

Children's Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00 – 10:30 AM / Wednesday, December 2, 2009

ACVP / 333 Hegenberger Rd. #600, Oakland, CA 94621 / Monterey Room (6th Fl.)

MINUTES

Members Present:

BOS:

Gail Steele

Children's Services Providers:

Dennis Romano, ACCMHA; Carol Singer, JFCS-EastBay; Shahnaz Mazandarani, AWB; David Theis, Ann Martin; Karyn Tribble, BMH; Beatrice Lee, CHAA; Vonza Thompson, FFYC; Becky Cannon, Girls, Inc.; Paul Barber, Center for Family Counseling

BHCS Staff:

Carolyn Novosel, Shannon Banks, Ellen Muir, Jeff Rackmil

Other:

Barbara Loza-Muriera

ITEM	DISCUSSION	PLAN/ACTION
<p>1. Introduction & Announcements</p>	<p>1.) School Based MH Consultation Services with MHSA – PEI Funds: We have engaged in a planning process with Tri-Valley (Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore) unified school districts and we are planning to award the MHSA-PEI funds (approximately \$165K) to support a community based provider, pending presentation to BOS in January 2010. We are getting ready to convene a similar planning process with the Mid-County school districts (Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo). In Oakland, we will probably augment expansion of MH consultation in select elementary schools.</p> <p>2.) Monthly Change Agent Meeting: 12/09/09 @ 1:00PM – 3:00PM. Eden Community Support Center, Socialization Bldg./Trailer, Fairmont Hospital campus [2045 Fairmont Dr.], San Leandro, CA.</p> <p>3.) EPSDT Steering Committee: The 12/03 meeting is cancelled. Future discussions about EPSDT funded growth will be shared with our provider partners and agency stakeholders at meetings such as our Children's Advisory Committee. We will also be integrating our EPSDT efforts into the larger Children's System of Care with the goal of developing an annual report in efforts to share information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.

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Introduction & Announcements (Cont)	<p>with our community providers and agency partners.</p> <p>4.) SB 785: Alameda County is working on articulating the legislation related to serving out of county Foster, AAP, and KinGap Youth placed in Alameda County. Not all counties are embracing the new requirements related to referral & reimbursement. Questions related to children referred to our outpatient/CBO's may be directed to Jeff Rackmil.</p> <p>5.) BHCS Welcoming Policy: We are seeking input from our community based organizations regarding the draft welcoming policy [updated 7.13.09]. It describes 7 key principles that we would like our entire BHCS "SYSTEM" to adopt. Through the efforts of the Co-Occurring Steering Committee, we are soliciting feedback from our county & community providers. We ask that you talk about the draft policy with your staff and provide commentary about our commitment to creating & sustaining a welcoming environment designed to support wellness, recovery, and resiliency for those seeking behavioral health services. It is also an attempt to see if this first draft accommodates feedback with our cascading approach.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See "SB 785 Referral and Reimbursement" information sheet. • See draft Welcoming Policy 07.13.09.
2. Mission/Vision/Values Discussion	<p>The group collectively read and reviewed the BHCS Mission/Vision/Values statements that have been approved by BHCS. There was some expressed concern that the providers were seeing this for the first time, yet presented as "approved" with no opportunity for feedback from our community providers. The following represents some suggested changes and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reverse order to Vision/Mission/Values. • Change "issues" to reflect MH and AOD. • Expressed concern about using "serious" across all domains. • Reconfigure the recovery, resilience, & wellness to "wellness, resilience, and recovery." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion. • See attachment.

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Mission/Vision/Values Discussion (Cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comment about making the statements “simpler.” [i.e. change maximize to support.] • General discussion about “resiliency” and its use in ethnic communities, particularly. The group recognized that with MHSA, the intended desire is to capture resiliency under child & youth Systems of Care. • There was lots of commentary about the values of “ACBHCS,” of which we will share with BHCS Administration at the next opportunity. <p>Discussion included “supporting wellness” or encouraging wellness; support resiliency or achieve resiliency; honor the multi-cultural voices that make up Alameda County. There was a question about “are we reflecting the cultural experiences and values in how we run BHCS?”</p>	
3. Next meeting – January 6, 2009 (9 -10:30 AM)	Location: AC Vocational Program 333 Hegenberger Rd., Suite 600 Monterey Room	