

**Behavioral Health Services  
Mental Health Services Act**

**Steering Committee Meeting**

**Monday, August 10, 2015  
1 – 4 p.m.  
Delhi Community Center  
505 E. Central Ave. Santa Ana, CA**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome – Sharon Browning**
  - a. Sharon gave an overview of what the meeting would consist of and the format of the MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Public Hearing that takes place at the conclusion of the normally scheduled Steering Committee Meeting**
  
- 2. State/Local Update - Mary Hale, BHS Director**
  - a. Mary discussed going before the Board of Supervisors for their input on what are the needs and gaps that they perceived could be used with CSS funds.**
  - b. Updating some of the projects that were brought to the Steering Committee the last time there were available funds:**
    - i. The South County Wellness Center’s contract was just award to the Mental Health Association (MHA) at the Board Meeting on August 4.**
    - ii. There is also going to be a Wellness Center in West Orange County. HCA is in the final stages for that project.**
    - iii. The Transportation project is being worked on in procurement, and will be out as soon as it is finished.**
  - c. Senate Bill 614 was heard in the health committee recently. The bill is for peers with lived experiences to be certified as peer support specialists. It is receiving tremendous support.**
  
- 3. MHSA Update - Jeff Nagel, MHSA Coordinator**
  - a. Jeff gave an update to the status of the PEI and Innovation Regulations**
    - i. Innovation has been passed and how they are currently written will be used for upcoming updates**
    - ii. The PEI regulations are a bit more complicated and there are still meetings with different counties, lawyers, CBHDA and the OAC meeting to discuss.**
  - b. Jeff gave an update to the Community Action Advisory Committee’s site visits and introduced the members**

- 4. Community Action Advisory Committee Update - Denise Cuellar, Joy Torres, Tho Be, and William Gonzalez**
  - a. The participating members each described the positive aspects that each of them experienced while visiting the different sites.**
  - b. The members raised important questions about the 5 tenants of MHSA in relation to the programs they visited.**
  - c. This was the first chance for members of CAAC to report back to the Steering Committee on their MHSA site visit surveys.**
  
- 5. Stress Free Families Program - Thoa Tran and Camille Basilio, PEI**
  - a. The Stress Free Families is an Early Intervention Program that targets families that have had multiple allegations of child abuse or neglect, and who are currently experiencing or at risk to behavioral health issues**
  - b. The program has seen more than 500 family parents/children in FY 13/14**
  - c. Consumers in the program have shown improvements in all of the measureable categories that are being tracked.**
  - d. In addition to the services offered, the program also helps with housing, emergency assistance, legal services and dental care that many of the clients are in need of.**
  - e. The program does have many challenges, including staff turnover, gaining the trust of the participants, and addressing the many extensive needs of the participants.**
  
- 6. Public Comments**
  - a. The first speaker wanted to discuss the use of the term peer in relation to SB614 mentioned early.**
  - b. The second speaker wanted to have more openness in the community in relation to mental health services.**
  - c. The third speaker wanted to highlight the need for services for veterans as well as their families**
  - d. The fourth speaker wanted to represent the 4% coalition that has a bill in Sacramento that wants to draw attention to the 4% of the population who don't know they have a mental illness.**
  
- 7. Following a break, the MHSA Community Services and Supports Public Forum was held.**

**Next Month: MHSA Steering Committee Meeting September 14, 2015  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
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