



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.) Frank gave a brief component overview of the MHSA program and stressed the importance of stakeholder participation.
2. CSS Update:
 - Meghan Boaz-Alvarez, Clinical Director of Adult FSP reported great client feedback.
 - Melinda Sokolowski from CAPSLO reported the Schools and Family Empowerment program has a waiting list through June.
 - Barry Johnson from TMHA introduced Shawn Ison.
 - Kristin Ventresca, CSS Coordinator Reports the Crisis Stabilization Unit has seen 14 clients so far with an average stay of 16.5 hours. There will be a CSU report at the Stakeholder Meeting in June.
 - Erica Ruvalcaba-Heredia from the Center for Family Strengthening gave a presentation on the Promotores Collaborative program. The Promotores Collaborative is a community-based model of outreach that works to eliminate barriers and help the underserved minority populations. Promotores are community volunteers who act as liaisons between the community and the available services in the community. The volunteers complete a 40-hour training to become certified Promotores, there are currently 30 active Promotores serving the community. Most clients at this time reside in Atascadero and South county, with a total of 130 clients served. There will be more discussion on the program at the June Stakeholder Meeting.
3. PEI Update:
 - Barry Johnson and Frank Warren told the group they have a great candidate for the Suicide Prevention Coordinator, they are waiting on approval from the county which is currently in a hiring freeze.

- David Dragoo from THMA read a proposal for the Mental Health Advocacy positions. They are hoping to add one full time and one-part time position. David states that with the additional hours they would be better able to provide more early intervention support to help prevent usage of emergency crisis services and provide support to help coordinate follow-up services for individuals exiting the Psychiatric Health Facility. In addition, they would be able to provide short-term support to people who are waiting to be assessed by County Behavioral Health, as well as assistance navigating Drug and Alcohol services. This will be discussed further at the June Stakeholder Meeting.

4. Innovation Update:

There are currently two proposals in the 30-day review process.

- The first is the 3X3 Developmental Screening Partnership between Parents and Pediatric Practices. This tests methodologies to administer ASQ:SE for children 0-3 that includes a health educator, parent self-administration, and child-care provider to understand which produces better results in early diagnoses and intervention.

Outcomes: which methodology increases: parent/caregiver knowledge of SE development, decreases stigma related to mental health, appropriate behavioral health referrals.

- The second is SLOACCEPTance: Affirming Cultural Competence Education & Provider Training. This program will test a pilot/never before used in the MHS curriculum “Train the Gap” to mental health therapists/clinicians to address culturally and linguistically competent mental health services for the LGBTQ+community.

Outcomes: the new curriculum is the best tool for training therapists to work with LGBTQ+clients, and would create a team of professionals under this curriculum to be able to address LGBTQ+therapy in our community.

To comment on either of these proposals you can go to the link on the county website or come by the Prevention and Outreach office and pick up a copy of the Public Comment Survey before the review period ends on May 14.

5. Fiscal Update:

Briana Hansen gave the fiscal update:

FY 2017/18 Adopted Budget is \$17.2M (MHSA \$12.4M/Other Revenue \$4.8M)

- CSS: \$13.3M
- PEI: \$2.6M
- INN: \$634K
- WET: \$155K
- CFTN (Electronic Health Record Support): \$500K

Prudent Reserve Balances:

- CSS: \$4,336,547
- Amount proposed to transfer FY 17/18 approx. \$1.2M
- Amount proposed to transfer FY 18/19 approx. \$1.3M
- PEI: \$67,608

FY 2018/19 MHSA Revenue projected to decrease by 11% due to

No Place Like Home

Annual Adjustment \$860K less than projected

Component Updates:

Thorough financial evaluation of each component to be presented at a later date

Reversion:

Assembly Bill 114 addressed funds deemed to be reverted as of July 1, 2017

DHCS letter for CSS, PEI, INN funds through FY 2014-15

Innovation reverted and reallocated = \$429K

WET reverted and reallocated = \$76K

Spending Plan due July 1, 2018

Reallocated funds are to be spent by June 30, 2020

6. Frank spoke about an article the Tribune did not publish, which was directed at the surplus in mental health service act funding. The CA State Auditor's Report states at the end of fiscal Year 15/16 the County had 14.7M in the bank. Frank replied it is part of a community-approved budget plan which expects those funds to be spent. Funds have three years in which they need to be spent, or placed in a Prudent Reserve. Essentially, we have a plan to spend each dollar received – however a couple things need to be taken into consideration:

- We try to only expand when the projected revenue can be sustained.
- Programs sometimes take time to start-up, or may face vacancies or other issues which may slow down spending. Since we have three years to spend each dollar, we are able to continue moving

those savings forward without adding additional expense. That is a portion of the “unspent” dollars that appear in the report.

- Although they appear unspent, they are planned and budgeted to be spent within, usually, a year (but certainly before three).

7. Old Business:

Community Action Team update: Jeff Smith SLOPD reported they had five candidates for the position and they each did a ride along with the officers. They are hoping to have the candidate they chose hired by June and will invite to the next meeting.

LGBTQ needs assessment and we are hoping to get it signed soon. Ellen Sturtz stated Q Cares launched their assessment on 4/23/2018.

8. New Business:

The county is looking to have one provider take over the entire FSP program for Youth/Tay clients. We have put out a request for proposals with a deadline of May 4, 2018.

Frank discussed the job re-classifications within the Behavioral Health Department, basically there are now two classifications, Behavioral Health Specialist and Behavioral Clinician. Also, all supervisors have one title.

9. Next Meeting:

June 26, 2018 4:00pm – 5:30pm; Veteran’s Hall

The meeting concluded at 5:35pm

Attendees:

John Aparicio, Cynthia Barnett, Meghan Boaz-Alvarez, Mathew Green, Joyce Heddleson, Barry Johnson, Tonya Leonard, Arthur Thompson, Marcy Paric, Geneva Reynaga-Abiko, David Riester, Jeff Smith, Melinda Sokolowski, Ellen Sturtz, Bonita Thomas, Joseph Kurtzman, Briana Hansen, Linda Belch, Patty Ford, Joni McCoy, Rebecca Redman, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Kristin Ventresca, Frank Warren, David Dragoo, Nicole Johnson, Shawn Ison, Fernanda Lucas, Erica Ruvalcaba-Heredia