

MHSA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

December 2, 2015

11:30am-1pm

20 N. San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Conference Room

Introductions and review of the agenda and materials provided to participants of the meeting.

Meeting calendar for 2016 was handed out at this meeting. It will also be attached to the 12/2 meeting minutes email. It is also available at our MHSA Advisory Committee website at:

<https://www.marinhhs.org/mhsa-advisory-committee>.

Innovation Plan Feedback

Kristen Gardner provided an overview of the feedback received regarding the proposed Innovation project. She handed out the overview (see *INN Revisions based on feedback* attachment) and asked committee members to take 5 minutes or so to read review the overview. She advised that the revised Innovation plan will be made more readable for the public and include more emphasis on what data will be gather for the project. While direct services is not the focus of the Innovation plan, we recognize the concerns and agreed that locally we will need more TAY focused services. Evaluation needs to define what outcomes we expect to measure as the focus is change in system and a positive change in disparities.

Committee Member comments/feedback:

- Brian Slattery – Isn't disparity about families not grass root organizations? Promotores (West Marin) don't qualify as grassroots. Connection to PEI / SMI Clients. Are we still sending SMI to San Jose jail? If so, will it be discontinued soon? Hire people with successful experience working with TAY not grassroots organizations.
- Gail Theller – What if grassroots isn't currently funded and have capability to serve TAY? Shouldn't it be for currently funded programs?
- Laura Kantorowski – Offer support and expansion for people not recognized. Decrease ambiguity.
- Kerry Peirson – Need a more defined target for TAY (too broad) (16-25 too wide of a range).
- TAY grassroots organizations that may not currently serve TAY maybe beneficial to project.
- Disparity between City / CBO / Grassroots Organization and geographical disparity (Tomales) issues to address.
- Within underserved communities – reverse the outreach. Open the door the other way. Make alliances with CBO's and with cities. Issue is to serve clients.
- LGBT concerns – Some don't want to fund expanded 503c options – to allow it to be broader. Outreach to grassroots organizations.
- Lots of needs in Marin. TAY identified as target population. Grassroots organizations identified as area to support and expand our system.
- People at risk being served within their communities that are not connected to standard/traditional system of care.

- Allow TAY expansion within TAY project. ERC TAY groups.
- We want creativity and hope that grassroots organization RFP responses are creative.
- Offer different services to each individual age within TAY (16-18 / 19-21 / 21-25 yr. olds) in order to provide meaningful services for TAY population. How do we engage TAY? Some TAY drop out of services once they turn 18 and are able to make their own legal decisions.
- Does TAY know they can call a number to get an appointment with a therapist – for Medical eligible clients?
- Preferences need to be identified as to why county / Beacon networks are not hitting this target population.
- Youth / TAY involvement in grassroots programs.
- CBO / grassroots Boards need to have diverse representation, TAY activities can be included in outcomes.
- Examples of successful grassroots organizations: Iron Triangle Rhyse Program (google it) – Youth came together to make a change in the community in the city of Richmond. Not only did that community make a change, it expanded into a much larger TAY organization/service that continues to thrive today.
- Kerry Peirson – Include ERC population very innovative.
- Robert Riser – How will this all be funded? 3 year plan – PEI, treatment, etc.
- Marvin Mars – How do these organizations qualify for funding? RFP special qualifications. Eliminate duplication of services? Yes. Is it our purpose to design different programs? No, we are talking about established programs.
- Gail Theller – \$1.6 million is a lot of money, we all want to be behind this.
- Robert Riser – Feels like not enough time to incorporate our voice . We are not committed to the specific Board date. We will not lose the money.
- If Board approves plan, there will be an RFP process.

After some great discussion, the following was agreed for next steps:

- 1) Suzanne will have an internal meeting to review all the feedback and see if we can expand the Innovation plan to make the project clear on the TAY involvement, outcomes and evaluation.
- 2) After that meeting, Kristen will be updating the Innovation Plan language accordingly. Once the draft is updated, it will be sent to all members of this committee to review in advance of our 1/27 meeting.
- 3) We will review the revised Plan language on 1/27 when we meet. I hope to have the language to sometime next week (week of January 18th).

MHSA Advisory Committee Purpose

Due to the extensive dialog related to the Innovation Plan the committee did not get to this agenda item again. The group wanted to keep the dialog going regarding the Innovation Plan. We will keep this item on the agenda for the January meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 1:30-3pm in the Point Reyes Conference Room at 20 North San Pedro Road.