Mental Health Services Act
WET/INNOV Steering Subcommittee Meeting
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Monday, February 6, 2012

Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Minutes

Members Present: Tho Be, Theresa Boyd, Denise Cuellar, Dianna Daly, William Gonzalez, Amy Grindrod, Alyce Mastrianni, Belinda Mcleese, George Nguyen, Brett Obrien, Mary O’Connor, Jean Wilkinson, Shannon Peterson, Karin Rogers, Helen Cameron, Gloria Reyes, Mary Palafox, Donald Sharps, Nazee Nazari, Khe Ngo.


Staff: Clayton Chau, Robert Balma, Negar Doroudian, KC Pickering, Minh Nguyen, Pierre Tran.

Item I: Call to order and Introductions

Subcommittee Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.
Welcome, introductions and selection of Chair(s) were completed.
Denise Cuellar and William Gonzales were both nominated and accepted as Vice Chairs.

Item II: Role of Attendees who are public members

Motion made by the chairs to allow public to join the steering subcommittee through written requests in order to become voting members.

Item III: Procedural issues for members

1. Voting process will mirror the MHSA Steering Committees; by consensus.
2. All members agreed with the 10 operational guidelines.
3. Conflict of Interest: if a subcommittee member, works for a program which is a contracted program that provides a specific service or is the only provider of that particular service, that member should abstain from voting on an issue that involves that particular service. If a subcommittee member has an indirect or direct financial interest in any decision, that member must declare the nature of that conflict.
4. If subcommittee members need any information, the Center of Excellence will do it’s best to get that information to them.
5. For inquiry regarding the subcommittee meetings, please contact Negar Doroudian at 714-667-5604 or ndoroudian@ochca.com

Item IV: Discussion of Existing Programs and Budgets for FY 11/12 and Recommendations for FY 12/13 Annual Update

1. Original budget for Innovations was discussed by Robert Balma.

2. WET is a onetime fund, so there is no new money for any WET programs. Originally, Orange County received $17.2 million for WET. There is no new WET allocation for FY 11/12 and FY12/13. In FY 13/14, the MHSA Steering Committee will need to consider redirecting some money from CSS to WET.

3. Keep in mind that INNOV projects must be a Community driven program that has never been done before in behavioral health setting. Projects are short term pilot programs.

4. INN is on a 3 year reversion cycle: The component started in FY 08/09, but instructions came out late.

5. 80% of INN allocation is derived from CSS funding, and 20% of INN allocation is derived from PEI funding.

6. There are 10 approved programs for Innovation, and Orange County has funding for all 10 projects through FY 12/13.

7. The original INN Budget covers 2.5 yrs. It is expected that only $800,000 will revert by the end of FY 11/12.

8. FY 11/12 budget allocation for Innovation was $3.9 million. Allocations decreased because of decreased MHSA revenue. The MHSA Steering Committee last year approved for this allocation to extend 3 projects for one more year. Those were Integrated Community Services, Vet’s Connect and Volunteer to Work.
9. We have $4.6 million to allocate for FY 12/13.

10. The Chair asked for and received consensus to extend the other 7 innovation projects for 12 months with the allocation for FY 12/13.

**Item V: Matters from the Members/Announcements**

1. FY11/12 current spending amount and left over amount have not been determined as of yet.

2. Available funding for other unimplemented programs is unknown at this time.

3. All INN programs will remain in progress and contractors will be assigned as needed through FY 12/13?

4. We have permission to run all INN programs for 3-5 years. Funding for all INN programs will be contingent on MHSA allocations.

5. An email will be sent out to subcommittee members explaining which INN programs have gotten started and which programs will start next?

6. A discussion on administrative costs and their distribution were shared with attendees. Specific numbers were not addressed as the financial reports are still being compiled for the fiscal year.

7. Steering Committee member recommended creating an INN program that does outreach with first responders and law enforcement.

**Item VI. Public Comments:**

Public member recommended that INN starts a pilot program for drug/alcohol/sex offenders in OC.

**Item VII. Adjournment:** Denise Cuellar and William Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

The next WET/INN Sub-Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2012 in the Costa Mesa Community Center.