

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION COMMITTEE**

December 3, 2010 • 1:00-3:00 PM • Mtg #7

MINUTES

NEXT MEETING: Friday March 4, 1:00-3:00 pm. Location to be announced.

PEI Committee Meetings will be held quarterly 1:00-3:00 pm on the first Friday.

NOTE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Second Annual Evaluations are due April 15**
- **Instead of a June meeting in 2011, there will be a May 6, 2011 meeting.**

Participants

Cristin Brew, Spectrum/MMHB	Bruce Gurganus, CMHS	Sandra Ponek, Canal Alliance
Kay Brown, NAMI/Cmnty Mmbr	Margaret Hallett, FSA	Ann Pring, CMHS
Josh, MMOW	Jane Ireland, MMOW	Bonne Goltz Reiser, JFCS
Juanita Edwards, Marin City	Myra Levenson, Cmnty Mmbr	Gary Schepke, MH Board
Netwrk	Patty Lyons, CMHS/HOPE	Jasmine Stevenson, HYP
Elberta Eriksson, ISOJI/MDT	Nazanin Mahdieh, MCC	Anita Strohmeier, CHA
Bobbi Fischer, FCP/MH Awrnss	Nancy Masters, JFCS	Laura Trahan, MCOE/Triple P
Kristen Gardner, PEI Coord	Rene Mendez-Penate, CMHS	Sharon Turner, Marin City Netwrk

Welcome, Introductions

Public Comment

- This is a new standing agenda item to allow attendees to comment on items not on the agenda. Comments will be time-limited.
- Margaret Hallett: Invites to Statewide PEI program webinars were not received from Marin PEI.
Response: Announcements from CalMHSA came very late and Kristen was out of town. In general Kristen sends out such items. Orgs can contact CalMHSA and get on their email list.

MHSA and Related Updates *Bruce Gurganus and Kristen Gardner*

Statewide PEI: Work Plans for 3 area (Suicide Prevention, Stigma Reduction, Student MH) are out. At some point, Requests for Proposals will be issued (starting early 2011). Agencies in Marin can apply, but proposals must include more than 1 county. See www.calmhsa.org.

New PEI Program: In the development of the Innovation Plan, a new PEI Program arose – Client Choice and Hospital Prevention. It is to develop crisis plans for individuals at risk of a MH crisis (such as individuals that come into contact with Psychiatric Emergency Services). The Innovation Plan is to develop a crisis residential program that will provide another option to acute hospitalization/involuntary treatment. These programs are approved within Marin and are being submitted to the State.

Southern Marin PEI Program: The original PEI Program in Southern Marin, Student Assistance Program, had to be eliminated due to changes in the school district. A new program has been developed to complement the school services – Across Ages Mentoring.

Data Gathering: LGBTQ *Cristin Brew, Spectrum*

Intro: The State provides a data section called “Other.” LGBTQ and Veterans have been put under this. Programs do not have to collect this data, unless the program specifically targets these populations. But, this data collection may be required in the future. Programs may also add other categories under “Other” that are specific to their program (ie homeless, pregnant women, etc).

Training: Cristin provided an overview of why it is important to collect this data and how. Collecting this data improves an agency's ability to serve LGBTQ clients:

- All programs have LGBTQ clients, whether or not they know it
- Asking about sexual identity/behaviors makes it easier for clients to reveal that info, which allows for serving them better.
- Documenting services to LGBTQ helps to improve services on a systems level.
- Spectrum is available to help agencies implement LGBTQ data collection and increase cultural competency. Please see handouts.

PEI Committee Survey Review

- Handouts: PEI Com Survey Results, Subcommittees/Decision Making, Purpose/Vision/Outcomes
- General Comments: Ratings seem up, not all significantly so. Ratings by regular attendees were significantly higher than by "sometimes" attendees.
- Decision Making about new PEI programs has been an area of concern. The PEI Committee provides input, but not decision making about programs/funding since members are primarily PEI funded. There is a MHSA Implementation Committee that makes decisions (see handout).
- There are no areas that the PEI Com feels needs to be discussed further at this point. Contact Kristen with questions or concerns at any time.

Tasks:

- Cristin will provide information about gathering LGBTQ data verbally.
- Kristen will talk with Bonne about improving system of care for children as they transition from pre-school to school. Might be appropriate for a short term work group.

Media and Communications

- Video: Nancy Masters in the news!
- Bobbi handed out training surveys and will get back to everyone about available media trainings.

Closing