MHSA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

September 23, 2015
1:30-3pm
20 N. San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Conference Room

Introductions and review of the agenda and materials provided to participants of the meeting. Participants at the meeting included committee members along with Suzanne Tavano, Tiana Rockwell, Ann Pring, Children’s Mental Health Services and an intern from Buckelew, Jake Tomlitz.

The agenda for the meeting was to review Prevention and Early Intervention program and outcomes for FY2014-15 services, touch on next steps for the CalHFA stakeholder process and to continue the discussion around our Committee’s Purpose.

Presenter: Kristen Gardner – PEI Coordinator

Kristen provided the following handouts:
- PEI Data Summary FY14-15
- PEI Outcomes Summary FY14-15
- PEI Program Reports FY14-15
- PEI Satisfaction Survey Outcomes FY14-15
- PEI Revised Regulations effective January 1, 2016 – implemented by July 1, 2016
- CalMHSA Know the Signs 2 page handout
- CalMHSA Statewide Prevention Evaluation handout

All of these are available on the MHSA Advisory website at: https://www.marinhhs.org/mhsa-advisory-committee

She reviewed all documents and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (9.23.15 PEI Program Reports FY14-15) and the following were some questions that came up during her review:

Questions:

- What tools used to measure outcomes? How outcomes are measured is shown in parenthesis on PPT.
- What is PEI specifically? PEI is to prevent mental illness form becoming severe and disabling by addressing signs and symptoms early in individuals.
- Early Emergence time limit? No time limit but not allowed to serve someone who is already diagnosed with a mental illness.
- Are these services funded with just MHSA funding? Yes only funded by MHSA PEI funds.
- PEI regulatory changes January 1, 2016 effect, starting July 1, 2016.
Suggestions and Recommendations from Committee Members:

- Great to capture the number of people screened and referred, but need to capture the number of clients that screened positive and referred to further services. Also want to capture data of those that were referred, how many are accessing services they were referred to?
- Substance abuse should be used in the statewide language because services are offered toward drug use as well as mental health also LGBTQ and TAY.
- How much PEI funding does each program receive is also desired to be seen by the public and committee members.
- Break out numbers and percentages for Prevention services separate from Early Intervention services.
- Committee members expressed some concerns with Integrated Behavioral Health programs (at Ritter and Coastal Health Alliance) reaching uninsured / under insured target populations.
- Need to find a way to determine/measure whether clients are really improving after receiving services.
- Address issues with immigrant population hesitant to get more services due to undocumented status fear.
- PEI programs – some now required (Prevention, Early Intervention and Outreach), others not required but recommended.
- Evaluation column – Changes as of 7/1/16 – some will be challenging to track + report due to system barriers.
- Ensure good client care with a warm hand off to referral services w/ release of information.
- Demographics in Marin very different than what PEI regulations require (51% of PEI funds must be targeted to 0-25 year olds). Marin has a very high aging population and concerns were expressed but Suzanne advised that this is part of the law and all counties are held to this requirement.

Kristen is open to addressing any further questions regarding her handouts and how she’ll be adjusting her outcomes based on the committees feedback.

CalHFA

Suzanne confirmed with the committee that based on the presentations at our last meeting, we would want to focus the CalHFA funds on permanent housing. She has started following up with the presenters to see about potential partnering opportunities and will keep the committee updated as this dialog continues. In the meantime, we will be getting all the necessary approvals from the Board of Supervisors in place so when we’re ready to decide on a project, we can access our funds quickly from CalHFA. More to come.
Committee Purpose

One of the handouts at the meeting was a draft of Napa County’s MHSA Stakeholder Committees purpose. Kasey request to the committee members was to have committee members review this handout before the October 28th meeting and be ready to discuss what you like / dislike so we can use some of this as a foundation for our Committee’s Purpose.

Potential Rescheduling of November / December meetings

Our November (11/24) and December (12/22) meetings are very close to Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday – we will discuss potentially rescheduling them at our October meeting. Please bring your calendars to provide input on potential dates.

Next Meeting Date: October 28, 2015, Point Reyes Conference Room, 20 North San Pedro Rd., 1:30-3pm.