

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

January 16, 2020

9:00am

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
301 East 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Rhonda Prater, Caitlin Haygood, Nancy Reding, Fernando Granados, Monica Adrian, Cindy Mattox, Joana Castaneda, Patti Kishi, Maria Orozco, Jenna Nunes, Tatiana Vizcaino, Heydi Herrera, Clovia Barboza, Megan Lawson, Mai Ka Yang, Marilyn Mochel, Vong Chang, Sharon Mendonca, Anna Santos, Anthony Vieira, Rebecca McMullen

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Fernando Granados informed the group that Sharon Jones is not present at the meeting today, so we will have to table some of the agenda items until next month.

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for December 19, 2019 was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Rhonda Prater) and carried.

III. Update Planning Council Contact List

Fernando Granados, Chair, encouraged all attendees to sign in to maintain an updated contact list.

IV. Notice to the Public

Tatiana Vizcaino informed the group that on April 25, NAMI, in partnership with the Merced Union High School District, is hosting an outreach and engagement event on Youth Mental Health, from 10:30-3pm. They are going to be inviting other organizations for tabling. Their first planning meeting was held yesterday. The next planning committee meeting will be held on the 23rd at 3:30 at their Vault Works office. The main goal of the conference is to increase NAMIs visibility and membership. If Tatiana could send Clovia Barboza a save the date flyer, she will send it out to this committee.

Monica Adrian announced that the next Value Learning Community will be held on February 26th. The topic is Engaging Parents and Building Resilience in the Community. Monica sent the information to Caitlin and Clovia, so they can share it with the group.

Joana Castaneda with Central California Alliance for Health informed the group that the Merced County Complete Count Committee is meeting this afternoon from 1:30-3 at the Administration building on "M" Street. Fernando Granados added that maybe at some point we could get someone from the Complete Count Committee to come give a presentation to the group.

V. Chair's Report

Fernando Granados reminded everyone that we are in the process of a Census, so it's important that we educate ourselves and our clients about the Census. He asked for Clovia or Caitlin to talk to Sharon Jones about inviting someone from the Census to come in and talk to the group.

VI. Director's Report

Sharon Mendonca reminded the group that Yvonnia is still overseeing BHRS and HSA. Yvonnia is still responding to emails. If you need to meet with Yvonnia, the best way would be to get ahold of her Secretary, Carol Hulsizer. The Crisis Stabilization Unit is up and in full force. We are still looking to get a contract for the youth CSU. We hope to have a contract in place by the end of June. The Navigation Center has moved to a building located here at the BHRS campus. There are additional housing interns that are coming onboard. We are closed on Monday for Martin Luther King's birthday. The

homeless facility that we are looking at building where the old Juvenile Hall was is moving forward. We have a large plan over the next couple years, in order to meet the needs of the homeless. Sharon encouraged everyone to go to the Behavioral Health Boards agenda to see the PowerPoint presentation that was presented yesterday. The goal is to have the facility open in October 2020. The facility should be able to hold 75-100 people. Interviews are starting on January 21st for the new BHRS Director.

VII. Program Presentation – Sierra Vista – iMatter

Jenna Nunes gave a presentation on Sierra Vista's iMatter program. The program provides social skills and bullying prevention groups to the schools in Merced County. The goal is to reduce impulsive and aggressive behavior and increase social competence.

VIII. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) County Population for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Cindy Mattox spoke on Sharon Jones' behalf. Information Notice No. 19-046 was passed out to the group, which shows the population for Merced County at 282,928. The Department of Health Care Services uses the calculations for our allocations and reversions.

IX. Update on Annual Update Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Cindy Mattox shared that there wasn't a quorum at the Public Hearing on December 3rd, to approve the Annual Update, so it was put on the agenda for the February 4th Behavioral Health Board meeting.

X. MHSA Issues Resolution Process Reminder

Cindy Mattox reminded the group that we do have a MHSA Issue Resolution process. There is a form you can fill out if there is an issue.

XI. MHSA Upcoming Bootcamp

Cindy Mattox informed the group that the MHSA Bootcamp is coming up on May 19-20.

XII. EQRO Review

Sharon Mendonca said it went very well. We hope to have their response back within the next few months. Sharon Mendonca thanked everyone that was a part of the focus groups. The purpose of the EQRO is so the state can make sure our programs are meeting the needs of Merced County. They are looking at the whole process of our program. They then give us feedback on what they have reviewed. Sharon will give an update once we receive the report.

XIII. MHSA Activities 2020

Cindy Mattox told the group that we are planning a stigma event with iMatter at Golden Valley High School on March 18th. We are getting ready to start planning the May event and the Spiritual Wellness event that MHSA does every year.

XIV. Bylaws Update Pending

Agenda item tabled.

XV. Administrative Updates and Changes

Agenda item tabled.

Fernando Granados reminded the group that this agenda item was for if there was any changes in the contracts or programs, Sharon Jones would bring those agenda items forward.

XVI. Possibilities and Success Stories

Nancy Reding informed the group that the potluck the LGBTQ Alliance had in December was well attended.

Cindy Mattox wanted to say thank you to the Merced Lao Family and the Livingston Police Department for their toy donations.

Marilyn Mochel said that Building Healthy Communities has a school action team that works with parents and young people. Students and parents continue to bring up the need for more mental health counseling at school sites. There is going to be an LCAF meeting on the 21st, which is being hosted by Building Healthy Communities with Merced School District.

XVII. Next Steps

We will be bringing in a sign in sheet for program presentations at the next meeting.
The next Ongoing Planning Council meeting will be held in C219, which is the Auditorium.

XVIII. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 9:46am.