



Monthly Committee Recording Tool

Meeting Date: May 7, 2015

Committee Name: Mental Health

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

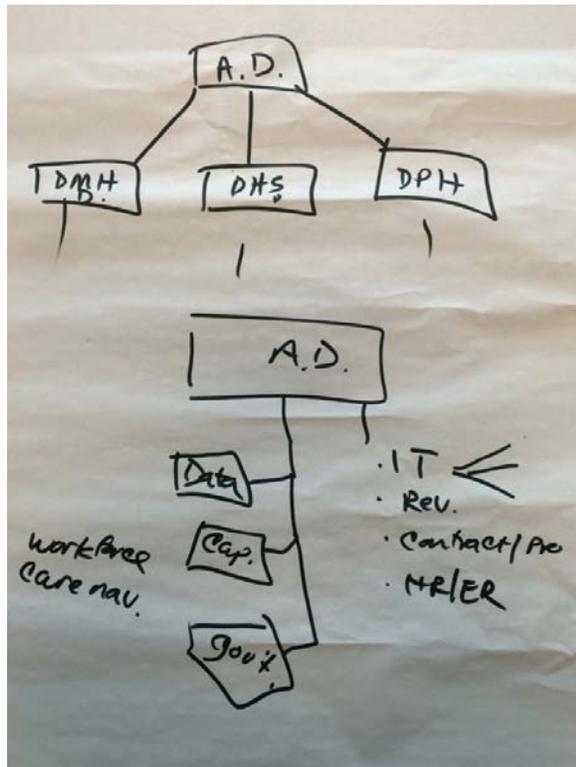
Second District Staff: Kathleen Austria

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. "Response to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding possible creation of a health agency" Draft Report --- Presentation and Q&A Period: Christina Ghaly, MD; Director of Health Care Integration; County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
 - a. Responses by Dr. Ghaly to general questions:
 - i. Each individual department will continue to manage its own budget and contracts, including resources for DMH client coalitions.
 - ii. The integration's focus is to grow services in an integrated, holistic way; it's not to cut services.
 - iii. In response to a question about consumer involvement, Dr. Ghaly requested specific input on how consumer processes work best.
 - iv. No MHSA funds will be cut or redirected through this process.
 - b. Specific answers to the list of "Potential Questions for Dr. Christina Ghaly":
 - i. **Can the Health Agency Proposal be available in languages constituting LA County clients?** --- Dr. Ghaly said only the Executive Summary will be available in languages requested.
 - ii. **Why would Model #3 - "3 Departments Reporting to Leadership Team" be the solution?** --- Dr. Ghaly said each department will choose its representative to the leadership team.
 - iii. **Can you provide a picture of Model #3 that includes the kinds of key staff, their duties, and organizational structure? What is meant by dual roles in this structure?** --- Dr. Ghaly illustrated the model (*see the photo below*).



- iv. **What is the specific language that enables the proposed health agency's authority?** --- Dr. Ghaly said the County Code needs to be modified for this purpose.
- v. **Regarding Dr. Katz's experience leading an integrated health agency in San Francisco: What were the outcomes? Would it work in Los Angeles? What was the client satisfaction data and client level of participation?** --- Dr. Ghaly advised we ask Dr. Katz for specific outcomes and data. She also noted an integrated health agency in Los Angeles would be significantly more complex than the integrated health agency in San Francisco.
- vi. **Would clients participate in the interviewing process for an Agency Director?** --
- Meeting attendees emphasized that trust has been undermined by how this process began, and that consumer involvement in the interview process would help rebuild trust.
- vii. **How can we be assured the proposed health agency will improve mental health services?** --- Dr. Ghaly said accountability measures will be put in place, such as public reports and specific indicators on progress.
- viii. **How would the proposed health agency help the homeless population?** --- Dr. Ghaly acknowledged that the problem is complex and crosses sectors.
- ix. **What can you tell us about the EC MHC's 2012 White Paper and how it can inform the process for coordinating/integrating services?** --- Dr. Ghaly recognized the Committee's White Paper as the direction in which the field needs to head.



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2. Next Meeting: June 4, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic's University Park Office (3031 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90007)

Announcements:

- Public Comments Meeting on LA County Health Agency Proposal – May 12
- Westside Clergy & Faith Network Meeting – May 12
- Older Adult System of Care Meeting – May 18
- Conference on Mental Health & Spirituality – May 28
- African-American Mental Health Conference – Jun. 18
- Hope & Recovery Conference – Jun. 24
- LA County Older System of Care Committee
- Partners in Suicide Prevention
- Women's Health Screenings

Next Steps:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
Submit input to the "Response to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding possible creation of a health agency" Draft Report	Committee	May 27