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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2010

The MHSOAC meeting for the month of March was held via Teleconference Call.

1. Call to order

Vice Chair Poaster called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

2. Roll call

Commissioners in attendance: Larry Poaster, Vice Chair; Beth Gould, Patrick Henning, Mary Hayashi, Richard Bray, Don Pressley, Howard Kahn, Richard Van Horn, Curtis Hill and David Pating.

Nine members were present and a quorum was established.

A list of the public attendees on the conference call was read aloud.

3. Adopt Minutes of February 25, 2010 Meeting

Vice Chair Poaster asked the Commissioners if there were any concerns with the February meeting minutes. No concerns were voiced.

MOTION: *Upon motion by Commissioner Kahn, seconded by Commissioner Hill the Commission approved the February 25, 2010 Minutes.*

4. Prevention and Early Intervention and Innovation Plan Approval/Status Update

Ms. Collentine, MHSOAC Plan Review Supervisor, presented four plans recommended for approval:

Sacramento County (PEI) – amount requested: $6,106,000
Tri-City (PEI) – amount requested: $1,555,118
Santa Barbara County (PEI) – amount requested: $3,754,690
Santa Cruz County (INN) – amount requested: $776,710

Vice Chair Poaster suggested that the Commission approve all plans in one motion instead of 4 separate motions.

MOTION: *Upon motion by Commissioner Poaster, seconded by Commissioner Hill the Commission approved condensing all plan approvals into one single motion.*

Ms. Collentine began the plan approval for Sacramento County's PEI plan. **Ms. Collentine** reminded the Commissioners that an "Early Start" project for Sacramento County's PEI plan was originally approved in October 2009 by the Commission. Sacramento County's PEI Plan consists of three projects: Strengthening Families, Integrated Health and Wellness and the Mental Health Promotion Campaign. The MHSOAC plan review team recommends the Sacramento County PEI plan for approval.

Commissioner Van Horn asked if the plan review team felt that the PEI plan was good.

Ms. Collentine commented that plan review team felt that the Sacramento County PEI plan was a great plan. MHSOAC received a letter from the Sacramento County Office of Education recommending greater collaboration of PEI services into schools.

The plan review team felt strongly about Sacramento County's prevention projects. Project one concentrates on TAY and project 2 contains a program called the Senior Navigator Program that focuses on targeting isolation and depression in older adults, the plan review team recommends Sacramento County's plan for approval.

Commissioner Van Horn asked **Joyce Wright** from the Office of Education to comment on Sacramento's PEI plan.

Ms. Wright clarified that the Office of Education feels that more of the PEI projects should be implemented in the schools but not all of the plans. **Ms. Wright** also wanted to take a moment to commend **Michelle Callejas**, the Sacramento County MHSA Program Manager, for all of her hard work. **Ms. Callejas** worked very closely with the Office of Education throughout the PEI planning process. **Ms. Wright** also mentioned that the Office of Education feels that in order for Proposition 63 to transform the system more implementation in schools is needed; it's the most natural setting. There is a great need for more Prevention and Early Intervention activities throughout school systems and if county employees were deployed to work with the schools perhaps a greater impact could be made. Trainer models could capitalize on the school systems and help reach more children in the five to eighteen age range with early intervention programs in Sacramento County.

Commissioner Henning commented that he supports the Sacramento PEI plan. The Commissioner asked if there was any out reach efforts made to the employee organizations in the county that will actually be the implementers of the programs.

Ms. Collentine answered that the plan met the guidelines but she wasn't sure if any out reach was made. She asked **Michelle Callejas**, the Sacramento County MHSA Program Manager, who was on the call, to further answer **Commissioner Henning's** question.

Ms. Callejas asked for further clarification of the question from **Commissioner Henning.**

Commissioner Henning clarified that he was curious if any out reach was made to the community employee representatives during the PEI planning process.

