

## **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua welcomed the stakeholder group at 4:00 pm. All participants introduced themselves and Nestor presented the goals for the meeting. Nestor also reviewed the Stakeholder Process, format, and rules for the meeting (e.g. consensus voting, no rules of order, etc.)
- 2. CSS: Kristin Ventresca

Kristin gave an overview of the Community Services and Supports (CSS) programs. She also went on to give highlights on two of the programs. The Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) held their first graduation from their Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), they had six graduates from this program. The second highlight is from the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) They had two graduates with a total of 31 so far for this program.

3. PEI: Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

Nestor gave an overview of the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs. He introduced the new PEI Screening and Referral Tracking Form. The state is requiring the data which the community providers will submit, Nestor will send the data to the state.

4. Innovation: Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

Nestor went over the budget for the Innovation round 2019-2023. The estimated budget for all four-years of Innovation is about \$1.5M, which equals roughly to \$375,000 per year (for all approved projects). There are currently six projects. The following four projects are ending in December 2019, Colega, Late Life Empowerment & Affirmation Project, Transition Assistance & Relapse Prevention, Not for Ourselves Alone: Trauma Informed County. The two new projects are SLO ACCEPTance (Cal Poly) and 3-by-3 (First 5 San Luis Obispo). For the upcoming 19-23 round, three of five projects are moving forward, Swiss Army Knife, SLOTAP, and Holistic Adolescent Health. The County is hoping for approvals at the start of the fiscal year.

5. Fiscal Update: Kristin Ventresca

FY 2018/19 MHSA Revenue projected to decrease by about 11% due to No Place Like Home \$140M and Annual Adjustment for state \$272.5M.

CSS Update:

Full Service Partnership Majority of CSS Funding (51%)

FY 18/19 current budget at about 43%

Add \$2.3M growth to FSP programs (not sustainable) or redirect CSS funding to FSP programs \$1.1M or a combination of both.

PEI Update:

No projected additional funding available at this time.

- 6. Joe Madsen, Housing, Forensic and Homeless Services Director from Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) brought forward a request to expand homeless outreach FSP services in 2019-2020. Joe noted the following as a need for expansion:
  - SLO County received \$522,000.00 through the Homeless Mentally III Outreach and Treatment (HMIOT) funding.
  - This funding is one-time funding.
  - The funds are being used to bring to the County a mobile service center to use as a way to bring mental health services to more remote camp sites throughout the county, local libraries, and the 3 coordinated entry sites (ECHO shelter, 40 Prado, and 5 Cities).
  - The HMIOT funding will be used to purchase a van/recreational vehicle for service delivery, telepsychiatry equipment, and staff costs.
  - Staffing for the project includes:

1.0 FTE Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner 1.0 FTE Program Mentor

1.0 FTE Case Manager

1.0 FTE Therapist

Joe explained the request for expansion:

TMHA is requesting MHSA monies to expand the Homeless Outreach FSP Team and continue the HMIOT positions after the grant funds are used.

We are requesting the amount of \$493,000.00 to be allocated from MHSA funds for this expansion Outcome increases would include:

- Outreach contacts increasing from 200 to 300 annually
- Mental Health Screenings increasing from 50 to 100 annually
- Increase the FSP Enrolled volume served by the team from 35 to 50 annually, with an on-going open caseload of 30 at any given point.

- Psychiatry time for clients would move from 8 hours per week with Dr. Remy to 48 hours per week
   with Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- Increasing Medi-Cal billing target from 50,000 minutes to 100,000 minutes for the program

There will be a consensus vote on the request at the next MHSA meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.** DHCS Program Review:

The Program Review was held on 1/29/19-1/31/19. Kristin Ventresca thanked all the partners who participated in the review process. We have not received the official report however the initial feedback was positive. The reviewers went to several sites and were impressed with the County and community partner relationships. They would like to see a more personal feel on the Annual Update and more accurate language (consistency) between the County plan and Contracts, this will be reflected on contracts in FY 19-20. They also requested signed forms for clients voluntarily entering FSP services. The reviewers also suggested giving stakeholders binders with current MHSA information and additional training throughout the year, the binders were presented and reviewed at the meeting.

#### 8. Old Business:

- The Triage Grant is moving forward and is looking to hire a new youth services staff member.
- LGBTQ Needs Assessment update, the project is going well, currently reviewing data and should have a complete report from Dr. Jay Bettergarcia in June.
- There is a Fund Request form on the County Website to Request new or additional funds. This is a
  formalized process to request funds and must be submitted by March 30. There are no additional
  funds available for PEI.

#### New Business:

- Joe Madsen announced TMHA is accepting applications for the Bishop Street Studios there are 33 units available and interested parties are encouraged to contact Joe directly.
- The new MHSA Accountant, Jalpa Shinglot is still in the training process.
- Kristin Ventresca spoke in regard to the Behavioral Health Departments forensic behavioral health program. In response to the state's new mental health diversion law, stemming from AB 1810 last summer has assigned Jana Cearley, LPT, to the new Mental Health Diversion Court. Jana replaces Vanessa Larson, who served under the original CSS "Forensic Coordination Therapist". Forensic coordination remains the core function and the specialist will carry a caseload of ten clients. For

MHSA/CSS purposes, we are not adding or reducing any finding; changing the work plan; or changing the scope outside of forensic coordination. Kristin asked for a consensus vote to change the program name and add the MHDC. The Stakeholders all gave consensus for the program name change and to add the MHDC.

- **10.** The meeting concluded at 5:30pm
- **11.** Next meetings: 4/30/19 and 6/25/19

# **12.** Attendees:

Cynthia Barnett, Jim Bower, Camas Frank, Lisa Fraser, Mathew Green, Joe Madsen, Geneva Reynaga-Abiko, David Riester, Patty Ford, Joni McCoy, Rebecca Redman, Anne Robin, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Caroline Johnson, Jalpa Shinglot, Christine Pirricello, Jessica Simpson, Mary Bianchi, Raven Lopez