

MARIN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MHSA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING #5 – TUESDAY May 22, 2007

Meeting Notes

Welcome and introductions of Implementation Committee Members were done by Bobbie Wunsch.

Public Comment: Kim Denn commented that at the last meeting they talked about sending a letter to the Governor's wife about his proposed cuts to the AB2034 Program. She read the letter to all the audience and passed it out to those who wanted to sign it.

Update from CMHS Director Bruce Gurganus: He presented different pictures of how the Wellness Campus will look when it is completed. Concerns were presented about the Grand Jury comments on this project.

- State Budget Update – the Governor insists in cutting \$55 million for the Homeless Mentally Ill Adults. Information on who to write about this issue was given. Bruce and Dianne met with members of the AB2034 team. They talked how they will keep the program going.
- Network of Care Website – Since it opened in April 2006 they have reported over 2,500 visits. Bruce reminded people who have pages to keep them up-to-date, or if they see something wrong they should advise the appropriate party to correct the information.
- CSS Plan – There is \$816,000 for Marin starting July 1st or later from the people who make over \$1 million.

Margaret Hallett from the Family Service Agency announced the opening of their facility in Southern Marin. They have 5 counseling offices, a group meeting room and a conference room. They held their first council meeting there. She handed a report of their activities for the last three months.

Margaret introduced Sabrina Geshay from Bay Area Community Resources, their partner on the Southern Marin venture. She serves a total of 4 schools, 3 of them in South Marin. Most of her time during the past months has been dedicated to establish a relationship with the children and school staff as well as the Sausalito and Marin City community in general. She's doing family therapy at a broad scale because not only she works with children but also with teachers and other staff. People have been more responsive and open than she what expected. Now she is

being approached by parents and children requesting asking for support. She serves about 45 kids without counting their extended family and staff. She started this program on October 2006 and at this time she has a waiting list in one of the schools.

MHSA Program Updates:

Children's System of Care (CSOC) – Ann Pring – The Children System of Care Program is now a Mental Health Services Act Program. It became a full Service partnership last year. They added the 24-hour seven days a week line, there is only one number to call. The 24-hour response line is for clients and their families.

Transition Age Youth (TAY) – Jay Zlotnick – At least 20 clients have received partial services from the program; 5 clients are in full service partnerships and more are on the way. A Team Leader and Counselor are in place, as was a Peer Mentor, though the latter person did not work out so we are recruiting for another. An Open House to introduce the program more to the community is planned for the summer.

Participants who can benefit from a psychiatric assessment, or who need medication evaluation, are seen at Family Service Agency. Housing has not been a big need yet, though this will likely change in the future.

Support and Treatment After Release (STAR) – Diane Slager – This program is being funded with a combination of MHSA & MIOCR funds. They are fully staffed at this point and they are anticipating being able to provide services to 75 participants. The 24-hr on call line was implemented. Latino folks are one of their target populations.

Marin At-risk Senior Team (MAST) – Diane Slager – The program is getting started and is now located at 10 N. San Pedro, where the Veteran's Services, Division of Aging, and APS are located and Public Guardian just across from their building. The Senior Peer Counselor is in Place. Patty and her small team have been there for about a week but they have not received their furniture. They are in the process of hiring staff. Their phone number is 473-4306 and they are getting some referrals at this point.

Prevention and Early Intervention Sub-Committee - Ann – They've had only one meeting and she has a distribution list. She already sent out the minutes of the first meeting and both the minutes and the distribution list will be posted on the website in about a week. What they did at the first meeting was collecting orientation to what this means. There were a lot of volunteers who will contact other people from other organizations to be in the committee. The guidelines will come out in June and that will provide a clear picture of what PEI is all about. Bobbie said that she has heard that the guidelines won't come out till sometime in August. This program will be allocated approximately \$1 million from the end of 2007 through July 2009.

Education and Training Sub-Committee – Hutton – They've had one meeting. This is the third component to be enacted. The goal of the committee is to generate a list of training recommendations that will be presented to the Steering Committee. CMHS has been allocated \$536,000 for education and training. It requires a 5 year education and training development

plan. They need to know what is the population they need to serve to develop trainings and what training topics people are interested in.

Housing & Capital/Technology – Bruce – It seems that \$2.1 million of MHSA are available for housing projects. These are some ideas they are working on the Fairfax Inn Hotel; Bruce is having some conversations with Citizens Housing for Older Adults. The Housing will be open to target population, mentally ill, STAR program, TAY and others.

The State wants to create electronic health records. We will be able to send our records in electronic version, it is a big project. They met last week with IT people to see a new program.

Public Comment: None

Next Steps & Adjourn: Hopefully we will have more information for some of the committees and regulations may be completed by DMH. Bruce announced about a rally to be held in Sacramento supporting the Medi-Cal Program and the AB2034 Program. Dr. Smolar has resigned as Medi-Cal Director and recruitment will start soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2007
10:00AM – Noon
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