

# summary

# Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

March 15, 2018  
9:00am  
Mental Health Facility  
1137 B Street, Merced

## Present:

Andrea Tovar, Ricky Pal, Nancy Reding, Ruby Awesome, Anthony Vieira, Vanessa Galvez, Rhonda Prater, Babette Cagle, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Brenda Geary, Anna Santos, Jenna Nunes, Mai Ka Yang, Paul Thao, Sharon Mendonca, Vong Chang, Caitlin Haygood, Cindy Mattox, Taylor Frost, Griselda Vazquez, Chris Bobbitt, Rebecca Wood, Danielle Mumford, Fernando Granados, Ka Her, Sharon Jones

## Presentation and Discussion:

*All Members*

### I. Call to Order / Roll Call

### II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for February 15, 2018 was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Danielle Mumford) 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

Anthony Vieira of Livingston Police Department informed the council that on March 23, 2018 a Pride Prom is to be held at El Capitan high school in Merced; students are inquiring about security. Nancy Reding, community member, suggested that a phone call be made to the school's main office but also stated that she may be able to connect Officer Vieira to a possible private security team that may be able to offer services. Jenna Nunes, of Sierra Vista, suggested phoning David Rogers the Assistant Principle. Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator, informed the council that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Contest has officially begun; flyers were distributed. Jenna Nunes announced that Sierra Vista will be hosting BHRS focus groups at Livingston High on March 21, 2018 from 9am to 10am and Westside Head start on March 21, 2018 at 3pm.

### V. Chair's Report

No Chair Report

### VI. Director's Report

Director Yvonnia Brown not present. Sharon Mendonca, BHRS Assistant Director announced that the Opening Ceremony for the new building project is scheduled for April 20, 2018 at 9am; invitations will be sent out. The move will occur over two scheduled weekends; services will not be interrupted.

### VII. May is Mental Health Awareness Month Event

Sharon Jones announced that the May is Mental Health Awareness Month event is scheduled for May 16, 2018 at the Atwater Community Center; program will be similar to last year's. Sharon gave a brief overview of the event. Sharon has arranged a meeting with various consumers who are interested in participating in the event on March 21, 2018 at 11:30am. Sharon continues to actively seeking out additional individuals to participate in the event. More information to come.

### VIII. Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference

Sharon Jones announced that the Spiritual Wellness and Recovery conference is scheduled for July 14, 2018 from 9am to 3pm at the Italo-Lodge. Sharon is currently seeking out individuals to participate in the conference. Sharon gave a brief overview of prior conferences.

**IX. California State MHSA Audit**

Sharon Jones informed the council that all received information pertaining to the California State MHSA Audit via email and a printed copy of a fact sheet highlighting a few of the key findings. All information was from a recent State level audit. Sharon reviewed various key topics with the council; highlighting the topic of reversion of PEI funds.

**X. MHSUDS Information Notice No: 17-059**

Sharon Jones stated that the Information Notice offers a detailed guideline of what is required in order to spend the reallocated funding; which includes a community planning process. A plan must be developed by July 1, 2018 for the reverted, reallocated funding. Various focus groups and a key informant interview have been scheduled.

**XI. Focus Groups and Key Informant Interviews**

Sharon Jones shared with the council the upcoming focus group and key information schedule. She also asked all to contact her or Caitlin Haygood if additional focus groups were needed to be scheduled. Nancy Reding, community member, suggested an evening focus group; Sharon stated that would be possible. Sharon Mendonca gave the council a detailed description of the PEI funding that was subject to reversion and the process. Brenda Geary of Los Banos Police Department requested clarification pertaining to a proposal of the MAPS program in Los Banos. Sharon Jones explained the process; which includes a letter from the Director with guidance. The group discussed Prudent Reserve and the purpose of it. Sharon Jones shared with the group how PEI is for all populations, especially the at-risk population. Nancy Reding stated that she is concern with the at-risk populations who are being served and not being served, specifically the LGBTQ youth. She voiced her concern in regards to the lack of verbiage in the Three-Year Plan and the lack of outreach pertaining to the LGBTQ population. Fernando Granados suggested that the collected information from future focus groups be presented to this council; this will allow the council to look at what future programs/group could be developed under PEI. The group discussed the Sierra Vista Anti-Bullying events and the various focus groups that have been scheduled. Anna Santos of TIP shared with the group information pertaining to Let's Talk, an upcoming webinar. All council members will be forwarded the information. Nancy Reding stated that a LGBTQ training had been offered for the clinicians but the feedback that she received from the clinicians was that they did not attend or did not know about it. Sharon Jones informed the council that a training has recently been established for late May and early June with Dr. Ebony Williams; she will be facilitating the first-wave of trainings pertaining to the LGBTQ culture, issues and support. The hope is to schedule a training pertaining to Transgender cultural later this year. Fernando Granados stated that Marilyn Mochel with Building Healthy Communities will be hosting a LGBTQ Youth focus group in the near future. Cindy Mattox, BHRS Staff Service Analyst, informed the council that a focus group calendar is posted on the Merced County MHSA website. The group discussed how to better inform the public of scheduled events. Griselda Vazquez of Livingston Health Clinic would like to see a focus group held in the Delhi community; Sharon asked Griselda to email Caitlin Haygood in order to schedule a focus group. Griselda Vazquez shared with the council the various concerns of the Delhi parents. Nancy Reding stated that she will assist with an after 5pm focus group; Sharon stated that she will have Caitlin Haygood send availability slots.

**XII. Timeline for Program Update**

Sharon Jones informed the council that a draft for the Program Update will be presented to the Ongoing Planning Council on April 12, 2018. Sharon stated that the focus group and key informant interviews are scheduled to end on April 6, 2018. Sharon also stated that the Program Update will be presented to the Behavioral Health Board at a Public hearing on June 5, 2018 and to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval on July 10, 2018.

**XIII. Discussion on MHSOAC and MHSA**

Sharon Jones asked the council to visit the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability website to review the various initiatives and core areas. Sharon gave the council a brief overview of the MHSOAC. Fernando Granados, of Sierra Vista, inquired about an RFP for the Youth Innovative program; Sharon Jones stated that it is under development. Ruby

Awesome, Staff Service Analyst for BHRS, stated that the details are currently being developed. Once the RFP is published, an email will be sent out to those programs who wish to be contacted.

**XIV. Possibilities and Success Stories**

Cindy Mattox thanked Jenna Nunes of Sierra Vista for arranging all the local high school Ending the Stigma events. Jenna Nunes gave the council a brief overview of the successful Atwater High event. The group discussed the outreach and sustainability components. Anna Santos of TIP stated that the Youth Homeless Committee will be hosting a Spring Fling at the Cube on April 6, 2018. This will be an event where Homeless TAY can meet with Social Security, DMV, and additional resources. Taylor Frost of Caring Kids informed the group that she and a coworker attend the Effective Black Parenting program and stated it was an incredible unique experience. Attendee informed the council that the Merced Wellness Center will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16, 2018 from 11am to 1pm.

**XV. Next Steps**

Scheduling of a meeting for Chair, Vice Chair and Director of BHRS to discuss the direction and bylaws of this council.

**XVI. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned 10:04am.