

# Summary

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

June 20, 2019

9:00am

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

### Present:

Jimmy Campos, Chantel Castaneda, Anna Santos, Sharon Jones, Monica Adrian, Fernando Granados, Joana Castaneda, Rebecca McMullen, Jenna Nunes, Maria Orozco, Caitlin Haygood, Anna M Diaz, Jessica Wheeler, Vong Chang, Paul Thao, Griselda Vazquez, Rhonda Prater, Cindy Mattox, Marilyn Mochel, Robin Siminoff, Chris Bobbitt, Sophia Ornelas, Sharon Jones, Andrea Tovar

### Presentation and Discussion:

*All Members*

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

#### II. Approval of Minutes

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

#### III. Update Planning Council Contact List

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

#### IV. Notice to the Public

Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator for BHRS, announced that the MHSA Team is actively preparing for the upcoming Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference. The conference is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9am to 3pm at the Christian Life Center. Chris Bobbitt of H.S.A., announced the upcoming Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Summit - Financial Abuse and Fraud Prevention event scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 9am to 11am at the Merced City Senior Center. Anna Santos of TIP, announced that there will be a BHRS C.U.B.E Carnival and Resource Fair scheduled for Friday, August 2, 2019 at the C.U.B.E. Anna Santos also announced the Summer Youth Retreat Resource Fair scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2019 from 8:30am to 5:30pm at UC Merced.

#### V. Chair's Report

No Report

#### VI. Director's Report

No Report

#### VII. MHSA Audit Readiness

Sharon Jones announced that the Mental Health Service Act Audit is scheduled to begin on September 9, 2019. Sharon Jones gave the council a brief overview of the various MHSA Audit Readiness meetings that have been held and encouraged all to submit necessary information/documentation for the upcoming audit. Cindy Mattox of MHSA stressed the importance of encryption when submitting client information via email.

#### VIII. MHSA Community Planning Process Kick-off 19/20 (PowerPoint Presentation)

Sharon Jones presented the MHSA Community Planning Process to the council via PowerPoint. The presentation consisted of background information, the Annual Update process, public hearing information, MHSA funds, MHSA Update vs MHSA Three-Year Plan, Stakeholder Process and involvement, Standards for Stakeholder process, and public review.

**IX. Program Presentation (15mins.)**

Anna Santos, Jimmy Campos and Chantel Castaneda of Aspiranet, presented the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) program to the council. The presentation provided information pertaining to funding amount provided by MHSA, program scope, priority population, referral process, service locations, clients served and success stories. Flyers and brochures were made available to all members of the council.

**X. Update on MHSA Bylaws**

Sharon Jones announced that she is in the process of sending the MHSA Bylaws to the County Counsel for review. Sharon Jones also stated that more information may be available to report in regards to the MHSA Bylaws by the next scheduled meeting. Fernando Granados inquired as to why the MHSA Bylaws were not being presented to the Ongoing Planning Council for feedback. Sharon Jones stated that per the Director of BHRS, Yvonnia Brown, the MHSA Bylaws were to be presented to the County Counsel for any suggestions, then back to the Ongoing Planning Council.

**XI. Administrative Updates and Changes**

No changes to report.

**XII. Handouts – MHSA Information Notice & MHSA Team Contact List**

Sharon Jones stated that various changes have occurred within the Mental Health Services Act and informational notices will be sent out to all members of the council. Sharon Jones gave brief overviews of the Prudent Reserve and Veterans informational notices. Sharon Jones also distributed a MHSA Team Contact List to all members of the council.

**XIII. Possibilities and Success Stories**

Marilyn Mochel of the BHC and NAMI Merced thanked all who participated in the Rising Storytellers event. Marilyn Mochel also stated that there will be a follow-up event in November. Additional information will be shared with the council in the coming months. The Consumer Advisory Chairperson from the Merced Wellness Center stated that several consumers have recently been housed.

**XIV. Next Steps**

Livingston Community Health will be presenting in July. The council will review MHSA Bylaws once they return from County Counsel.

**XV. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am.