

# Summary

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

June 21, 2018  
9:00am  
Mental Health Facility  
1137 B Street, Merced

### Present:

Nancy Reding, Sharon Jones, Caitlin Haygood, Irvin Guzman-Gutierrez, Rhonda Prater, Jenna Nunes, Monica Adrian, Fernando Granados, Alfred Rivera, Andrea Cruthird-Mays, Robert Hubbard, Mai Ka Yang, Cindy Mattox, Yvonna Brown, Sophia Ornelas, Christopher Jensen, Lisa Baladad, Stefanie Smother, Danielle Mumford, Vong Chang, Anna Santos, Gloria Nunn, Andrea Lane, Scott Goda, Rebeca Wood, Andrea Tovar

### Presentation and Discussion:

*All Members*

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

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for May 17, 2018 was motioned/seconded (Jenna Nunes/Rhonda Prater) and carried.

#### III. Update Planning Council Contact List

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

#### IV. Notice to the Public

No Notice to the Public

#### V. Chair's Report

No Chair report

#### VI. Director's Report

Yvonna Brown announced that the City and County of Merced are currently collaborating to build an affordable housing unit on the B Street location. The structure is to be a total of 120 units with 30 units for the Homeless population. Yvonna explained to the council how the City will attempt to obtain federal funding for this specific project, this funding will be unrelated to any mental health funding. Once the City is able to secure the funding, the property will be purchased and the funds will go back to Community Services and Support (CSS). The property has been appraised at \$1,080,000.00 in April of 2017. If the City is unable to secure the purchase of the property, further discussions will be held. The City has until December 2019 to secure purchasing funds. This will allow for three opportunities to secure federal tax credits. There have been conversations in regards to what will happen to the B Street location within the next two years such as an Outreach and Engagement center. No Place Like Home funding has not been released but advocacy to bring that funding to this county continues. The Behavioral Health Director also informed the council of future funding that has been identified specifically for homeless projects throughout the state. These funds are to build, not to sustain programs. The group discussed the RFPs for the upcoming ISN-Youth; drafts are in place which are currently being reviewed at Risk Management and County Counsel.

#### VII. MHSA Public Hearing July 10, 2018 AB114 Spending Plan

Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator, informed the council that the AB114 spending plan (posted on May 21, 2018) will be presented at a public hearing on July 10, 2018 to obtain approval to move forward.

#### **VIII. MHSOAC amendments to the PEI and INN regulations**

Sharon Jones reminded all that there were some amendments to the PEI and INN regulations. Sharon Jones will forward the link so that all can review the changes.

#### **IX. Prevention and Early Intervention-Suicide Safer Community Initiative**

Sharon Jones informed all that the PEI-Suicide Safer Community Initiative will run similar to the Stigma-Reduction campaign. First steps involves getting staff trained in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), this will assist with building capacity for suicide prevention. More information to come. Fernando Granados of Sierra Vista requested a presentation from the Central Valley Suicide Prevention Hotline, he would like a better picture of what is occurring within Merced County. Nancy Reding, Vice Chair, requested copies of the latest quarterly report for council members to review. The council would like to know the number of attempts, suicides, and age range for Merced County. Christopher Jensen of BHRS, asked as a contractor of MHSA, if it was possible to have an onboarding process for MHSA contractors that outlines the procedures to obtain assistance for individuals in crisis. Yvonnia Brown stated that the BHRS Crisis hotline should be called and engage his supervisor. Yvonnia Brown (Behavioral Health Director) also suggested he engage his supervisor and asked how they want future crisis situations to be handled.

#### **X. MHSA Community Planning Process Kickoff for Annual Update Fiscal Year 2018/2019**

Sharon Jones informed the council that MHSA is getting ready to begin the community planning process. The community planning process is centered on all of the approved programs and actions under the MHSA funding. Sharon Jones presented an informative PowerPoint for the council that consisted of key items from the Annual Update Fiscal Year 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 to the Three-Year Plan. Nancy Reding stated that she would like to see Merced County begin to be proactive with the LGBTQ+ community, ultimately an outreach center. Fernando Granados made an inquiry regarding funding. Director Yvonnia Brown informed the council that there is no new funding and BHRS will no longer be receiving growth money based on No Place like Home. She also stated that at some point, funding will have to be offset every month which will eventually have some impact on local counties. Yvonnia Brown stressed upon all that in the future MHSA funding will need to be leveraged with other funding sources. Fernando Granados asked for clarification in regards to a MHSA contract program requesting adjustments (budget, personnel, etc.); Sharon Jones gave a detailed explanation of the process. Andrea Cruthird-Mays asked Sharon Jones to clarify the Needs Assessment process, what it would look like and who is a part of that process. Sharon Jones gave a detailed explanation of the process which will include the development of the process and looking at the reports that are submitted by providers and internal programs; this will identify gaps. Focus groups and key informant interviews will also be involved in the process. Andrea Cruthird-Mays suggested partnering with UC Merced and CSU Stanislaus students to assist with shaping the Needs Assessment.

#### **XI. Scheduling of Focus Group, Key Informant and Ongoing Feedback for System and Quality Improvement**

Sharon Jones informed all that a timeline has been created, which will be sent out to all members. Sharon Jones briefly went over the timeline schedule with the group. All focus groups, key informant interviews and World Cafés will end on October 26, 2018.

#### **XII. Workforce, Education and Training Upcoming Training Motivational Interviewing**

Sharon Jones stated that there have been numerous requests for trainings. Recently, Dr. Ebony Williams from Sacramento State facilitated two LGBTQ+ trainings. Dr. Mee-Lee, from UC Davis, is scheduled for facilitate two Motivational Interviewing trainings.

#### **XIII. Community Outreach and Engagement-Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference**

Sharon Jones informed the council that the Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 9am to 3pm at the Merced Italo-Lodge. Sharon Jones gave the council a brief overview of the scheduled program. She invited all to register and attend.

#### **XIV. MHSA Bylaws**

Item tabled. MHSA Bylaws will be sent out to all members. She did ask members to bring comments and questions to next meeting.

**XV. Possibilities and Success Stories**

Attendee reported that a celebration was held at the Merced Wellness Center on June 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the late Prince's birthday. The celebration went well. Sharon Jones stated that another opportunity that is currently being worked on is looking into bring a facilitator in to train on appreciative inquiries, which is a part of the ABC Model. Anna Santos of TIP shared information pertaining to the upcoming Foster Youth College Retreat for Current and Former Foster Youth which will take place at UC Merced and Merced College. Flyers will be sent out to all via email. Nancy Reding shared information pertaining to an upcoming Circle Gathering on Monday, June 25, 2018 at the Unity Church from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Danielle Mumford of Aspiranet announced that there will be a Families Belong Together march on June 30, 2018 at 10am, location TBA.

**XVI. Next Steps**

Andrea Tovar to send out MHSA Timeline, MHSA Bylaws and link to PEI Regulation Changes.

**XVII. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am.