

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Cultural Competency Meeting

January 17, 2019

10:00am

Behavioral Health Facility
301 East 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Sharon Jones, Gloria Nunn, Rebeca Wood, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Rhonda J. Prater, Anna Santos, Belle Vallador, Dwayne Kawakami, Alma Chaves, Stefani Rosas, Griselda Vazquez, Amalia Madrigal-Hernandez, Rocio R. Ortega, Jamie Ward, Heydi Herrera, Adam Lane, Fernando Granados, Maria Bautista, Andrea Tovar

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Check-in/Conocimiento

The group completed self-introductions, stating names and agencies.

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for November 15, 2018, was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Rhonda Prater) and carried.

III. Discussion on Cultural Competence Summit

Sharon Jones gave the group a brief overview of the 2018 Cultural Competence Summit. Sharon Jones also stated that the topic of implicit bias was highlighted during the summit. The group discussed various forms of implicit bias. Sharon Jones will forward the 2018 Cultural Competence Summit link to all members of the group when it becomes available. Heydi Herrera of Golden Valley shared her experience at the Summit. Amalia Madrigal-Hernandez of Public Health invited the group to attend the Equity Coalition meetings, which provide cultural trainings and resources. Sharon Jones suggested inviting speakers to the Cultural Competency to provide information on various cultural topics.

IV. Update on Cultural Competence Plan Update

Sharon Jones reported that the Cultural Competence Plan has been updated. Sharon Jones also stated that all members will be receiving a copy of the Cultural Competence Plan Update via email.

V. Ongoing Cultural Competence Training

Sharon Jones informed the group that she recently developed Fostering Growth in Cultural and Linguistic Competence, a cultural competence training PowerPoint for BHRS and contracted providers to complete. This training will update all staff in the area of cultural competency. BHRS and contracted provider staff are still required to attend California Brief Multicultural Competency Survey (CBMCS) training when available to do so. Sharon Jones stated that attendance to CBMCS is annually according to regulations.

VI. Suicide Safer Community Initiative

Sharon Jones informed the group that the next Suicide Safer event is scheduled with Older Adults System of Care. Sharon Jones gave the group a brief overview of a Suicide Safer event. Sharon Jones also encouraged all to schedule an event in the future.

VII. Ending the Stigma Campaign

Sharon Jones stressed the need to remove labels and the need for mental health care. Sharon Jones also announced that the Ending the Stigma campaign has been going well. Sharon Jones encouraged contracted providers to partner for a future event.

VIII. Special Outreach Outlying Communities

Sharon Jones asked the group how their outreach efforts are currently going and what outreach is needed. Sharon Jones informed the group that MHSA capacity building funds were approved for the LGBTQ population of \$20,000. An attendee shared his view of Dos Palos and its current need for outreach. Belle Vallador of Healthy House discussed New Direction located at 1137 B Street and the services provided. Anna Santos of TIP announced that the Youth Homeless Count (ages 13 to 24) is scheduled to occur shortly. The group discussed their concerns associated with obtaining adequate counts for the Homeless Count. Sharon Jones encourage all to think of additional outreach opportunities and areas that may need more outreach within the community. Anna Santos also announced that the Continuum of Care will be issuing RFPs for the HEAT funding for youth of the amount of \$125,000.

IX. Program Reports and Updates

Adam Lane announced that the Merced LGBTQ+ Alliance will be holding a weekly TRANS support group at the Merced Adult School every Monday at 6:30pm with dinner provided. Adam Lane also announced the upcoming LGBTQ+ Summit for Youth and Adults at Merced High school scheduled for April 6, 2019 with keynote speaker Zoey Luna from the documentary film Raising Zoey. Belle Vallador announced that Healthy House was awarded an extensive for an outreach program advocating for abused women 55 and older. She also announced that Healthy House will be providing an advance law enforcement training schedule for March 2019. Belle Vallador spoke highly of New Direction. Alma Chavez of Golden Valley announced that Golden Valley will be hosting an AIDS Awareness Day on February 13, 2019. Rebeca Wood of BHRS announced the upcoming celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Los Banos' Westside Wellness Center and Merced's Wellness Center. Nancy Reding announced that she has been participating in the Black Parallel School Board. Nancy Reding gave a brief overview of the Black Parallel School Board. Nancy Reding distributed flyers for the upcoming unity march for Keep The Dream Alive.

X. Possibilities and Success Stories

XI. Next Steps

Next meeting: discuss goals to accomplish for the year, begin planning for May is Mental Health Month and Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference.

XII. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:58am