

Marin County Systems Integration Steering Committee

Meeting Notes

June 19 2012 • 9:00 – 10:30AM

20 N San Pedro Road, San Rafael – Conference Rooms A&B

Attendees: Joanne Bender, Mary Kay Sweeney, Hutton Taylor, Ann Pring, Michelle Johnson, Larry Meredith, Margaret Kisliuk, Elizabeth Berg, Martha Nelkin

1. Introductions – Hutton welcomed everyone and each person introduced themselves and their organizational affiliation. Hutton also welcomed 2 new members and first time attendees Elizabeth Berg from the PGO and Martha Nelken from HHS Clinics. The group provided some basic information about the System Integration initiative and answered a few questions.
2. Spreadsheet Tracking & Announcements
 - The Tracking Spreadsheet was passed around the table so that attendees could update their program/agency information.
 - The day (of the week) this Committee meets needs to be changed to Wednesday (instead of Tuesday). Due to the BOS convening their meetings (on Tuesdays) an hour earlier than in the past (from 10AM to 9AM) – and if the Committee would like Larry and Margaret to attend this meeting, the day needs to be changed. It was decided the group would meet on Wednesday July 18, 2012 from 11:00-12:30PM. We will reevaluate the day change in July. Kathy has asked members to let her know if the day change makes it impossible for them to attend and she will report back with this information in July.
3. Partnering – How have we partnered across domains? How have we assisted in our partner's success?
 - Michelle reported on a collaborative effort to assist a client who came from Center Point to Buckelew Programs. The agencies partnered over this specific person so that he could be successful in getting back into their program after a relapse.
 - Hutton reminded us the pilot project with Center Point and CMHS adult case management will begin soon. They are getting the site certified and hope to have a July 1st kick-off.
 - Joanne mentioned that PES and BACR have partnered so that when someone comes into PES and it appears they have drug/alcohol issues, a staff person from BACR comes over to PES to evaluate the person.
 - Margaret talked about the collaboration between Children's Mental Health and Short Elementary School (school for homeless kids) and Center Point (where the kids parents are currently located). She also mentioned that Coastal Health wants to work with the county on behavioral health issues and finally, the one-time MHSA monies that may be used for the integration process.
 - Mary Kay told us that Buckelew and Homeward Bound have started an enterprise for growing and prepping vegetables for school lunches using the New Beginnings Garden.
 - Larry let us know that the BOS endorsed the state proposed law to vaccinate kids to reduce the "personal belief exemption" position that may parents in Marin choose.
 - Hutton encouraged the drug and alcohol providers to contract with the mental health plan outpatient services in order to provide mental health services for their clients.
4. Issues from Last Meeting
 - **HHS Transition Planning Report** – Larry talked about the roadmap handout that was presented at the last formal meeting of the Transition Planning Committee on Monday to

talk about next steps and recommended work groups. The challenge, he says, will be to garner participation from all stakeholders without the work groups being too large. The work groups will begin sometime in the next month or two and will last for 6 months. There is the possibility that MHSA one-time monies may assist with some small projects that will support the process. There will be a presentation to the BOS in July or August on the process (roadmap) and Larry would like representatives from this group and the change agents to assist with the presentation. He continued to talk about how resilience in all of us (clients and staff) is down and is something to take a look at. He went on to confirm that the clients we are all seeing these days don't fit our traditional treatment models and this situation extracts a toll on staff. He says he realizes the impact these situations have on staff – the number of clients who need services and their volume have both been turned up. Mary Kay from Homeward Bound says she is experiencing the same situation at her agency. She mentioned the San Rafael School district has laid off their last social worker whose job it was to assist homeless students get into school. Our caseloads are changing and we are working to include those who do not fit our traditional models of service. Staff have “**compassion fatigue**” and may be experiencing some of the same type of issues our clients are experiencing, especially in the housing area. The question remains, what is a way of addressing these issues? Larry appreciates how hard staff are work in these challenging circumstances. Uncertainty for clients **and** staff is really hard and is affecting services/agencies. Mary Kay suggested we host a reception sometime in the fall to demonstrate our appreciation for front line workers.

- **Change Agent Meeting Report** – Michelle made a request on behalf of Change Agents. They would like to see all agencies recommit to the 4 Action Steps in the Charter Document (page 3 of 4). She talked about how most change agents are NOT seeing their agencies doing the first 3 steps in the document and that at the same time, all agencies participating in this effort have committed to doing them. Bottom line is that Change Agents are not feeling like the structure (that is should already be in place) is **not** there to support their work and that the language in the current Charter is not useful or clear and they would like to see the language change to be straight-forward and more meaningful. Larry suggested that all of the participating agencies officially recommit to the Systems Integration process and the structures that make it possible at the management level to do the work. He suggested that the Charter Document be brought to the monthly CBO meeting and the Roundtable Discussion Group. At this point we ran out of time...

6. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING DAY AND TIME

WEDNESDAY July 18, 2012

11:00-12:30PM

20 N. San Pedro Road, upstairs in conference rooms A&B.