

# Summary

## Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Cultural Competency Meeting

July 18, 2019  
10:00am

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Facility  
301 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced

### Present:

Candice McFadden, Anna Santos, Janet Zamudio, Joy Carvey, Belle Vallador, Sandra Sandoval, Pia Moua, Maria Orozco, Melissa Guacia, Marilyn Mochel, Rhonda J. Prater, Fernando Granados, Patti Kishi, Melanie Almada, Monica Adrian, Sophia Ornelas, Griselda Vazquez, Nancy Reding, Zamantha Garcia, 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 June 20, 2019, was motioned/seconded (Fernando Granados/Rhonda J. Prater) and carried.

#### III. Discuss Cultural Competence Plan Update

Sharon Jones gave the committee a brief overview of the information that will be included in the Cultural Competence Plan Update. The updated plan should be completed and submitted by October 2019. More information will be shared in the near future. The group discussed cultural competence trainings, requirements and goals.

#### IV. Include Cultural Competence discussion in MHSA focus group

Sharon Jones stated that cultural discussions will continue to occur during the upcoming MHSA focus groups. The hope is to hear the communities' cultural needs.

#### V. Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference

Sharon Jones gave the committee a brief overview of the upcoming Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9am to 3pm at the Christian Life Center's Family Life Center.

#### VI. Upcoming Suicide Prevention Month September

Sharon Jones encouraged all members to submit their thoughts and ideas, via email, for the upcoming Suicide Prevention Month of September.

#### VII. Outreach and Engagement

Sharon Jones encouraged all members to have critical conversations during outreach and engagement to assist individuals within the community. Sharon Jones also encouraged all to obtain names, contact information and demographics if follow up is needed.

#### VIII. Program Reports and Updates

Nancy Reding, on behalf of Adam Lane, President of the LGBTQ+ Alliance, shared the success of Pride Weekend. Nancy Reding gave a brief overview of the events. Nancy Reding also announced that a reception is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019, at the Merced Multicultural Art Center to meet various artists within the LGBTQ+ community. Patti Kishi, of NAMI Merced, distributed flyers pertaining to an upcoming community meeting co-hosted by NAMI Merced County and the Merced Family Physician Residency Program to discuss the results of a health impact assessment based on behavioral health

services that are currently available within the county and the potential solutions. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at The Vault Works. The group discussed crisis situations. Marilyn Mochel announced that NAMI Merced is currently exploring the possibility of placing mentors with individuals under mental health observation within Merced Mercy Medical Center. The hope is that the mentors will be able to provide hope, linkages and share their lived experience. Nancy Reding announced that United Methodist Church is currently exploring the possibility of becoming a sanctuary church. Marilyn Mochel announced that NAMI Merced is currently diversifying the programming and the facilitator volunteer base. Marilyn Mochel also stated that NAMI Merced is providing a support group within the 'D' Street Homeless Shelter. Bella Vallador of Healthy House announced that the Coordinated Community Response meeting, hosted by Healthy House, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 3:30pm.

**IX. Possibilities and Success Stories**

No report.

**X. Next Steps**

No next steps reported.

**XI. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.