



Monthly Committee Recording Tool

Meeting Date: September 3, 2015

Committee Name: Mental Health

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

Second District Staff: Dhakshike Wickrema

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. Diversion Plan Focus Group

- a. Dhakshike Wickrema, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' Deputy for Homelessness and Mental Health, presented the County Board of Supervisors' approved motion and amendments on diversion.
- b. The County will create an Office of Diversion & Re-Entry, which will have five new positions.
- c. The County will also establish a Permanent Steering Committee.
- d. Development of services will include more community representation, outreach, and input.
- e. The Office of Diversion & Re-Entry and the Permanent Steering Committee will identify or create a more standardized diversion assessment tool.
- f. Priority populations are the elderly and veterans.
- g. An MOU will be drafted between the Permanent Steering Committee, the Sheriff's Department, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.
- h. In 90 days the Office of Diversion & Re-Entry will report to the Board on:
 - i. Recommendations on the allocation of diversion funds, which includes 40% to housing
 - ii. Pipeline development for permanent supportive housing units
 - iii. Evaluation plan
- i. Regarding the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in Supervisorial District 2, the Mental Health Committee may invite a representative from each SPA's CES lead agency to speak at an upcoming meeting:
 - i. SPA 6: Special Service for Groups
 - ii. SPA 8: Harbor Interfaith
 - iii. SPA 5: Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition
- j. Mental Health Committee's leadership is working with Public Safety & Justice Committee's leadership on a possible focus group on diversion, tentatively scheduled for October 17, which may approach diversion through a trauma-informed framework.



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2. South LA Trauma-Informed Community Initiative Convening
 - a. We must identify the definition of “trauma-informed.”
 - b. Many types of trauma exist.
 - c. A lot of trauma in Supervisorial District 2 is unrecognized.
 - d. The Committee will continue to develop this convening at upcoming meetings.

3. Next Meeting: October 1, 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:

- LA County Health Agency Public Convenings – Sep. 10, Sep. 11, Sep. 14, Sep. 15, Sep. 17
- Group Facilitation Training – Sep. 10
- Focus Group for Peer Advocates – Sep. 14
- Entrepreneurship Course Orientation Session – Sep. 15
- “Providing Effective job Development, Placement, and Retention Services to Ex-Offenders and Expungement of Criminal Records” Training – Sep. 15
- Joint Press Conference of Cease Fire & LA Reintegration Council – Sep. 16
- Young Adult Seasonal Job & Resource Fair – Sep. 17
- Gardena Job Fair – Sep. 17
- “Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and Employment” Training – Oct. 6
- LA County Homeless Court Clinic – Oct. 13
- Statewide Integrated Care Conference – Oct. 28-29
- Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corporation’s Open Access Mental Health – Tuesdays & Fridays
- YouthBuild & Rosie the Riveter Youth Program

Next Steps:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date
Work with Public Safety & Justice Committee’s leadership on a possible focus group on diversion	Mental Health Committee Leadership	Sep. 30