

OVERVIEW OF FIRST PHASE OF THE CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY INITIATIVE

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PHASE ONE FUNDING FROM 51 COUNTY BH AUTHORITIES

- 16-month period (June 1, 2008 thru September 30, 2009)
- Total financial resources from voluntary contributions from 51 Counties, including SCERP: \$247,000

WHAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY Sept 30, 2009?

	Completed 6-1-08 to 9-30-09	Future/Proposed
<i>Launch Initiative</i>	Launched initiative 6/1/08.	
<i>Outreach</i>	Identified County & Organizational Liaisons; Master Contact List of interested persons (over 1,000 people), periodic email blasts with news/links.	Continue periodic email updates to Master Contact List. Develop and circulate a Consensus Statement for adoption by major statewide bodies regarding the importance of spirituality to wellness, recovery, and multicultural competency
<i>Survey of Counties</i>	Interviewed 53 counties, brief analysis & report out at conferences.	Comprehensive analysis of data and written report
<i>Survey of Clients/Families</i>	Developed survey form, revised with significant participation from sub-committee, translation into seven languages, data entry of paper forms, analysis of numeric data & basic reporting	Analysis of narrative data and more comprehensive reporting; custom survey administration & analysis for CBOs, Counties, and communities.
<i>Survey of CBOs</i>		Possible collaboration with CACFS Research Committee, CCCMHA, CASRA, REMHDCO
<i>Community Dialogues</i>	Developed process for dialogues (formerly “focus groups”) based on SAMHSA “Participatory Dialogues” manual. Revise dialogue process to include faith-based organizations (FBOs).	Training for facilitators, and/or provision of trained facilitation for community dialogues upon request
<i>Conferences</i>	Coordination of North/South conference planning. Attended by 1,111 people.	Support of future conferences

<i>Website/Annotated Resource Database</i>	Selected host, designed and launched website, added resources, responded to requests for individuals to join as “collaborators”	Maintenance and expansion of website, development of an online social networking community (e.g., www.ning.com)
<i>Curricula</i>	Conducted two free training teleconferences, each with over 80 participants. Provided three-DVD set with keynote speeches and selected workshops from No & So Cal conferences to each of our supporting Counties & organizational liaisons. DVDs now for sale at cost. Audio recordings of No Cal workshops available free online	Additional free training teleconferences. Development of training and consultation on incorporating spirituality into Wellness & Recovery Centers, clinical assessments, and collaboration with faith-based organizations. Clearinghouse for statewide expertise and innovative programs.
<i>Legal Briefing</i>		Legal briefing for CBOs and County BH authorities on ethical & legal issues
<i>Advisory Committee</i>	Unfunded...although we did convene the Liaisons repeatedly to advise us on deliverables.	Convene an Advisory Committee of culturally diverse and well-known leaders in the area of mental health & spirituality to guide our work and increase visibility of the Initiative

ASSETS OF THE INITIATIVE TO DATE

- Survey Form for Phone Interviews of County Behavioral Health Directors
- Numeric & Narrative Data from Phone Interviews of County Behavioral Health Directors & their designees
- Survey Form for Individuals Receiving Mental Health Services & Their Families in eight languages
- Numeric & Narrative Data from Survey of Individuals Receiving Mental Health Services & Their Families
- Audio & Video Recordings from the Northern & Southern California conferences
- Audio recordings from free training teleconferences
- Template for Community Dialogues
- Master Contact List (Google Document)
- Website (Google Site)
- Bibliography on Mental Health & Spirituality
- Concept Paper
- Values Statement
- “Inspiring Words” document