



Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee Meeting Monday, September 9, 2013

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

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Members Present: Tho Be, Theresa Boyd, Michael Marks (alt. for Carlos Burela), Helen Cameron, Shannon Peterson, Denise Cuellar, Suzie Dong-Matsuda, Belinda McCleese, Sandra Fair, William Gonzalez, Amy Grindrod, Cheryl Hart, Lori Maze (alt. for Douglas Hatchimonji), Brian Jacobs, Nomi Lonky, Hiromi Minakata (alt. for Francesca Leal), Alyce Mastrianni, Kathryn McCullough, Nazee Nazari, Khe Ngo, Mitch Cherness, Deby Wolford, Mary O'Connor, Maureen Robles, Julian Rodriguez, Linda Smith, Greg Swift, Patti Petit (alt. for Sue Watson), John Zeimantz (alt. for Janis White), Jean Wilkinson, Frank Ospino

Item I. Call to Order/Welcome

• At 1:05 p.m. by Sharon Browning.

Item II. MHSA Local Update

- Bonnie Birnbaum, announced there will be a public forum on September 11, 2013 to discuss the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013.
- She also announced there will be an Art Fair on October 3, 2013 from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

Item III. MHSA State Update

- Mary Hale, Director of Behavioral Health, said we no longer have state departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services. The State Department of Health Care Services has taken on the responsibility for the functions of those two eliminated departments.
- Bill 585 was passed California is now waiting for the governor to sign it into law. Bill 585 will allow MHSA funds to be used for assisted outpatient services. The Board of Supervisors must decide whether or not to implement Laura's Law, which provides a program for assisted outpatient services.

Item IV MHSA Growth Fund Allocation

- Mary Hale discussed the availability FY 13/14 "Growth Funds" and the recommendation to use the funds to expand some existing programs.
 - Mary did an overview of the programs that the Mental Health Board and HCA believe should be expanded, and she provided the justification for expansion of each.
 - Mary also mentioned that the innovations programs that were approved by the Steering Committee are still under review by the Oversight and Accountability Commission.
- **ACTION ITEM** The recommendations for program expansion using the "Growth Funding" were approved by consensus.

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- THREE YEAR PLAN beginning in FY 14/15
 - o Mary talked about the proposed PEI Behavioral Health Counseling Program as a program that has been consistently identified by stakeholders as being an unmet need in the community. That program will be discussed during the planning process for the Three-Year Plan that will start in FY 14/15.
- Item V. Steering Committee Comments
 - None
- Item VI. Public Comments
 - None
- Item VII. Adjourned
 - Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.