



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. **CSS Update:** Kristin Ventresca, CSS Coordinator
Kristin gave an overview of all nine CSS Workplans and states all are doing well.
3. **PEI Update:** Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, PEI Coordinator
Nestor gave an update on the Prevention and Early Intervention Workplans. Nestor explained Senate Bill 1004 will establish a new priority for PEI funds. The Oversight and Accountability Committee will release a memo soon with more information. Nestor states we are doing well and will make sure we are complying.
4. **Innovation Update:** Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Innovation Coordinator
Nestor gave an update on the Innovation projects. The first evaluation draft for Colega, Late Life Empowerment & Affirmation Project (LEAP), Transitions Assistance & Relapse Prevention (TARP), Not for Ourselves Alone will happen in June. We are currently in Innovation round five 2020-2024. The estimated budget for all four years of Innovation is about \$1,000,000 with approximately \$250,000 per year for all approved projects. Frank Warren brought up a state discussion on the current rules of Innovation, are the rules good or should they be a little more flexible? Currently Innovation receives 5% of the MHSA budget and the funds need to be spent within three years of receipt or the funds must be returned to the state.
5. **Fiscal Update:** Cathy Manning, Fiscal Department Administrator
Cathy States the budget is complete for FY 20-21. The fund balance as of 12/31/2019 (excluding prudent reserve) is \$13,652,829. The Full-Service Partnerships must have the majority of the CSS funding (51%) currently in FY 19/20 the budget is 43%. PEI has no additional funding at this time.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. Katie Cruse-Poe who is now a county employee, will be stationed at Prado as an outreach Clinician.
 - B. New state guidelines cap Prudent Reserve at 33% CSS funds for the last five years.

C. The new Justice Division has named Teresa Pemberton as Division Manager. MHSA will fund ½ of this position.

B. New Business:

A. Prudent reserve transfer for WET. Since there is no current funding for WET, a request has been put in for one-time funding to transfer funds of \$60,000 from prudent reserve to fund the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The request was **approved through Stakeholder Consensus**.

B. CSS transfer for WET. This would allow a transfer of CSS funds for WET ongoing expenses. This would be \$4,000 for CIT and \$20,000 for Cultural Competence Training. There will be a vote on this at the next meeting in March.

C. MHET Cars for SMWG. This would allow prudent reserve to purchase six vehicles for Sierra Mental Wellness Group. The one-time funds of \$251,000 would enable SMWG to discontinue use of county vehicles and be responsible for all maintenance and insurance on the newly purchased vehicles. This was **approved through Stakeholder Consensus**.

D. Sustain Clinician at 40 Prado Homeless Center, this is a request for new funds. There will be a vote on this at the next meeting in March.

E. MHSSA Grant. This would provide funding to add a counselor to six additional Middle Schools. This will bring the total to twelve out of fourteen Middle Schools in our county being served.

C. Updates:

A. CA Dept. of Veteran's Affairs. Hans Poschman of Veteran's Services is seeking Stakeholder approval to reflect Stakeholder approval on a grant submission. This was **approved through Stakeholder Consensus**.

B. DHCS program review feedback received. Suggested improvement #1: DHCS recommends the County develop and implement a MHSA training program and identify processes and supports. Suggested improvement #2: MHSA Transparency and Consistency. The conclusion states, San Luis Obispo County strengths include a knowledgeable and dedicated MHSA team and strong collaboration with community stakeholders and providers. County challenges include a difficulty retaining healthcare professionals, engaging with homeless populations, and a lack of affordable housing.

C. FY 2019-20 Annual Update final document submitted and is available on the county website.

D. Youth Crisis Triage Grant. Jason Hooson works full time for the Youth Triage Program. Great feedback from schools.

E. No Place Like Home. Kristin Ventresca states the county has submitted two applications and the funding would be available in June if approved.

D. Next meetings:

A. MAC: 3/25/2020, 7/29/2020, 9/30/2020

B. Town Hall: 5/27/2020

E. **Meeting adjourned** at 5:30pm

F. **Attendees:**

Dawn Anderson, Tracy Autry, Cynthia Barnett, Lisa Fraser, John Gillespie, Mathew Green, Barry Johnson, Jack Kretoivics, Joseph Kurtzman, Joe Madsen, Joni McCoy, Christina Menghrajani, Rebecca Redman, David Riester, Jill Rietjens, Cathy Manning, Melinda Sokolowski, Bonita Thomas, Jessica Yates, Pam Zweifel, Kristin Ventresca, Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua, Frank Warren, Pam Kretoivics, Hans Poschman, Elissa Feld, Morgan Turell, Katy Bertrand, Nicole Bennett, Christy Mulkerin.