

Summary

Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Cultural Competency Meeting

February 15, 2017

10:45am

Mental Health Facility

1137 B Street, Merced

Present:

Janet Zamudio, Irvin Guzman Gutierrez, Nancy Reding, Fernando Granados, Amalia Madrigal-Hernandez, Thaomee Xiong, Donna Dennerlein, Maria Bautista, Rebecca Wood, Andrea Tovar, Sharon Jones

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 February 15 2018, was motioned/seconded (Nancy Reding/Amalia Madrigal Hernandez) and carried.

III. Program linkage and referral

Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator for BHRS, asked the council to share opportunities for linkages and referrals. Fernando Granados of Sierra Vista reported that a linkage was made through Nancy Reding, Community member, for the iMATTER program expansion which offers anti-bullying at the high school level with the focus on mental illness, sexual orientation, etc. The linkage was made with an individual from the LGBTQ community who will be discussing bullying; iMATTER is currently seeking additional individuals who have had a history of being bullied to share their experience. Fernando Granados asked the council to contact himself or Jenna Nunes if individuals are interested in sharing at the high school level. Sharon Jones announced that Strengthening Families will be attending the Sierra Vista's Anti-Bullying event at Buhach High school on March 22, 2018 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Fernando Granados gave a brief description of the Anti-Bullying expansion. Various members shared their experiences with bullying. Sharon Jones stated that hosts are needed for the monthly Ending the Stigma events. Amalia Madrigal-Hernandez of Public Health informed Fernando Granados that Public Health offers stress management courses and suggested referring the students to attend the courses. Amalia gave an overview of the course and incentives. Sharon Jones suggested Public Health attend the Sierra Vista Anti-Bullying event.

IV. Review of CLAS Standards

Sharon Jones informed the council that Cultural Competency is guided by 15 CLAS Standards. Sharon stated that a copy of the CLAS Standards will be emailed to all members. Sharon Jones also informed the group that a conference call is scheduled for today at 1:15pm with the California Behavioral Health Directors Association; one of the topics is the role relationship and influence of the county Ethnic Service Manager and the Behavioral Health Director. Sharon shared the phone number.

V. Development of Needs assessment

Sharon Jones stated that she would like to recommend the development of a culturally competent Needs Assessment. Sharon stated that she will have a template available for review for next month's meeting.

VI. Developing a Cultural Competence Presentation to BHRS Leadership

Sharon Jones informed the council that a presentation must be given to the BHRS Leadership per Medi-Cal, once a year. The group will look at the needs, as they relate to the cultural competence lens, to development a presentation. The presentation should be presented during Fall 2018.

VII. Prevention and Early Intervention Focus Groups

Sharon Jones informed the council that focus groups are currently being scheduled. Sharon Jones gave a brief overview of Prevention and Early Intervention. Sharon Jones informed the council that an information notice was issued by the State reallocating funds back to all counties who had PEI funds that were subject to reversion. Focus groups will discuss the reallocated PEI funds.

VIII. Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference

Sharon Jones stated that the MHSA team is currently in the beginning phases of planning the 2018 Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference. Sharon informed the council that speakers are needed. Sharon gave a brief overview of the previous programs and shared talents. Sharon would like this event to represent the recovery of the human spirit. Attendee suggested reaching out to the Minh community. No date has been established for event.

IX. May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Sharon Jones asked for participants to share their talents. Two attendees volunteered for the event.

X. Program Reports and Updates

Thaomee Xiong of Health House stated that Healthy House had recent discussions with the City in regards to securing a community garden for an elderly group. Turning Point is currently has a Personal Service Coordinator III position open, per Donna Dennerlein. Janet Zamudio reported that Aspiranet is seeking to hire a bilingual individual to fill the position of Support Counselor. Irvin Guzman Gutierrez stated that on February 23, 2018 the Merced Wellness Center will be celebrating Black History month and are currently in the planning stages for the May is Mental Health Awareness month picnic at Yosemite Lake on May 25th. Attendee reported that the Merced Wellness Center recently held a Valentine's Day celebration. Maria Bautista gave an update for Caring Kids; playgrounds continue to be well attended.

XI. Possibilities and Success Stories

XII. Next Steps

Email CLAS Standards to all members.

XIII. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 11:27am.