



**Community Forum Workgroup
 Minutes
 April 25, 2012
 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
 1st Floor Conference Room
 1700 K Street
 Sacramento, CA 95811**

Committee Members:

Staff:

Other Attendees:

Eduardo Vega, Workgroup Co-Chair* Ralph Nelson, M.D., Workgroup Co-Chair Rocco Cheng JoAnn Johnson Abby Lubowe Raja Mitry Monica Nepomuceno* Ruth Tiscareno Gregory Wright	Matt Lieberman Peter Best Kevin Hoffman Dee Lemonds Jose Oseguera	Michael Beebe Vickie Mendoza
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Committee members absent: Khatera Aslami, Kamila Baker, Amber Burkan, Kathleen Casela, and Darlene Prettyman.

*Participated by phone.

Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Ralph Nelson, Jr., Vice-Chair of the Workgroup, convened the meeting at 12:05 pm.

- The meeting participants introduced themselves.

Review/Approve March 7, 2012 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

Debrief: Chico Community Forum

The following are the highlights from the discussion:

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- Chair Vega congratulated staff on doing a good job at the Chico Community Forum: good structure, planning, and organization.
- The Workgroup reviewed a staff debriefing document with positives and challenges identified from the Chico forum. Positives included good overall organization, enough rooms and large enough rooms, noise level was good in big room, enough staff, enough microphones, good having floating staff. Challenges included: need to shorten PowerPoint, need color in PowerPoint, report out may have been skewed to challenges due to fewer points reported out, several volunteers were late to pre-meeting which caused some confusion, low return of questionnaires (need box in future), forum checklist should be updated. Butte County thought forum was respectfully done and felt good the Hmong Group was there. Butte County thought the PowerPoint should be shorter. Staff thought there could be a County Staff discussion group in future. Butte County noted the Behavioral Health Advisory Chair was unclear on role (role needs to be made clearer). Hmong Cultural Center felt involved and honored.
- Comment that forum was awesome. Had a good client discussion group. Request from group to give feedback at anytime. Comment that the website should have a suggestion box.
- Comment that forum is improving each time. Need to cut down introduction and reduce description of MHSA. Had better mental health Hmong interpreter. Workgroup member wondered where were the Latinos? Comment that Latinos were working during the forum. Comment that transportation is still a problem for community members.
- Comment that African-Americans are isolated in Butte County and need to reach out to them. Staff responded that outreach had been made to African Americans but this is a small group in Butte County.
- Comment that it was positive for Commission to meet in a small, rural county. Comment that more mental health board members need to attend the community forums and get to know the Commission and hear from the community. Workgroup member impressed by attendance.
- Chair Vega asked to shorten the PowerPoint. Chair Vega commented that it is important to cover the MHSA components. Chico was the most successful regarding logistics. Surprise expressed at lack of Latino participation. Concern whether there is benefit from questionnaires. Concern about participants who were not locals speaking at the forum.
- Request for more time at report out. Positive to have participants report out. Workgroup member offered to help with Latino turn out. Workgroup member reported that Butte County Community

Member stated that Butte County did not do a great job of bringing community into planning process.

- Comment that statewide advocacy groups facilitate bringing clients and families to the forums. Comment that food is important to success of the community forums.
- Chair Vega commented that he is always glad to see representative from United Advocates for Children and Families. Chair Vega concerned with people from outside of forum area coming to forum and dominating discussion, such as occurred in Modesto.
- Public comment: concern expressed with silos occurring with discussion groups at forums. Need to get diverse perspectives. Vice-chair Nelson commented that we want people to speak freely in own group.
- Comment that questions were too complicated and facilitator needed to simplify questions. Also, had too many questions. Facilitators need to keep collecting surveys from own group after discussion groups. Staff responded that groups not expected to get through all questions. Chair Vega commented that questions need to be boiled down.
- Vice-Chair Nelson commented that people should identify which county they are from and put this in discussion notes. Staff noted that we have promised not to put county attribution in reports. Can note comments came from other counties than host. Vice-chair Nelson asked to note comments from discussion groups and from questionnaires. Vice-Chair Nelson asked to have a response for consumer-run and family-run programs in question 3.
- Suggestion to report out on 2 positives, 2 challenges, and 2 recommendations. Suggestion to have drop off box for questions or note in PowerPoint that comments can be mailed in. Rocco Cheng will put staff in touch with colleague Dixie Galapon for San Diego Forum. Suggestion that report out be limited to five minutes. Suggestion to reach out to Somali and Veterans communities in San Diego.

Planning: San Diego Community Forum

Highlights of the discussion included:

- Staff gave an update on the San Diego Forum planning:
 - Have a Spanish interpreter.
 - Documents will mostly be the same except the introduction and the PowerPoint.
 - PowerPoint cut down for Modesto and Chico. Fact sheet has information on MHSA components and Vice-chair Nelson commented that attention should be called to the fact sheet.

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- Comment that goals should remain in PowerPoint.
- Staff commented that there is a need to review the meeting packets.
- Question whether a video could be found or developed to identify a FSP. Suggestion to ask counties and to ask MHSOAC Chief of Communications Jennifer Whitney. Monica Nepomuceno will send a 12 minute video to staff. Maybe possible to have this video available for the Orange County Forum.
- Public comment: what can be done for stakeholders? Staff responded that what we can do for you is part of the PowerPoint.
- Question regarding outreach process for forums and staff described outreach process. Staff requested assistance from Workgroup with outreach process.
- Comment that wellness and health should be emphasized in materials.
- Comment that Orange County has an MHSA Steering Committee and they should be contacted in early July regarding the Orange County Forum.

Public Comment included during the regular course of the meeting.

Workgroup Identification of Possible Future Agenda Items

No items identified.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.