Joyce Wright from the Office of Education mentioned that there is a separate plan from the PEI plan that is currently being worked on in collaboration with school representatives. However, throughout the PEI planning process there were many school based and employed individuals working on the plan. The Sacramento County MHSA coordinators held county wide meetings during the planning process that were made available to the public to attend and many school offices were also at the meetings.

Ms. Collentine moved onto the review of the Tri-City PEI plan.

Ms. Collentine commented that the PEI plan review team was extremely pleased with the Tri-City PEI plan. The review team was especially impressed by the attention to and inclusion of Latino youth. Some of the plan's highlights include training TAY youth as volunteer counselors, as well as the training of over 1,000 Mental Health first aid responders to help those who are struggling with mental health issues. The plan review team unanimously offered up Tri-City's PEI plan for approval.

Ms. Collentine moved onto the review of the Santa Barbara PEI plan.

Ms. Collentine spoke about the wonderful efforts made by Santa Barbara County to include the Native American population in their county as well as the efforts made to reach out to the LGBTQ and the other underserved and unserved groups in the community in their submitted PEI plan. The plan review team highly recommended Santa Barbara's PEI plan for approval by the Commission.

Public Comment

Mr. Rodriguez, Santa Barbara County, wanted to thank the MHSOAC staff for all of the technical assistance and support throughout the planning process. Without the help provided by the MHSOAC staff the planning process would have been very difficult.

A representative for **Sacramento County** echoed **Mr. Rodriguez's** above comments. The help that the MHSOAC staff provided with their budget was needed and the County couldn't have done it without them.

Mary Ann Bennett, the Acting Deputy Director for Sacramento County commented that in addition to their PEI plan Sacramento County is working closely with school programs to develop and implement the Sacramento County Student Mental Health and Wellness Plan.

Edwina Browning-Hayes, a Family and Youth Advocate Coordinator from Sacramento, attended the PEI educational forum and wholeheartedly supports the approval of Sacramento County's PEI plan. Ms. Hayes believes that the plan will help to rebuild healthy communities.

Jesse Duff, the County Mental Health Director for Tri-City, thanked the MHSOAC staff for their wonderful support, specifically Dr. Deborah Lee and Mr. Clark Marshall, the help provided by the MHSOAC helped to greatly improve the Tri-City PEI plan.

Marilyn Hillerman, an Adult Family Advocate for Sacramento County, commented that the county and the MHSA PEI team for Sacramento County did a great job with outreach efforts. It's very important to work with the Educational Departments but concerns by those that attended some of the PEI meetings who belong to the LGBTQ community were voiced to make sure that they weren't being excluded from the planning process, the MHSA team then went to the LGBTQ community specifically to facilitate outreach.

Ms. Wright agreed that the school environment should not be the only place for meetings. While the educational setting is important and one of the more "natural" settings for meetings, it's not the only setting.

Stephanie Ramos, a Youth Advocate in Sacramento County, was involved in planning and supports the school plan that is part of the Sacramento PEI plan and is happy that they really involved youth and the youth perspective when planning.

Vice Chair Poaster thanked everyone for their comments.

There was no further public comment regarding PEI plans that were submitted for approval.

Ms. Collentine finished the plan review summaries with the Santa Cruz County Innovation plan. The plan review team was very pleased with the Santa Cruz County Innovation plan. The Work First plan is a work and employment activity based program that engages both the TAY and the co-occurring disorder groups. The program serves as an opportunity to learn work based skills along with treatment and housing, the plan review team highly recommends Santa Cruz County's Innovation plan for approval.

Vice Chair Poster asked the Commissioners if they had any questions about Santa Cruz County's Innovation plan.

There were no questions about Santa Cruz County's Innovation plan from the Commission.

Public Comment

No public comment was made by those participating in the Teleconference.

MOTION: *Upon motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Henning the Commission unanimously approved the Sacramento, Santa Barbara and Tri-City PEI Plans and the Santa Cruz County Innovation Plan.*

General Public Comment

Vice Chair Poaster asked if there was any General Public comment.

No public comment was made at this time.

Vice Chair Poaster adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.