

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Cultural Competency Meeting

July 19, 2018
10:45am
Merced County BHRS
301 East 13th Street, Merced

Present:

Nancy Reding, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Andrea Cruthird-Mays, Monica Gomez, Vong Chang, Anna Santos, Griselda Vazquez, Maria Bautista, Belle Vallador, Jose L. Chavez-Diaz, James Henderson, Sharon Jones, Andrea Tovar, Rhonda Prater

Presentation and Discussion:

All Members

I. Check-in/Conocimiento

The group did self-introductions, stating names and agencies.

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for June 21, 2018, was motioned/seconded (Rhonda Prater/Bella Vallador) and carried. Bella Vallador of Healthy House asked for clarification in regards to Nancy Reding's last month statement; Nancy Reding, community member, clarified the statement for her. Nancy Reding stated that she has not seen the BHRS administration be very open or receptive in serving the LGBTQ community, starting with the Director of BHRS.

III. Review of Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference

Sharon Jones gave the group a brief overview of the 4th Annual Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference. Attendee also shared her experience during the conference.

IV. Ongoing Ending the Stigma Campaign

Sharon Jones stated that the MHSA team will continue to offer Ending the Stigma events. Sharon Jones asked the group to contact Caitlin Haygood if they are interested in hosting an Ending the Stigma event. The group discussed various location sites and revisiting prior sites.

V. Discussion on Suicide Safer Community Initiative

Sharon Jones stated that MHSA is currently developing the upcoming Suicide Safer Community initiative; it should run similar to the Ending the Stigma. Sharon Jones asked the group what they felt should be covered in this initiative. The group discussed identifying the target groups, such as 55+ age group and LGBTQ+ community. The group discussed various trainings that are being offered to BHRS staff, contracted partners and the public that pertain to this initiative. The group discussed Merced County statistics and where to obtain them.

VI. Discussion on California Disparities Project

Sharon Jones informed the group that the state of California has a California Reducing Disparities Project. Sharon Jones shared highlights and requirements with the group. Sharon Jones stated that the California Reducing Disparities Project is currently a major initiative in the state of California.

VII. Upcoming 2018 Cultural Competence Summit – October 23-24, 2018

Sharon Jones announced that a Cultural Competence Summit is scheduled for October 23rd and October 24th, 2018 in Riverside, Ca. The goal is to have consumers and family members to attend the yearly summit.

VIII. Second Asian and Pacific Islander Mental Health Empowerment Conference Oakland November 29-30, 2018

Sharon Jones announced that Alameda County is hosting their Second Annual Asian and Pacific Islander Mental Health Empowerment Conference in Oakland, Ca. on November 29th and November 30th of 2018. Sharon Jones also informed the group that the conference is actively seeking out presenters.

IX. BHRS Onboarding Cultural Competence Training

Sharon Jones informed the group that BHRS has developed an onboarding process for new employees. As a part of the onboarding process, Sharon Jones facilitates a brief two-hour snapshot of cultural competence.

X. Development of Cultural Competence Update

Sharon Jones announced that Cultural Competence Update template brought into the next schedule meeting; the group will work on its completion together. Sharon Jones gave a brief description of necessary information.

XI. Culturally Relevant Highlights

Sharon Jones asked the group to report culturally relevant highlights. Nancy Reding announced that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday celebration is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2019. Merced Art Hop is scheduled July 21, 2018 from 5pm-9pm on Main Street. Nancy Reding also announced a Women's Interfaith Dialogue event scheduled for September 22, 2018 at United Methodist Church.

XII. Program Reports and Updates

Bella Vallador of Healthy House reported that Healthy House recently completed the Trauma-Informed Interpreter trainings, 14 trained and specialized Elder Abuse training was offered to local law enforcement agencies. The group discussed various forms of elder abuse. Golden Valley will be hosting a National Health Center Week scheduled for August 13th through August 17th.

XIII. Possibilities and Success Stories

None reported.

XIV. Next Steps

California Disparities Project report link to be sent out to all. 2018 Cultural Competence Summit information to be sent out to all.

XV. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.