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**Services Committee Meeting
 Minutes
 February 20, 2013
 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 1500 Capitol Avenue
 Video Conference Room 72-170
 Sacramento, CA 95811**

Committee Members:

Staff:

Other Attendees:

Commissioner Tina Wooton, Chair Jim Gilmer Ken White Phillip Hangar Harvey Grody Autumn Valerio Hector Ramirez Kathleen Casela Steve Leoni *Karen Todoroff *Rick Crispino *Rocco Cheng *Commissioner David Pating	Sherri Gauger Aaron Carruthers Deborah Lee Kevin Hoffman Filomena Yeroshek Wendy Desormeaux Jose Oseguera Keely Connelly	
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*Participation by phone

Absent: Commissioner Bill Brown, Vice Chair, Peter La Follette, Mary Hale, Kristina Kaufman, Maria Salinas

Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Wooton called the meeting to order at 9:40 am and welcomed everyone in attendance in the room and on the phone.

Review /Approve Minutes

Harvey Grody made a motion to adopt the January 15, 2013 meeting minutes. Rick Crispino seconded the motion. Autumn Valerio abstained from voting, as she was not present at the meeting.

Committee Member Report-Out on MHSA Program Implementation

- Chair Wooton shared that she attended the California Mental Health Director's Association's Policy Forum – it was a large gathering of peer leaders from around the state. The discussion was about peers being involved in the Affordable Care Act and the navigators within that system.

Summary Services Committee Member Report-Out:

On MHSA Program Implementation

- Orange County reported that they are working on the FY 13/14 Annual Plan Update, have recently opened a new wellness facility and are continuing to add prevention and early intervention programs.
- Orange County is in the process of adding and implementing 10 new innovation programs, one program is the Integrated Care Project that provides mental health services at local primary care community care clinics.
- Concerns were noted regarding the media's portrayal of a recent news event where an alleged connection to mental illness was made. The language the media is using stigmatizes persons with mental illness.
- From a client perspective, recent events are an opportunity to speak out about the disparity issues and bring forth the real concerns. It's important for the Commission to do more public relations on mental health.
- The Commission put out a Request For Proposal (RFP) to evaluate the Community Planning Process in all counties and an award was made to Research Development Associates (RDA) from the Bay Area. The Commission is working on getting the contract finalized. RDA will be looking at different community planning processes and evaluating best practices.
- The Community Planning Process contract is very tightly tied into the client contract that was also sent out with the RFP. The evaluators will be working with Peers Envisioning and Engaging Recovery Services (PEERS) out of Alameda. PEERS will be doing the research and collecting the data.
- The evaluator, RDA will be doing the evaluation and the client contractor will take that information and develop a curriculum for Training and Technical Assistance to be offered at the local level. The contract will last a year to a year and a half.
- When MHSA was amended by AB 1467, it expanded the requirement for stakeholder involvement with regard to planning.
- The requirement for stakeholder involvement is much more robust, calling for ongoing involvement by stakeholders in planning, program, policy, and evaluation, etc.
- Stakeholder involvement must be ongoing and multi-dimensional.

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- The need to have data available for evaluation of best practices and effective programs was stressed.
- Concern was expressed on how the Commission and other stakeholders can provide input and feedback to RDA and PEERS as they do their work. One method the MHSOAC can utilize to provide input is to invite the contractors to come to the OAC meetings and report out. Staff noted that since it is an evaluation contract, input could be provided to the Evaluation Committee. It was further indicated that this information will be passed onto the Evaluation Committee.
- Commissioner Wooton indicated that she would speak with Dr. Pating, Chair of the Evaluation Committee, to ensure there is an overlap with regards to the Services and Evaluation committee.
- A member shared with the committee that United Advocate for Children and Families (UACF) received the Capacity Building Initiative from CalMHSA and they are getting ready to start roundtables within the counties. So far there have been roundtables in Los Angeles, and soon will move to San Diego, Humboldt, San Bernardino, Santa Clara and Fresno Counties. They are doing outreach to ensure stakeholder representation at the roundtables.
- CiMH symposium on May 13, 2013 on AB 109 and Best Practices Implementation – One day symposium. Flyer will be sent to staff and then forwarded to committee members.
- CiMH has developed a Leadership Institute focused on health equity. The institute targets counties, Community Based Organizations (CBO's) and consumer/family member partners. Flyer will be sent to staff and then forwarded to committee members.
- Mental Health America of San Francisco is holding a Stigma Conference on March 21-22, 2013.
- The majority of workshops at the Stigma conference are based on CalMHSA programs. Flyer will be sent to staff and then forwarded to committee members.

Discussion of MHSOAC Paper entitled “Mental Health Service Act Focus on Veterans”

Staff spoke on highlights of Paper.

- Paper came about as a result of Senator Steinberg's office request for information on Veterans and how they were being served with MHSA money. He wanted concrete information on what counties are doing with MHSA dollars to address issues with Veterans.

Questions that were asked of the counties

- What programs are specifically targeted to Veterans, or have Veterans as one of the identified target populations?

What was learned from the questions asked of the Counties.

- Most counties are serving Veterans in their MHSA program, however they aren't using data on Veterans status so they don't have figures for numbers served.
- Short turn around time so not all counties responded, data not representative of all counties.
- Paper will be posted to website.
It was felt that by posting the paper that counties that didn't respond would send in their responses.
- Discussed using this Paper as a model and to expand to other populations such as different diverse populations.
- Executive Director Sherri Gauger added that there are two full-time positions at the Department of Veteran Affairs that are paid out of the Prop. 63 money.

California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP)

- Jim Gilmer reported that the Strategic Plan is still under review with Agency.

Review Services Committee Charter Activity Timeline

- Commissioner Wooton proposed committee members look at the timeline to see if it meets with members needs and if there needs to be more content on each activity.
- Comments on the charter timeline format are welcome.
- It was discussed that the timeline should be somewhat moree specific in some areas.
- Staff spoke about viewing the document as a fluid document.
Staff suggested members look at the activity worksheets and make suggestions for activities, which staff will summarize and then bring back to the next meeting for more discussion.
- It was recommended that the activity timeline should be more detailed.

General Public Comment

No public comment

Discussion of Possible Future Agenda Items

- Report out on where we are with Resource Center- will be presented by Deborah Lee at March meeting.
- Domestic Violence and how it is linked to mental illness.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.