



Monthly Committee Recording Tool

Meeting Date: April 3, 2014

Committee Name: Mental Health

Committee Co-Chairs: Betsy Pfromm & Dr. Jack Barbour

Second District Staff: Kathleen Austria

Recorder: César Portillo

Please attach a copy of the sign-in sheet.

Discussion notes (include topics of interest, review of old business, and presentation notes, if applicable):

1. DMH Housing Specialist Presentation by Reína Turner
 - a. DMH considers housing an important part of recovery
 - b. Two Housing Specialists are assigned to each Service Planning Area
 - c. They assist and provide guidance to case managers on housing-related matters
 - d. Starting to make units available through Coordinated Entry System
 - e. Is targeted housing available for Transition-Age Youth (TAY)?
 - i. Funding principles are guided by the Mental Health Services Act Housing Advisory Board
 - ii. The Board's current prioritized underserved populations are TAY, Older Adults, and Children
 - iii. Currently six buildings are exclusive to TAY
 - iv. There is also a TAY shelter bed program
 - v. DMH now has a TAY division
 - vi. Buildings for adults are open to ages 18+
 - f. The Committee identified a big problem is the length of time for new construction
 - i. We are interested in alternative, rapid (within 1 year) housing options
 - ii. Important to identify any available land, perhaps government-owned
 - iii. The Committee needs to be a policy advocate
 - iv. One of DMH's funding principles is "readiness" – projects that are close to being ready
 - v. DMH has not considered mobile housing
 - vi. Module units might be a good option
 - vii. DMH is open to recommendations; we can call Ms. Turner at 213-251-6558
 - g. LA Homeless Services Authority helps those who do not have a mental illness
 - h. The Committee will consider conducting a workshop at 7th Annual Housing Institute on June 10-11 at The California Endowment



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2. Mental Health Committee Work Plan Update
 - a. Housing
 - i. Rapid housing alternatives
 - ii. Policy initiatives
 - iii. Limited land available in Supervisorial District 2
 - iv. Coordinated Entry System
 - b. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Funding
 - i. It's a systems issue, not a funding problem
 - ii. Parents may be unaware their children are qualified
 - iii. The healthier parents are, the healthier their children are
 - iv. In primary care, children should be asked specific questions so we can address their needs sooner

Next Meeting: May 8, noon

Announcements:

- Public Health Expo; April 11, 2014
- Tools for Transformation; April 11-12, 2014
- DMH Client Coalition Meeting; April 18, 2014
- Sex Trafficking Walk; April 26, 2014
- Hope & Recovery Conference in English; April 29, 2014
- Free SAT Prep Workshop; May 31, 2014
- Latino Behavioral Health Institute Conference, September 17-19, 2014
- DMH Older Adult System of Care Meetings; 3rd Monday of Every Month
- Disability Benefits 101
- DMH Office of Family Engagement
- Hollywood Work Source Center
- Peer-Led Smoking Cessation

Next Steps:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date	Comments
Invite Carol Phillips & Ron Mulvihill to speak at the next meeting	Dora Gallo & César Portillo	5/5/2014	
Complete 2013-2014 Mental Health Committee Work Plan	Betsy Pfromm & Dr. Jack Barbour	4/3/2014	