

summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

April 12, 2018
9:00am
Mental Health Facility
1137 B Street, Merced

Present:

Jenna Nunes, Fernando Granados, Sharon Mendonca, Irvin Guzman, Rhonda Prater, Ricky Pal, Anna Santos, Marilyn Mochel, Rebecca Melero, Laura Segura, Brenda Geary, Caitlin Haygood, Chris Bobbitt, Danielle Mumford, Cindy Mattox, Jennifer Mockus, Paul Thao, Alfred Rivera, Griselda Vazquez, Sophia Ornelas, Donna Dennerlein, Anthony Vieira, Toni Mitnacht, James Maynard, Gloria Nunn, Alana Reyna

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for March 15, 2018 was motioned/seconded (Chris Bobbitt/Jenna Nunes) 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

Fernando Granados of Sierra Vista stated that Sierra Vista is wrapping up its third contracted year with Merced Unified High School District and the contract will not be renewed. Sierra Vista clinicians will no longer be placed at the local high schools and will be replaced by licensed clinicians. Marilyn Mochel, who participates with school advocacy, stated that parents and students would like to see an increase in mental health services within the schools. The group discussed advocacy for the students and their concerns. Marilyn also stated that there is a need to begin talking about increase access for mental health crisis services.

V. Chair's Report

No Chair's Report.

VI. Director's Report

Director Yvonnia Brown not present. Sharon Mendonca, Assistant Director for BHRS, reported that the Grand Opening of the new BHRS campus is scheduled for Friday April 20, 2018 beginning at 9am. Tours will be available. Flyers have been sent out. No Place like Home funds remain in litigation; hearing scheduled for July 23, 2018 regards those funds. Currently no technical funding nor directions have been released but award notice has been received. Merced County and the City of Merced are currently working on a collaborative housing project which will be 120 units with 30 units being designed for permanent supportive housing. The City of Merced will be funding the housing project. The tentative location is currently the B Street location; purchase price is \$1, 080, 000. The funds, if sold, will go directly into CSS MHSA. SB906, The Peer Support Specialist Certification Bill, will have four categories: TAY, Family, Parent and Teen. BHRS will continue to monitor the progress of SB906.

VII. Upcoming MHSA Bootcamp

Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator for BHRS, informed the council that she and Sharon Mendonca, will be attending a MHSA Bootcamp in Sacramento from Monday, April 16 to Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Updated materials will be brought back to this council.

VIII. Proposed Change from Consumer Assistant Worker Job Title to Peer Support Specialist

Sharon Jones stated, per the Director of BHRS, BHRS will be looking into changing the title of Consumer Assistant Worker to Peer Support Specialist. Marilyn Mochel shared information pertaining to the Accountable Care Grant and how it may be beneficial to review in regards to job descriptions; Golden Valley will be offering a training in June.

IX. Community Planning Process Stake holder Feedback

Sharon Jones informed the council that as a result of AB114 a plan must be developed for the funds that were reverted and reallocated back to the County. To follow the plan, multiple focus groups and key informant interviews were held. Sharon Jones shared key findings with the group. Marilyn Mochel shared with the council the concerns of Mercy Medical ER Nurses, which include the limited amount of services available to children and adolescents within Merced County. Danielle Mumford, of Aspiranet Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) for Youth, gave a brief overview of the services provided for Merced County youth; these services are strictly voluntary. Sharon Mendonca informed the council that BHRS and Mercy Medical are currently discussing this topic. Sharon Jones informed the group that MHSA is still accepting feedback. Fernando Granados suggested having a focus group with Mercy Medical in the future.

X. Draft MHSA Program Update

Sharon Jones informed the council that a Draft MHSA Program Update is required to address the reverted/reallocated PEI funding. The draft, along with all the feedback collected, has been given to the Director of BHRS. Once the permission is given for posting, it will be posted and additional feedback will be collected. The draft must be posted by July 1, 2018 per State guideline. Sharon Jones encouraged all to speak out and have their voices heard. Sharon Jones stated that she will keep everyone updated on the estimated timeline.

XI. May is Mental Health Awareness Event on May 16, 2018

Sharon Jones informed the council that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the MHSA Outcomes event is scheduled for May 16, 2018 at the Atwater Community Center from 9am to 3pm. Currently the program is being developed with the hopes that Sebastian Gentry will be confirmed as the keynote speaker. Sharon encouraged all to attend.

XII. Suicide Safer Community Initiative Kick-Off

Sharon Jones stated that the kick off for the Suicide Safer Community initiative will occur at the May is Mental Health Awareness/MHSA Outcomes event. Phase one of the Suicide Safer Community initiative will consist of training the BHRS and providers in Applied Suicide Intervention Training.

XIII. Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference on July 14, 2018

The Spiritual Wellness and Recovery event is scheduled for July 14, 2018 at the Italo-Lodge in Merced. The program is currently being developed. Sharon Jones is actively recruiting program participants at this time. The group discussed possible participants. The goal is to offer tools during the conference that attendees can continue to practice.

XIV. Upcoming Workforce Trainings

Sharon Jones reviewed the upcoming training schedule with the group for the months of May and June which include LGBTQ with Dr. Ebony Williams and Motivational interviewing training with Dr. Mee-Lee. Marilyn Mochel asked if it would be possible to survey participants prior to the trainings; Sharon Jones stated she would need permission by the Director of BHRS. The group discussed various trainings and programs.

XV. Possibilities and Success Stories

Jenna Nunes of Sierra Vista shared with the group the level of success the Anti-Bullying/Stigma Reduction event was at Livingston High School. Sophia Ornelas of BHRS informed the group that the Youth-to-Youth Conference is scheduled for April 28, 2018; registration forms are due Friday for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. More information is available on the Merced County website under SUD. Anna Santos of TIP informed the council that Merced LGBTQ+ Alliance, Valley Crisis Center and several others will be hosting Prism – Focusing on positive relations and personal growth weekly group scheduled for Tuesdays at 3:30pm. Flyers were distributed.

XVI. Next Steps

Next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018 at the new location of 301 East 13th Street.

XVII. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.