 3 Law Enforcement; 3 Educators; 4 Social Services; 1 Veteran; 1 Representative of Veteran Organizations; 2 Health Care Organization; 10 Non-Profit Groups; 6 Advocates for Underserved groups (Spanish-4; Families; Homeless-2; Low Income; Rural Populations; Faith Community; LGBTQ+; Native People)

Other identifying factors: 1 LGBTQ+; 1 Senior; 1 Single Parent; 1 BHB Member

Time allotted | 30minutes | *Agenda topic* Update Stakeholders on changes in MHSa Funding Levels | *Presenter* Raven Lopez

Raven updated the group on projected funding levels for the next 3 fiscal years. Current projections are at \$14.3 Million for MHSa, most of which (\$11.3M) comes from MHSa, with the rest coming from other sources (MediCal, etc.) Innovation accounts for 5% of that, with the remainder being split between PEI (20%) and CSS (80%).

Forecasts are positive for the next few years, and could improve slightly if the No Place Like Home Initiative is revised to allocate a smaller percentage of MHSa funds. Currently the forecasted funding level is assumed at 7%, but there is a chance it will come down after further analysis.

For FY 2016-17 there is potential to increase CSS by about \$300K, and PEI by about \$150K. The group is also asked to vote on allocating \$67,308 for CalMHSa contribution, to continue to receive state-level assistance with Stigma and education campaigns around Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Awareness, as well as school based wellness activities. There was general agreement to continue funding CalMHSa, with one comment stating that it is a shame that the school based activities have been so drastically reduced. Staff added that CalMHSa has already received similar feedback and are currently working on addressing this.

Time allotted | 30minutes | Agenda topic PEI Program Updates | Presenter Frank and Providers

Laurie Morgan provided information on the proposed project to add Parent Educators for families of children who do not have an open CWS case and CalWORKS. The program is successful but limited in scope, so many families who could benefit from it cannot qualify. Providers often face the dilemma of wanting to push clients into CWS just to get them access to the service, but this approach is not advisable as it can overburden that system. The estimated cost for this proposal project would be around \$75,000, and would be rolled out in South County first, looking to expand from there in later years if successful.

Frank also spoke about the idea to expand the Student Assistance Program to reach more middle and high schools. There is plenty of interest from schools, but we are budget constrained. One way to reach more schools would be to seed these types of programs, asking school districts to contribute, in order to have a bigger reach.

Time allotted | 15minutes | Agenda topic Update on PEI Regulations Changes and Statewide PEI Campaigns | Presenter Juan Munoz-Morris

The MHSOAC has received a lot of feedback from providers regarding the language of the regulations. The OAC has stated that providers ought to use a common sense approach to collecting demographic information, but providers reminded them that the language uses the word 'must', which an auditor will see and require that information regardless of common sense. The OAC has agreed to revise the language to further clarify the grey areas, as well as make certain corrections to requirements, like not needing to ask a 2 year old about sexual orientation, or asking outreach event workers to survey the people who come for information to the table.

Time allotted | 15minutes | Agenda topic New Business for 2016-2017 | Presenter N/A

In order to better understand how to best serve the school interested in the SAP program (above) it was proposed that we allocate a one-time funds of \$15,000 to have an evaluator perform a needs assessment and feasibility study. Rather than divert funds without knowing the best way, this process would identify the real needs and help us better use funding. All present voted yes to this initiative.