

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Cultural Competency Meeting

June 20, 2019
10:00am

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Facility
301 East 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Griselda Vasquez, Rhonda J. Prater, Karen Gonzalez, Alma Chavez, Cristian Santos, Janet Zamudio, Candice McFadden, Ker Thao, Belle Vallador, Anna M Diaz, Caitlin Haygood, Sophia Ornelas, Anna Santos, Maria Orozco, Marilyn Mochel, Jessica Wheeler, Fernando Granados, Andrea Tovar, Sharon Jones

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Check-in/Conocimiento

The group completed self-introductions, stating names and agencies.

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for May 16, 2019, was motioned/seconded (Rhonda J. Prater/Belle Vallador) and carried.

III. Cultural Competence Charter

Copies of the Cultural Competence Charter were distributed to all. Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator, asked all members of the committee to review the Cultural Competence Charter and to provide feedback/recommendations. No feedback or recommendations was given.

IV. Discussion on Cultural Competence Goals

Copies of the Cultural Competence Goals were distributed to all. Sharon Jones asked all members of the committee to review the Goals and to provide feedback/recommendations. Marilyn Mochel of BHC and NAMI Merced and Fernando Granados of Sierra Vista provided recommendations for change. All feedback was recorded. Sharon Jones announced that during the next scheduled meeting a discussion will be held to share how each program is meeting the goals.

V. Annual Cultural Competence Training requirements

Sharon Jones announced that she submitted a recommendation to the BHRS Compliance Officer, Kurt Craig, to clearly define the Annual Cultural Competence Training Requirement policy. Sharon Jones stated that currently the State regulations for the Cultural Competency Plan states cultural competency trainings will be annual. Sharon Jones also informed the committee that a PowerPoint has been develop to meet the needs of those who are unable to attend trainings due to client care. The committee discussed the current requirement of 32 hours of cultural competence trainings and inquired if there was room for flexibility.

VI. Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference

Sharon Jones announced that the MHSA Team is actively working on the upcoming Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference which is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9am to 3pm at the Christian Life Center. Sharon Jones shared information pertaining to the program and keynote speakers.

VII. LGBTQ+ MHSA Program Expansion

Sharon Jones announced that two providers will be receiving the LGBTQ+ MHSA Program Expansion funding, the Merced Lao Family and Youth Leadership Institute. Sharon Jones reported that meetings have been held to discuss strategies in

supporting LGBTQ+ individuals with both programs. Sharon Jones also announced that both programs will be presenting to the Ongoing Planning Council in the near future.

VIII. September Suicide Prevention Month

Sharon Jones announced that 2019 September Suicide Prevention Month will run similar to 2018's September Suicide Prevention Month. An informational banner will be placed over G Street for one week. The committee discussed the importance of suicide prevention education and trainings. Marilyn Mochel of BHC and NAMI Merced informed the committee that there is a 165% increase in suicidal ideation per the statistics of NAMI on-campus at UC Merced. The group discussed the possibility of having a Suicide Prevention event at UC Merced.

IX. Ongoing Ending the Stigma Presentation

Sharon Jones announced that the Ending the Stigma campaign continues on and location recommendations are welcomed.

X. Outreach and Engagement

Sharon Jones announced that BHRS continues to participate in various outreach and engagement events. Sharon Jones also stated that BHRS has updated its brochures to be more user-friendly and specific to the community. Sharon Jones asked the committee to share their recent experiences with outreach and engagement, a discussion was held. Marilyn Mochel also announced that NAMI Merced will be speaking on the internet-based Central Valley Radio program regularly, once it goes live within the month. Marilyn Mochel also announced that 30 minute sessions will become available to those who would like to highlight their programs.

XI. Discussion on Cultural and Linguistic Competency

Sharon Jones announced that several programs applied for the Request for a Proposal (RFP) for Interpreting Services which are currently being determined.

XII. Program Reports and Updates

No programs/updates.

XIII. Possibilities and Success Stories

Belle Vallador of Healthy House announced that on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 Healthy House hosted the Abuse In Later Life Advanced Law Enforcement training, which was very successful.

XIV. Next Steps

No next steps

XV. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.