

MHSA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

July 27, 2016

1:30-3:00 pm

20 N. San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Conference Room

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

Non-committee participants at this meeting were: Kristen Gardner, PEI Coordinator, Mary Roy, MHSA Three Year Community Planning, Sean Stephens, Marin Veteran's Office.

Committee Updates:

Suzanne:

No Place Like Home MHSA initiative (the Steinberg Institute championed this proposal) has been passed by the State. Marin advocated for this to not be implemented by sending letters. The initiative will take 7% of MHSA off the top. Every county will have a reduction based on this off the top percentage that will be used to fund bonds to build housing for the homeless. The counties will compete for access to these funds and the expectation is that the larger counties will benefit most as they have the space and resources to quickly start building. Counties won't feel the impact this fiscal year. If revenue continues to increase, the impact won't be felt as much. During years that revenue dips, the impact will be felt.

Another initiative being championed by the Steinberg Institute is regarding Student Mental Health. If the target audience of this initiative was the community and state colleges, counties might be more supportive of it. Unfortunately the initiative is targeted to the UC system. It is unclear at this point how much funding or what percentage the initiative would take off the top of MHSA funding (before it is distributed to counties). More to come.

Kasey:

Updated the membership that going forward, Mary Roy and Kristen Gardner, along with Suzanne, would be hosting the monthly committee meetings as I will be move more into my new job role. The recruitment for the MHSA Coordinator position will be opening up in the coming weeks. I will still be helping Kristen and Mary, but no longer the lead.

The Public Hearing for the MHSA Annual Update for FY16-17 (FY14-15 outcomes) was held on July 12th. There were no comments received online or written during the 30 day comment period (Jun 10 – Jul 10, 2016). One of the Mental Health Board members recommended that we put the allocated funding for each program with each of the write ups in the report, as well as having the component budget. We will be adding this detail to future reports.

The next step is to now bring the MHSA Annual Update for FY16-17 to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. We will then send a copy of the approved report to the Department of Health Care Services and the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission as required.

MHSA Community Planning for FY2017-18 through FY2019-20

Mary Roy (**maryroymft@gmail.com / 925-360-9928**) provided two handouts to the committee regarding her efforts towards the MHSA Three-Year Planning process so far, they were:

- 1) MHSA Community Planning Timeline – Draft
- 2) MHSA Community Planning Process Flow – Draft

Mary has been meeting with key informants for the LGBTQ community and at the ERC and is collecting that information. She is also reaching out to our committee for other key information opportunities. Vinh offered to help with the Vietnamese community and will follow up with Mary. Carol Kerr mentioned that some of the incoming Interns might be available to assist with translation for these discussions.

LGBTQ recommendations were to talk with the schools Gay/Straight Alliances and so Mary has reached out to Marin County Office of Education to tap into those groups when school starts in the fall. Mary met with the ERC about having the client voice involved in the community process and will continue those discussions as we continue our planning for the stakeholder process. Mary also shared that she can provide training to consumers and others to ensure meaningful participation throughout the MHSA Three-Year planning process. There are other populations to engage with as well, e.g., Latino population.

If you have a specific group or demographic that you would like involved in the focus groups or included in the planning process, please talk with Mary. Kerry Peirson recommended a community of Muslims in Mill Valley he's familiar with but wasn't sure of the right way to outreach to them. Mary will follow up by contacting the Human Rights Commission and/or the Interfaith Council to see if they can facilitate an introduction.

Mary also provided the committee with a Process Flow chart – see attachment with these notes. The committee provided feedback on the flow to ensure that the committee is involved in all steps of the planning process as there was much room for improvement from our previous Three-Year planning process.

Reach out to Mary (**maryroymft@gmail.com / 925-360-9928**) to provide your input and recommendations for the MHSA Three-Year planning process.

Presentation: Latino Community Connection – Canal Alliance: Sandy Ponck / Berta Campos

The Latino Community Connection report from the MHSA Annual Update for FY2016-17 was handed out to the membership and was included with these notes. Sandy gave an overview of the services and population reached with the service. Canal Alliance has 11 Promotora (7 located in central Marin and 4 in West Marin) and has a licensed clinician supporting the program. Using Motivational Interviewing and MHFA skills the promotora reach into the community in ways that traditional outreach hasn't been successful. Service is provided as needed and if the need exceeds the scope of their program, the client is referred to the Access and Assessment team for further supportive services. The program uses evidence-based programs and is data driven.

Presentation: Veteran's Community Connection – County Operated: Sean Stephens

Sean began his presentation by thanking the committee for the support and funding that has allowed them to hire a .6 FTE, Marcy Orosco, who is doing data entry into their Panasoft system and doing a lot of outreach into the community with Lynn Murphy from the San Rafael Police Department. Marcy walks the streets of San Rafael with Lynn talking with the homeless and if they served in the military she then works with them to see what vet benefits they are eligible for and connecting them with needed services. Marcy also works in the jail supporting veterans that are incarcerated. Since May 2015 to present – a short period of time – Marcy had connected with 119 veterans and of those she filed 25 claims for VA benefits. Five have already been approved and the remainder or pending (it can take time to process these types of claims) but none have been denied. Of the 5 claims approved, over \$136,000 in benefits have been provided.

Sean has an arrangement for the VA to send a doctor out to his office every other week to host a support group for PTSD and sexual assault trauma for both males and females. Female veterans have tripled in recent years. There are about 17,000 veterans in Marin County. Sean's presentation and gave insight into some of the challenges that Marin veterans face. Sean is hopeful that funding for his program and potential expansion can be included in the next Three-Year plan.

Next Meeting Agenda

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 1:30-3pm in the Point Reyes Conference Room at 20 North San Pedro Road. A proposed agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting.