Mental Health Services Act
PEI Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2013
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Minutes


1. Co-Chair Chris Bieber welcomed the subcommittee members and announced the December 2, 2013 Public Forum. A Public Comment form and instructions are on the MHSA website.

2. Co-Chair Chris Bieber reviewed the draft timeline with the subcommittee members.

3. Co-Chair Chris Bieber reviewed the PEI Program Budget Spreadsheet.
   a. Mark Lawrenz brought up new recommendations for program and funding. He suggested the following:
      i. Take the funding from the Behavioral Health Response Services (program never implemented, $1,646,552) and move to:
         1. Referral Services – The OC LINKS is now up and running and will need additional funding in the future as it expands. $400,000
         2. Crisis Response Network Services to maintain volunteer community responders and coordinate services. $150,000
         3. The additional $1,096,552 from the BH Response Services will be available for a new project to be determined at a future date after receiving input from the community on unmet needs.
   b. Public Comment: A request was made to look at children with co-occurring disorders that require psychiatric care, as well as a chronic medical condition.
   c. Steering Committee Comment: request to look at funding more SMI clients.

4. Vote taken to protect all of the current programs with the amendments made by staff to the Steering Committee.
   a. Approved by consensus – approved with 1 voting no.

5. Co-Chair Daria Waetjen brought the HCA and Mental Health Board recommended BHS Counseling Program up for discussion. This is a new program idea that has been developed after hearing about the need from the public.
   a. Discussion points included: wanting to know how many clients would the program be able to cover (unable to determine at this point); ages for clients (all ages); why another new program was needed (these clients are those who currently do not qualify for clinics, and is an unmet gap)
   b. Public Comment: questioned the speed of receiving services, as sometimes referrals take months, need to look for a big system change.
6. Vote taken to approve of the new BHS Counseling Program and to take the recommendation to the Steering Committee.
   a. Approved by consensus with one abstaining.

7. Steering Committee Comments: Need to look for money to be put into research and outcomes.