



## Meeting Minutes

1. Frank Warren welcomed the stakeholder group at 4:00 pm. All participants introduced themselves and Frank presented the goals for the meeting. Frank also reviewed the Stakeholder Process, format, and rules for the meeting (e.g. consensus voting, no rules of order, etc.)
2. **COVID-19 Update:**
  - a. Frank Warren gave an overview of the COVID-19 County Behavioral Health webpage. He went on to say the county's telehealth and Zoom groups were going well. Frank also stated the County staff and contracted partners have been working hard the last two months to get services out to folks who really need it.
  - b. Anne Robin noted how quick the County moved to communicating through telehealth. She went on to say we are slowly planning on getting clients who need it the most to start coming into the offices, keeping safety in mind and possibly utilizing some outdoor space. She also spoke about PHF safety and states they are well equipped with PPE, masks, gloves and face shields. They are performing health checks and when needed an isolation room. Anne was asked about the homeless population and their access to cell phone chargers, she said it was a good idea and would look into it.
3. **CSS Update:** Kristin Ventresca, CSS Coordinator
  - a. Kristin gave an overview of all nine Workplans and states all are doing well.
  - b. Cynthia Barnett from Family Care network (FCN) states clients are doing well with telehealth and have seen no crisis increase. They have increased face to face services.
  - c. Barry Johnson from Transitions Mental Health (TMHA) States their service is off the chart, which is good to see. They are keeping the community connection and the family support from Zoom is increasing. They are conducting virtual groups in their Wellness Center and hope to start with face to face groups in mid-June.

- d. Behavioral Health Treatment Court (BHTC) Update: Teresa Pemberton states there is a need to expand services, this is a diversion program for mental health clients to go from criminal court to treatment court. So far there are eleven clients participating with room for thirty-three total per year with the expanded services. Their hope is to work together to utilize the program, Adult Outpatient Treatment will be a part of the program.

**4. PEI Update:** Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, PEI Coordinator

- a. Nestor states all programs are doing well and have been working closely with providers for data collection for the MHSA report coming next year.
- b. Lisa Fraser from Parent Connection states they have just completed a series with a parent coach that provides online videos to help engage parents and it is going well.
- c. Elissa Feld from Transitions Mental Health (TMHA) reported the mental health awareness month drive throughs have been very successful in engaging with community members.

**5. Innovation Update:** Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Innovation Coordinator

- a. Nestor gave an update on the current INNOVATION projects.
- b. Nestor explained the Innovation budget is 5% of the MHSA budget with the focus on learning.
- c. Elissa Feld from Transitions Mental Health (TMHA) stated the SLOACCEPTance project just completed the first round using Zoom telecommunicating and it was very successful. Elissa is excited for the upcoming second round.

**6. Fiscal Update:** Jalpa Shinglot, Fiscal Department Administrator

- a. Jalpa gave an update on the current fiscal status.
- b. New direction from the State will be coming and hopefully some flexibility with the prudent reserve.
- c. Our budget is in good shape and we are not planning on prudent reserve spending currently.

**7. Old Business:**

- a. The proposal to transfer funds from CSS to WET was unanimously approved through Survey Monkey.
- b. Another survey will be sent out to vote on \$5,000 for CAPSLO School and Family Empowerment (SAFE).

**8. New Business:**

- a. There is a request for new funds to continue the Clinician position at 40 Prado Homeless Center.

- b. Katie Cruse-Poe, LCSW is currently seeing eight clients and stated there is a need to have a full time Clinician at the center.

**9. Updates:**

- a. The California Dept. of Veterans Affairs-MHSA Grant program was submitted by the VSO, due to the state cutting funds for Veteran's Service Grants the application was denied.
- b. MHSSA Grant was tentatively approved, still waiting for official approval. This grant would give \$4 million to fund PEI Counselors, Friday Night Live Coordinators and Family Advocates to six middle schools in San Luis Obispo County.
- c. Suicide Prevention Grant would provide funding for adult clients with an emphasis on Trauma and domestic violence, this grant was submitted on May 22, 2020.
- d. We are still waiting on guidance from the State on the use of Prudent Reserve due to Covid-19, so availability/use is on hold.
- e. CHFFA Youth Infrastructure Grant. This grant would provide funding for crisis residential treatment, crisis stabilization, mobile crisis support teams and family respite care. It is due on June 30, 2020.

**10. Next Meetings:**

- a. MAC: 7/29/2020, 9/30/2020

**11. Meeting adjourned** at 5:05pm

**12. Attendees:**

Dawn Anderson, Cynthia Barnett, Katy Bertrand, Elissa Feld, Lisa Fraser, Barry Johnson, Jack Kretovics, Pam Kretovics, Raven Lopez, Joni McCoy, Christina Menghrajani, Christy Mulkerin, Marcy Paric, Teresa Pemberton, Rebecca Redman, David Riester, Anne Robin, Jalpa Shinglot, Jenilee Sneed, Bonita Thomas, Morgan Torell, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Kristin Ventresca, Frank Warren, Mark Woelfle, Pam Zweifel, Marcia best, John Buckenbrger, Katie Cruse-Poe