Mental Health Services Act
Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2013

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

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Item I. Call to Order/Welcome
• At 1:10 p.m. by Sharon Browning.

Item II. Local MHSA Update
• Bonnie Birnbaum, MHSA Coordinator, said the Board of Supervisors approved the MHSA plan on June 18, 2013.
• Bonnie also said the Oversight & Accountability Commission will let us know the status of the following eight innovation projects.
  o Proactive On-Site Engagement in the Collaborative Courts to Offer Access to Mental Health Education Programs to Reduce Recidivism
  o Religious Leaders Mental Health First Aid
  o Access to Mobile/Cellular/Internet Devices in Improving Quality of Life
  o Veterans Services for Military/Veteran Families and Caregivers
  o The Brain & Your Health Education Exhibition and Resource Center
  o Skill Sets for Independent Living & Project
  o Healthy Ideas Partners: A Community Collaboration Addressing Depression in Older Adults
  o Retreats for the Caregiving Families
• Bonnie also mentioned that there will be a full Steering Committee next month because Mike Geiss will be there to discuss the MHSA fiscal Projections.

Item III. State MHSA Update
• Mary Hale, Behavioral Health Director, talked about legislation which would allow us to use MHSA money to fund “Laura’s Law”.
Item IV. **MHSA Subcommittee Updates**
- Helen Cameron and Patti Pettit, CCS Adults/Older Adults, talked about how Karen Roper, Interim Executive Director of OC Community Services, came and talked about the 10 Year Plan to end Homelessness.
- Daria Waetjen and Chris Bieber, Prevention & Early Intervention. Daria said she was not at last month’s subcommittee meeting. Chris Bieber was not available today to discuss updated.
- William Gonzalez, Innovations & WET, thanked Sheryl Curl, WET Coordinator, for her detailed explanation of WET at last month’s subcommittee meeting.

Item V. **Community Action Advisory Committee Update.**
- Denise Cuellar, President of CAAC, was absent, and therefore the CAAC update has been postponed to a later date.

Item VI. **Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Linkages**
- Brett O’Brien, ADAS Admin, talked about AB109, and the impact it has on the County and the Criminal Justice System in regard to mental health services.
- Ian Kemmer, talked about the assessment teams and how they refer people to appropriate courts, such as:
  - Whatever It Takes Court
  - Opportunity Knocks Court
  - Recovery Court
  - Assisted Intervention Court
  - Homeless Outreach Court
- Lisa Steele, WIT Telecare, talked about Whatever It Takes’ philosophy, approach, functions, demographics, program design and program successes.
- Jane Gibb, Opportunity Knocks, explained that Opportunity Knocks is a Full Service Partnership program, whose target population are individuals with a mental illness involved in the criminal justice system who are between the ages of 18 – 60.

Item VII. **Steering Committee Comments**
- Helen Cameron announced there will be a Celebration of Recovery at Centennial Park on August 3, 2013.

Item VIII. **Public Comments**
- None

Item IX. **Adjourned**
- Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.