

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

May 16, 2019
9:00am
301 East 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Nancy Reding, Joana Castaneda, Ruby Awesome, Tatiana Vizcaino, Rebecca McMullen, Jenna Nunes, Fernando Granados, Mai Ka Yang, Caitlin Haygood, Maria Orozco, Sharon Jones, Sophia Ornelas, Christopher Jensen, Marilyn Mochel, Chris Bobbitt, Cindy Mattox, Robin Siminoff, James Henderson, Pia Moua

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for April 18, 2018 was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Jenna Nunes) and carried.

III. Update Planning Council Contact List

Fernando Granados, Chair, encouraged all attendees to sign-in and stated that the contact list is updated monthly.

IV. Notice to the Public

Chris Bobbitt of HSA announced that the Alzheimer Foundation will be hosting The Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer workshop on Monday, May 20, 2019, at the Area Agency on Aging from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Chris Bobbitt also announced that immediately after the workshop an open-house will be held to showcase the various AAA programs from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Tatiana Vizcaino of NAMI Merced asked all members to phone California State Senator Anna Caballero today to ask for her support of Senate Bill 428. Tatiana Vizcaino gave a brief description of Senate Bill 428 and shared the Senator's contact information. The group discussed the need for SB428. Tatiana Vizcaino also announced the upcoming Rising Storytellers Project event for 9th -12th graders scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, at the Golden Valley High School theatre. Interpreting will be provided for Spanish-speaking and Hmong-speaking attendees. Community member Nancy Reding announced, on behalf of the LGBTQ Alliance, that on Saturday, June 1, 2019 a fundraiser for the upcoming LGBTQ Pride Weekend will be held at the Multi-Cultural Art Center from 6pm to 10pm. LGBTQ Pride Weekend is scheduled for July 5th, 6th and 7th. Sharon Jones announced that the Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference is scheduled for July 20, 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

V. Chair's Report

Fernando Granados, Chair, thanked the MHSA team for hosting the MHSA Outcomes Event and those who attended.

VI. Director's Report

No Director's Report

VII. MHSA Audit

Sharon Jones stated that the audit process has been moving forward fairly well. All program information for the audit should be submitted prior to June 15, 2019. Cindy Mattox of MHSA asked those who have not submitted a PowerPoint to please do so.

VIII. Program develop/approved MHSA description

Sharon Jones encouraged all contracted providers to ensure their programs continue to develop and evolve according to how the programs were approved. Sharon Jones informed the committee that the MHSA Auditors will be reviewing approved programs. All changes should be noted in the MHSA Annual Update.

IX. Discussion on Outcomes Event

Sharon Jones asked the committee to share their thoughts in regards to the recent Outcomes Event. Christopher Jensen of BHRS congratulated the MHSA team on their efforts in planning the Outcomes Event and suggested altering the time if the target audience is the general community. The group discussed educating the community in regards to the various MHSA programs and how it could be done. Chris Bobbitt of HSA suggested sharing an overview of the Mental Health Services Act, its history and how many individuals have been served. Nancy Reding suggested a brief overview of program services, fact sheets and contact information. Attendee stated that she enjoyed the passports which encouraged attendees and programs to interact. Tatiana Vizcaino stated that she felt the holistic presentation was a weakness in the overall program. Nancy Reding stated that she felt the stress presentation was helpful. The group discussed various topics such as the food, the number of speakers, time allotted for each speaker, restorative justice, empowerment of consumer attendees, and alternative methods to healing, etc. Nancy Reding announced that on Monday, May 20, 2019 a scheduled focus group for LGBTQ is being held at the United Method Church Fireside Room from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

X. Program Presentation

Christopher Jensen and Sophia Ornelas, of BHRS, presented the Youth 2 Youth Middle School Mentoring program to the committee. Brief history, description of the current after-school model, outcomes, SMART goals and reasons for referrals were shared. Brochures were made available to all members. Fernando Granados suggested moving the agenda item Program Presentation towards the beginning of the agenda for future meetings to ensure ample time for the presentation and questions from the committee. Sharon Jones suggested that future program presenters provide a fact sheet. Fernando Granados stated that a fact sheet would take away from the presentation. Sharon Jones stated that the suggestion of a fact sheet would be in addition to the presentation, not a replacement. Fernando Granados stated that this topic would be further discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

XI. Administrative Changes and Updates

Sharon Jones stated that there were few changes. Fernando Granados asked for an update on the MHSA Bylaws. Fernando Granados also requested a discussion surrounding the MHSA Bylaws during next month's scheduled meeting.

XII. Possibilities and Success Stories

Marilyn Mochel stated that NAMI Merced will be partnering with Yosemite High School for Teen Mental Health First Aid. Sharon Jones suggested limiting the program presentations to 10-15 minutes with emphasis on approved program name, funding amount, program scope, successes and how to be referred to the program. Marilyn Mochel encouraged all members to visit the NAMI Merced website to view recent updates.

XIII. Next Steps

Youth 2 Youth to provide PowerPoint presentation. Fernando Granados requested a future discussion pertaining to agenda item Program Presentation. Provide all members an updated revision of the MHSA Bylaws prior to June's meeting date.

XIV. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.