

# Summary

## Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Ongoing Planning Council

July 18, 2019  
9:00am  
301 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced

### Present:

Andrea Tovar, Nancy Reding, Griselda Vazquez, Melanie Almada, Marilyn Mochel, Fernando Granados, Jenna Nunes, Ricky Pal, Patti Kishi, Rhonda J. Prater, Anna Santos, Mai Ka Yang, Monica Adrian, Maria Orozco, Cindy Mattox, Vong Chang, Christopher Jensen, Chris Bobbitt, Sophia Ornelas, Jessica Kirby, Anthony Vieira, Jose L Chavez-Diaz, Sandra Sandoval, Caitlin Haygood, Sharon Jones

### Presentation and Discussion:

*All Members*

#### I. Call to Order / Roll Call

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for June 20, 2019 was motioned/seconded (Rhonda J. Prater/Chris Bobbitt) 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

Patti Kishi, of NAMI Merced, distributed flyers pertaining to an upcoming community meeting co-hosted by NAMI Merced County and the Merced Family Physician Residency Program to discuss the results of a health impact assessment based on behavioral health services that are currently available within the county and the potential solutions. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at The Vault Works. Anna Santos, of Aspiranet, announced the upcoming Planned Parenthood's Pink Out Rally scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Merced Health Center on Collins Drive. Anna Santos also announced that Break the Code is offering a new session beginning on July 29, 2019 to August 29, 2019 with the focus on computer coding for TAY ages 18 years to 25 years old. Chris Bobbitt, of H.S.A., announced the free viewing of Lives Well Lived – Celebrating the Secrets, Wit and Wisdom of Age scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Merced Theatre on West Main Street. Additional information and flyer for viewing will be distributed via email to all members. Marilyn Mochel of NAMI Merced County announced that NAMI Merced will be forming a support group for individuals with eating disorders. Marilyn Mochel also stated that a clinician is needed as a resource for the group. Marilyn Mochel stated that members may be interested in utilizing a health equity impact assessment as they develop programming, which she will share in the future. Ricky Pal, of Veteran Services H.S.A., announced the upcoming Stand Down Veterans Resource Fair scheduled for October 4, 2019 at the Castle Commissioners Center in Atwater from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Flyers and tabling opportunities will become available in the near future. Nancy Reding, Community member, announced the upcoming United Methodist Church Women's Spiritual Day Retreat with Micheal Pope on Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm with a \$20.00 donation. Cindy Mattox, of BHRS, announced that the Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Christian Life Center's Family Life Center. Registration is encouraged.

#### V. Chair's Report

Fernando Granados, Chair, asked all members to be mindful of the current political climate and to support the diverse communities.

#### VI. Director's Report

No report.

## **VII. Program Presentation**

Griselda Vazquez and Melanie Almada of Livingston Community Health, presented the Integrated Behavioral Health and Cultural Broker programs to the council. The presentation provided information pertaining to funding amount provided by MHSA, program scope, priority population, referral process, service locations, clients served and success stories. Brochures were made available to all members of the council. The council members were able to asked questions pertaining to the various services.

## **VIII. New MHSA changes**

Sharon Jones shared information pertaining to the recently approved Senate Bill 79 and Senate Bill 1004. Information will be forwarded to all members.

## **IX. MHSA Audit preparation**

Sharon Jones announced that all audit materials/requests should be uploaded into to the system on August 1, 2019. The Department of Health Care Services will conduct a month-long desk review. The audit is scheduled for September 10-11, 2019 with a MHSA component discussion and site visits.

## **X. Outreach and Engagement forms**

Sharon Jones announced that the goal of outreach and engagement under the Mental Health Services Act is to have active dialogues which result in appropriate linkages. Sharon Jones encouraged all members to have critical conversations during outreach and engagement to assist individuals. Sharon Jones also encouraged obtaining individuals' names, contact information and demographics to allow for follow-up if needed. The council discussed confidentiality and limits to obtaining signatures.

## **XI. Program Development and Outcomes**

Sharon Jones stated that outreach and engagement trends are informative.

## **XII. Annual Update FY 19/20**

Sharon Jones announced that MHSA is currently in the community planning process for the Annual Update fiscal year 2019/2020.

## **XIII. Focus Groups/Key Informant**

Sharon Jones announced that MHSA is actively scheduling focus groups and key informant interviews.

## **XIV. Suicide Prevention Events September 2019**

Sharon Jones gave a brief overview of 2018's Suicide Prevention events and trainings. A banner will be placed above 'G' Street and several events are being planned for the month of September. More information to share in the near future.

## **XV. Administrative Updates and Changes**

No update/changes to report.

## **XVI. Possibilities and Success Stories**

Marilyn Mochel announced that NAMI Merced and Merced School District will be working together to plan a large event for children and adolescences during the month of November. Marilyn Mochel also stated that a planning team will be needed to assist with the upcoming event. Sharon Jones announced the upcoming Young Men's Conference scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the Livingston Middle School.

## **XVII. Next Steps**

Program presentation – Veterans Services. Andrea Tovar to send out information pertaining to SB79 and SB1004.

## **XVIII. Adjourned-** Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

