MHSA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2015
10:30am – 12:00pm
20 N. San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Conference Room

I. Ann Pring: Children’s Mental Health Strategic Planning Discussion (see supporting documents: Children’s MH Strategic Plan Handout and Children’s Strategic Plan Community Meeting Flyer)

- Are Autistic children included? We include their needs but we don’t have a specific program solely for autistic children.
- Certain areas in Marin have difficulty accessing services, e.g., San Geronimo for example has no clinic in town, must go to Pt. Reyes or central Marin for services.
- How are young people under 18 yrs. of age being involved? Need to grow the youth consumer voice either through focus groups or incentives to attend community meetings.
- If schools in Marin have funds in their budget can they pay Marin County Mental Health for our Mental Health Services? Yes could be one potential option.
- Does the county work with fostered youth? Yes, we are currently serving 35-40 fostered youth.
- How are we bring parent’s into this planning effort? We always try to encourage parents to be involved.
- Lagunitas School District (San Geronimo Valley) has need for mental health and substance use services on site for students. Connection to the West Marin Community Coalition and other Prevention and Early Intervention services.
- With the absence of Huckleberry Youth Program’s Nine Grove Lane house, many youth are couch surfing with friends, family and others that are opening their homes to them when they cannot be in their own homes due to family situations, etc. Concerns around safety and some of the challenges of having a youth in the home that may have behavioral issues were express with the hope that some type of training for community members (underground providers) that want to support youth by housing them in their private home.
- For anyone that missed today’s meeting, you can provide your input online by clicking the below web link: 
- For anyone wanting to contribute or see the status and input of the Substance Use Strategic Planning efforts to date, please click on this web link at: 
  [www.marinhhs.org/strategic-planning-2010-2015](http://www.marinhhs.org/strategic-planning-2010-2015). Next Community meeting is 8am on May 5th.
II. Recurring MHSA Advisory Meetings: We will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30-3:00pm at 20 N. San Pedro Road in the Point Reyes Conference room. See 2015 Meeting Calendar on our webpage: https://www.marinhhs.org/mhsa-advisory-committee.

III. Future Meeting Topics – The committee had an open discussion about what areas they would like to explore as a committee – some of that feedback is below. It was also agreed that we would solicit the committee member to see who would want to be on a Steering Committee that would help create the monthly agenda. All information would be shared with the committee members but the steering committee would be tasked to create each agenda. Kasey to send out a request for steering committee participants. Below are subjects the committee identified to be covered:

- CCAB – Cultural Competency Advisory Board
- Co-Occurring – Alcohol & Drug / Mental Health
- Older Adults / HOPE Program
- Preventative Mental Health Services to prevent the matter from getting worse.
- Education around budgeting, how our budgets are created, what funds are used for what services, etc., to understand the funding source(s) and guidelines around the used of the funds.
- Bring in outside speakers, e.g., the Peer Run “Growing Old Gracefully” facilitator, suicide prevention providers, etc.
- Statewide Updates related to MHSA.
- Program Outcomes.
- Access to services – invite the Access Team to discuss their role and how individuals are linked with services.
- Triage and Mobile Crisis Programs
- Outreach & Engagement Team which will focus on those individuals in our community that likely need Mental Health and Substance use services but are reluctant/don’t want to engage services, despite community, family efforts, etc.
- Law Enforcement / CIT training

IV. Reviewed the timeline for the MHSA Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan Amendment Public Comment Period to open on or around April 8th – May 7th (this was covered at the 3.20.15 meeting). Also touched upon the MHSA Annual Update for FY15-16 which reports on FY13-14 services and outcomes and includes the FY15-16 budgets for MHSA, public comment period will likely open on or around May 8th – June 7th, with a public hearing at the June Mental Health Board meeting. Board of Supervisor approval before July 1, 2015.

Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2015, 1:30-3:30pm, 20 N. San Pedro Rd, Pt. Reyes Room