

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

November 15, 2018
9:00am
Behavioral Health Facility
301 East 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Monica Adrian, Nancy Reding, Ruby Awesome, Jenna Nunes, Anthony Vieira, Fernando Granados, Andrea Cruthird-Mays, James Henderson, Anna Santos, Marilyn Mochel, Stefani Rosas Soto, Mai K. Yang, Rhonda Prater, Griselda Vazquez, Karina Walden, Chris Bobbitt, Alejandro Abarca, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Caitlin Haygood, Christopher Jensen, Andrea Tovar, Sharon Jones

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for October 18, 2018 was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Rhonda J. Prater) and carried.

III. Update Planning Council Contact List

Fernando Granados, Chair, stated that the contact list is updated when everyone signs in.

IV. Notice to the Public

No Notice to the Public

V. Chair's Report

No report

VI. Director's Report

No report

VII. FY Annual Update 2018-2019 Public Hearing

Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator for BHRS, informed the council that the Annual Update for FY 2018/2019 is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 8, 2019. Sharon Jones gave a brief summary of the feedback received during the public hearing from stakeholders which included more support for NAMI. Sharon Jones also reported that \$20,000 will be used to provide LGBTQ support; these funds were reduced from the Strengthening Families program. The group further discussed the LGBTQ support funding and the process of obtaining approval for the Annual Update 2018/2019.

VIII. Access California State of the Community Report (2017-2018)

Sharon Jones gave a brief description of the California State of the Community Report (2017-2018).

IX. Discussion on MHSA Contract Revision Process

Sharon Jones informed the council that the MHSA Contract Revision Process will be updated. The revision will allow for two opportunities to request revisions for current contracts during the months of December and April. Sharon Jones also stated that the MHSA Staff Services Analysts were granted permission by the Director to review request changes within 10% of the contracted budget. Any change request that exceeds 10% will require a letter to the Director of BHRS. The group discussed the overall contract revision process and what role the revision process will have within Ongoing Planning

Council meetings. An updated letter will be issued to all. The group also discussed Prop 2 and how it will create an impact. Fernando Granados asked for clarification in regards to what role the Ongoing Planning Council would play in regards to contracts changes. Sharon Jones stated that if there is available funds, the Director will issue a letter. Ruby Awesome, BHRS Staff Service Analyst, also gave an overview of the MHSA contract revision process for clarification.

X. MHSA Bylaws

Sharon Jones announced that all members should have received and reviewed the various changes that have been made to the MHSA Bylaws. Fernando Granados stated that the Bylaws cannot be approved until various processes get review and approved such as application, voting, etc.

XI. MHSA Ongoing Planning Council Members

The group discussed the importance of the official Ongoing Planning Council application. Sharon Jones stated that it is important to identify which areas members are representing. Sharon Jones encouraged all to completed the Ongoing Planning Council application

XII. Possibilities and Success Stories

Attendee reported the recent attendance of the Cultural Competency Summit; she was pleased with her overall experience. Mai K. Yang of Merced Lao Family distributed flyers for the upcoming Merced Hmong New Year Celebration scheduled for December 21-23, 2018. Christopher Jensen of BHRS reported that the Youth to Youth Mentoring program is now in Los Banos Middle School and Pacheco High School with 12 mentors and 12 mentees. Christopher Jensen also reported that the program is also at Le Grand High School as well. Jenna Nunes of Sierra Vista announced that on November 16th both Sierra Vista and MHSA will be at Buhach High School for the Bullying Prevention/Suicide Prevention event. Marilyn Mochel announced that NAMI Merced County and Building Healthy Communities will be submitting additional grant proposals and looking for organizations to partner with. Anna Santos of TIP discussed youth voice for ages 18-24 years old unaccompanied and homeless youth. Anna Santos also announced that Rise Up Together will be offering a week long training in advocacy for non-profit organizations.

XIII. Next Steps

Forward Annual Update FY 2018/2019 and California State of the Community Report (2017-2018) to all members of the council. Add AB1004 and MHSA Bylaws to January's agenda.

XIV. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.