

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

May 17, 2018
9:00am
Mental Health Facility
301 E. 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Danielle Mumford, Anna Santos, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Rhonda J. Prater, Jenna Nunes, Fernando Granados, Kirsten Mengell, Monica Adrian, Ruby Awesome, Caitlin Haygood, Amy Hang, Cindy Mattox, Andrea Cruthird-Mays, Sharon Mendonca, Paul Thao, Griselda Vazquez, Anthony Vieira, Vince Ramos, Ruben Chavez, Chris Bobbitt, Lidia Caza-Burdick, Andrea Lane, Scott Goda, Gloria Nunn, Robert Chavez, Lucy Chavez, Rebeca Wood

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for April 12, 2018 was motioned/seconded (Unknown / Jenna Nunes) and carried.

III. Update Planning Council Contact List

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

IV. Notice to the Public

Monica Adrian of Caring Kids thanked the MHSA Team in regards to the May is Mental Health Awareness/MHSA Outcomes event and shared key points that she most enjoyed. Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator, thanked everyone who attended the event and informed all that the Suicide Prevention campaign began at the May is Mental Health Awareness/MHSA Outcomes event. Sharon Jones stated that more information will be shared in regards to the Suicide Prevention campaign at a later date. Vince Ramos asked for clarification pertaining to the Peer Support Specialist certification. Sharon Jones stated that she would be discussing that topic later in the meeting as an agenda item.

V. Chair's Report

No Report

VI. Director's Report

Yvonnia Brown, BHRS Director, not present. Sharon Mendonca, BHRS Assistant Director, welcomed all to the new building. Sharon Mendonca stated she will be looking into a larger meeting space for future Ongoing Planning Council meetings. She also stated that BHRS is currently consolidating all child services at the 13th Street campus. Chief Ruben Chavez of Livingston Police Department asked what the future plans for the vacant B Street building were. Sharon Mendonca stated that currently it is being used as storage; the County and City are in discussion in regards to moving forward with future development of that property for supportive housing. Sharon Mendonca informed the council that since the property was purchased with MHSA CSS funds, once the property is purchased all the funds will go back into the CSS budget.

VII. Overview of MHSA Bootcamp

Sharon Jones shared information with the group pertaining to the recently attended MHSA Bootcamp.

VIII. Discussion of Reverted/Reallocated Spending Plan

Sharon Jones shared with the council the State's policy for unspent funding and the requirements for the spending plan. Sharon stated that since the funds were already in the county's coffers, State made the decision not to retrieve the funds but will require a spending plan detailing how the remaining funds will be spent. Sharon reported that the draft spending plan will be posted for 30 days on the Merced County website for feedback. The group was also informed that if they have any feedback or questions to please contact Andrea Tovar via email. Monica Adrian of Caring Kids, expressed her concerns in regards to not seeing Caring Kids listed on the draft spending plan. Sharon explained that the funds are not new funds but are funds from the 3-Year Plan for approved programs. Monica Adrian asked if there will be any changes that could affect Caring Kids. Sharon Jones stated that these funds are specifically sustainability funding which have already been accounted for within the 3-Year Plan and no changes have been made to Caring Kids funding. Sharon Jones also stated that Caring Kids is not list on the draft spending plan but is listed in the 3-Year Plan. Fernando Granados suggested that a copy of the spending plan be made available to the council during the next meeting for all to review.

IX. Discussion on Continuum of Care (CARE, non-FSP)

Sharon informed the Planning Council about the CARE (Non-FSP) being implemented by Human Services Agency. In the past it was implemented by United Way. The Non-FSP funds under CARE are utilized to support the local Continuum of Care year round planning process to identify the extent of homelessness, develop solutions and leverage available resources. MHSA funds support the development of the annual Continuum of Care plan and grant applications in support of projects to end homelessness in Merced County.

X. Inclusion on Peer Specialist in the Mental Health Service Delivery System

Sharon provided information on the value of Peer Specialists in the Workforce and informed that throughout the state of California counties will be providing training for Peer certifications.

XI. MHSA webinar on MHSA reporting requirements

The webinar was cancelled prior to the MHSA Planning Council meeting. I will notify the Planning Council when the webinar is rescheduled.

XII. Upcoming Workforce, Education and Training

Sharon informed the Planning Council of the Upcoming Staff Development Trainings which included: LGBTQQAI2-S, Motivational Interviewing, and Working on Trauma Informed training.

XIII. Handout – MHSA Bylaws

The MHSA bylaws were hand out for attendees and they were asked to review and make suggestions for the next meeting.

XIV. Possibilities and Success Stories

XV. Next Steps

XVI. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.