

# Summary

## Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

February 21, 2019  
9:00am  
301 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced

### Present:

Andrea Tovar, Krizza Baniaga, Monica Adrian, Nancy Reding, Fernando Granados, Jenna Nunes, Danielle Mumford, Caitlin Haygood, Ruby Awesome, Cindy Mattox, Sophia Ornelas, Vong Chang, Anna Santos, Adam Lane, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Richard Luvian, Ricky Pal, Angel Wilson, Griselda Vazquez, Marilyn Mochel, Chris Bobbitt, Yvonna Brown

### Presentation and Discussion:

*All Members*

#### I. Call to Order / Roll Call

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for January 17, 2019 was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Danielle Mumford) and carried.

#### III. Update Planning Council Contact List

Fernando Granados, Chair, stated that the contact list is updated when everyone signs in.

#### IV. Notice to the Public

Sophia Ornelas of BHRS announced that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth to Youth Conference is scheduled for April 6, 2019 at Golden Valley High school for students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at Junior High and High School Student Body Offices throughout Merced County. Nancy Reding, Community Member, announced Merced County High School District LCAP Forum, the Reduction of Air Pollution in the Central Valley workshop and the Women of Central Valley Women's Symposium. Information and flyers were distributed to members. Adam Lane, of Merced LGBTQ+ Alliance, announced that the LGBTQ+ Youth Leadership Forum is scheduled for April 6, 2019 at Merced High, tabling opportunities are available as well. Nancy Reding also announced the Pilgrimage of Hope walk scheduled for May 10, 2019. Nancy Reding is the contact individual for this upcoming event. Marilyn Mochel, of BHC and NAMI, gave a brief overview of the tentatively scheduled NAMI Raising Storyteller's High School outreach event scheduled for May 18, 2019. Tabling opportunities are available for this event and more information to will be share during future meetings. Fernando Granados distributed Save the Date flyers for the upcoming CSU Stanislaus Transcend Transverse Conference scheduled for April 5, 2019 in Modesto from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Sharon Jones, of BHRS, announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Services Act Outcome event is scheduled for May 15, 2019 and the Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference is scheduled for July 20, 2019.

#### V. Chair's Report

No Report

#### VI. Director's Report

Yvonna Brown, Director of BHRS, announced that the 16-bed Crisis Residential Unit (CRU), managed by Central Star, is scheduled to open on February 25, 2019. BHRS is currently working on the expansion of the Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and the development of the Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Both projects should be completed by May 2019. The Adult CSU's capacity will be expanded from four beds to eight beds and the Children's CSU will be four beds. A brief overview was given in regards to collaborative efforts with various community partners in assisting the Homeless population such as New Direction for adults 18 and older. Director Yvonna Brown gave a brief overview of the various

services that are provided within New Direction located at the B Street location. Director Yvonnia Brown also announced the development of a new Livingston clinic in 2021.

#### **VII. MHSA Bylaws**

The council reviewed the recommended changes to the MHSA Bylaws. The council discussed identifying voting members, how to determine members, recruitment/membership, representing areas, key board participants, etc. The group also discussed recruitment of members from various areas within the county. Director Yvonnia Brown and Sharon Jones will work collaboratively on a proposal for the council to consider for sections B and C of the MHSA Bylaws. Danielle Mumford, of Aspiranet, suggested holding council meetings in various areas to promote community involvement. Sharon Jones suggested utilizing the option of teleconference. Fernando Granados suggested Zoom Video Conferencing. Fernando Granados encouraged members to submit additional recommendations for the MHSA Bylaws to Sharon Jones

#### **VIII. Review Community Planning Process**

Sharon Jones distributed the MHSA Audit Ready Flow Chart and encouraged all to review it prior to March's scheduled meeting. Sharon Jones stated that feedback and questions are welcomed.

#### **IX. Review of Issues Resolution Process**

Sharon Jones distributed the Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Issue Resolution Process (IRP) which has been in effective since July 1, 2017. Sharon Jones gave a brief explanation of the purpose and the procedures. Sharon Jones asked all to read the document prior to the next scheduled meeting.

#### **X. MHSA Audit**

Sharon Jones reported that the MHSA Audit is scheduled for September 9, 2019.

#### **XI. Program Descriptions**

Sharon Jones stated that all MHSA Programs will be asked to update their program descriptions. More information will be sent out to programs in the near future.

#### **XII. Staff Duty Statements**

Sharon Jones stated that all MHSA staff will be required to complete a Staff Duty Statements. The statement should be inclusive of MHSA work and moving it forward.

#### **XIII. Program presentations**

Sharon Jones informed the council that 15-minute Program presentations will be given during every future scheduled meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around the council.

#### **XIV. Implementation Plans**

Sharon Jones asked that all programs update their implementation plans. More information will be sent out to programs in the near future.

#### **XV. Updating Brochures**

Sharon Jones asked all programs to update their brochures. Copies of updated brochures will be requested. All updated brochures should reflect the approved program that should be implemented. The MHSA brochure will be updated as well. More information will be sent out to programs in the near future.

#### **XVI. Possibilities and Success Stories**

Chris Bobbitt of HSA announced that the PEARLS budget modification request for the 19/20 fiscal year was approved for an EH PEARLS Community Worker and the payment to send a clinician to a two-day PEARLS training in Seattle, WA. Monica Adrian, of Caring Kids, announced that Caring Kids will be hosting a remote site of The Valley Learning Community, information will be sent out to all. Caring Kids is also looking into expanding their inclusive social skills playgroups to out

lining areas, if sites are available please contact Monica Adrian. Marilyn Mochel shared information pertaining to the development of resident engagement guidelines.

**XVII. Next Steps**

March's program presentation, add agenda item for any changes for new programs and an electronic copy of the Issues Resolution Process will be sent out to all.

**XVIII. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 9:59am.