

## **Mental Health and Substance Use Services**

### **Cultural Competence Advisory Board**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Cultural Competence Advisory Board is to serve as advisors to MHSUS' administrators, managers and line staff. The charge of the board is to examine, analyze and make recommendations about promising and current mental health services and practices that are culturally sensitive, appropriate and responsive to our diverse consumer community. Additionally, the board shall identify barriers and challenges within MHSUS' system that prevent consumers from adequately accessing needed mental health and substance use services. Barriers may include, but are not limited to, stigma and discrimination, language and/or lack of cultural awareness.

#### **Goals**

Consistent to one of the state's high priority list to improve culturally competent mental health and substance use services, and to reduce stigma among the consumer community, the board will identify areas of MHSUS systems, policies, procedures, service delivery and practices that can be improved upon. Priorities and recommendations will be established by the board upon careful examination and analysis of MHSUS system.

#### **Objectives**

- The board will meet every other month for two hours. Additional committee meetings and tasks may get established, as appropriate/necessary
- MHSUS' Ethnic Services Manager will facilitate board meetings to ensure that the board are working to achieve its stated goals in an efficient manner
- The board will rely on individual and collective expertise of its members to make informed decisions and recommendations
- The board will be available for community and staff input, utilizing members of the board as liaisons to the entire stakeholder community
- Members of the board will work collaboratively to ensure that the interests of stakeholders are appropriately and effectively represented

## **Cultural Competence Advisory Board Members (27)**

### **MHSUS Staff**

1. Darby Jaragosky- HHS Planner/Evaluator
2. Marisol Munoz-Kiehne- PEI Projects and Internship Program, (MHSUS)
3. Brian Robinson- Supervisor (Child Team)/Sadegh Nobari (Child Team)
4. Cesar Lagleva- Interim Ethnic Services Manager/ Mental Health Practitioner (Child Team)
5. Laurie Hunt- Mental Health Practitioner, HOPE Program, (Adult Team)
6. Kristen Gardner- Consultant, MHSA/PEI Coordinator
7. Jessica Diaz- Mental Health Practitioner, Adult Case Management, (Adult Team)
8. Cecilia Guillermo-Bilingual Mental Health Practitioner, Adult Case Management ( Adult Team)
9. Robert Harris-Mental Health Practitioner, Adult Case Management (Adult Team)
10. Maria Abaci- Mental Health Practitioner, Adult Case Management (Adult Team)
11. Ngoc Loi-Mental Health Practitioner, (Adult Team)
12. Kristine Kwok-Supervisor (Adult Team)
13. Rafael Tellez- Office Assistant III (MHSUS)
14. Sadegh Nobari-Licensed Mental Health Pracitioner (Child Team)

### **Agency Partners**

15. Leticia McCoy- Family Partner, Community Action Marin
16. Vinh Luu- Coordinator, Asian Advocacy Project, Community Action Marin
17. Douglas Mundo- Executive Director, Canal Welcome Center
18. Robbie Powelson- Board member, Marin Mental Health Board
19. Sandy Ponek-Program Director, Canal Alliance
20. Gustavo Goncalves-TAY Coordinator, Buckelew Programs
21. David Escobar-Board of Supervisors/District 5, Aide to Supervisor Steve Kinsey

### **Community Volunteers**

22. Leah Fagundes-San Rafael
23. Cheryl August-San Rafael
24. Kerry Peirson- Mill Valley
25. Cat Wilson-San Rafael
26. John Ortega-San Rafael
27. Cammie Duvall-San Rafael