Mental Health Services Act  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 7, 2013  

Delhi Community Center  
505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana, Ca

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Members Present: Tho Be, Chris Bieber, Patricia Boortz, Mary Hale, Cheryl Hart, Sheryl Curl, Theresa Boyd, Michael Marks (alt. for Carlos Burela), Helen Cameron, Arnold Cordova, Chris Dureiko, Denise Cuellar, Dianna Daly, Suzie Dong-Matzuda, Amy Grindrod, Eric Handler M.D., Anna Beltran (alt. for Douglas Hatchimonji), Brian Jacobs, Nomi Lonky, Hiromi Minakata (alt. for Francesca Leal), Judith Lewis, Gregory Wright, Greg Swift, Nazee Nazari, Khe Hgo, Tricia Nguyen, Nancee Lee Allen, Brett O’Brien, Deby Wolford (alt. for William O’Connell), Mary O’Connor, Gloria Reyes, Maureen Robles, Julian Rodriguez, Brian Maser (alt. for Donald Sharps M.D.), Linda Smith, Kelly Tran, Daria Waetjen, Patti Petit (alt. for Sue Watson), Janis White, Jean Wilkinson, Frank Ospino.

Item I. Sharon Browning, Facilitator
- Sharon Browning called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Item II. Local/State Updates/MHSA Calendar Certificate Presentations:
- Mary Hale, Behavioral Health Services Director, presented certificates of recognition for outstanding work to the artists and writers whose work was published in the MHSA 2013 Calendar.

Item III. MHSA 2013-2014 Budget Overview:
- Bonnie Birnbaum, MHSA Coordinator, discussed FY 13/14 overview. She said the budgets for some components had previously been approved and that for others no action was needed because there was no new money. However, the budgets for some components would require action at this meeting: CSS, WET, and Innovation. With regard to the CSS component, Bonnie and said that budget change is needed to more closely reflect actual expenditures.
- Bonnie also proposed a Steering Committee Meeting orientation for new members. Information on time and place will be sent soon.

Item IV. CSS Adults and Older Adults 2013-2014 Budget:
- Helen Cameron discussed recommended changes for the FY13/14 Budget for CSS Adult and Older Adult programs.

Item V. CSS Children and TAY 2013-2014 Budget:
- Kelly Tran discussed the recommended changes in the FY 13/14 CSS budget for Children and Youth.

Item VI. Action Item: Approve proposed CSS FY 2013-2014 Budget:
- Action approved by consensus.
Item VII.  **WET 2013-2014 Budget:**  
- Denise Cuellar and Sheryl Curl, WET Coordinator, talked about recommendations for the FY 13/14 WET budget. Since WET was one time-time funding, to maintain existing WET programs, WET funding must be supplemented with unspent CSS dollars from prior years.

Item VIII.  **Action Item: Approve proposed WET FY 2013-2014 Budget:**  
- Action Item approved by consensus.

Item IX.  **Innovations Projects 2013-2014:**  
- Linda Smith and Gerry Aguirre, Innovations Coordinator, talked about the goals and planning process for new Innovation Projects. Five new projects were recommended for implementation by the Innovation Advisory group. 
- Linda Smith reviewed the recommended projects along with proposed budgets for the recommended projects. 
- Linda also mentioned that the proposed $15 million budget ($5 million dollars per year for three years) for new projects is separate from the budget for the ten existing Innovation Projects. There was discussion about approving some additional Innovation Projects in case some of the first five recommendations could not be approved or in case there was money remaining to fund additional projects. It was also noted that the budgets are fluid and will likely be revised as more information becomes available.

Item X.  **Action Items for Innovation Projects:**  
- Action Item: Approve Innovation Projects for FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16:  
  - Action Item approved by consensus. The Steering Committee agreed to move forward with the five recommended programs and to also approve an additional three programs. The additional three programs would be considered back-ups, should there be money left over after trying to implement the first five.  
  - Approved projects are:  
    - Proactive On-Site Engagement in the Collaborative Courts to Offer Access to Mental Health Education Programs to Reduce Recidivism.  
    - Religious Leaders Mental Health First Aid.  
    - Access to Mobile/Cellular/Internet Devices in Improving Quality of Life.  
    - Veterans Services for Military/Veteran Families and Caregivers.  
    - The Brain & Your Health Education Exhibition and Resource Center.  
    - Skill Sets for Independent Living & Project  
    - Healthy Ideas Partners: A Community Collaboration Addressing Depression in Older Adults.  
    - Retreats for the Caregiving Families.  
- Action Item: Approve of Innovation Budget for FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16:  
  - Action Item approved by consensus.
Item XI. Action Item for FY 13/14 MHSA Plan Update

- Action Item: Approve MHSA FY 13/14 Plan Update:
  - With one abstention, the MHSA Steering Committee approved the proposed MHSA plan for FY 13/14.

Item XII. Steering Committee Comments:

- It was announced that Anthony Delgado is retiring soon and moving to Michigan.

Item XIII. Public Comments:

- Statements were made about the fact that volunteers were needed for the 2013 homeless count, with 140 hotspots where homeless congregate have been identified.

Item XIV. Adjourned: At 4:00 p.m.