

MHSA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

October 28, 2015

1:30-3pm

20 N. San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Conference Room

Introductions and review of the agenda and materials provided to participants of the meeting.

Innovation Plan Review

Suzanne gave an overview of the Innovation community stakeholder process and the two meetings held – October 2014 and again in January 2015 – including an overview of the approach, feedback from the community about sharing ideas, hesitancy to discuss details due to uncertainty around the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. At the second meeting we collected feedback from the community on what they thought *Reducing Disparities* meant to them. We also solicited feedback through an online form for those that couldn't make the public meetings or preferred to provide their input anonymously. All of this input was used to formulate the proposed Innovation Project Plan.

Grassroots definition: Community member organization or individual serving TAY in their own community. Agreed that this definition should and would be more defined. We also confirmed that providers serving TAY in the criminal justice system would be included in the project.

Before we took input from the committee members, Kristen Gardner walked the committee through the Innovation Plan and that our target population for the project was Transitional Age Youth (16-25 years old).

Comments and Feedback received by the Committee

Robbie Powelson:

I like the TAY focus but want TAY advocates included in the project and budget. Funding of \$50K for grassroots isn't fixed but can be adjusted down as needed based on the grassroots organization needs.

Brian Slattery:

Concerned about the funds used for this project and suggests hiring people with degrees whom are also TAY to serve TAY clients. Also concerned that grassroots organizations do not have solid infrastructures. LGBTQ youth have a high suicide rate, suggests TAY support group.

Robert Reiser:

Challenges with the amount of funds for the project and dismayed with the outcome measures which are not robust enough.

Carol Kerr:

Excited about the age cohort but concerned we won't know what they need and so we need to ensure the TAY voice is part of the project.

Jasmine Stevenson:

Liked the TAY focus, but feels CBO's will need more funds to participate in the project. Concerned the age range is too broad and we will need to have targeted conversations for each part of the TAY population.

Suzanne Sadowsky:

Agreed that 16 y/o's are different than 20 y/o's and different than 24 y/o's and we will need to approach each part of the age range differently. TAY are not always in "one place". Many couch surf and are precariously housed. How will you reach/locate them to offer services?

Maya Gladstern:

Recommended we work with the schools gay/straight alliance programs to get TAY involvement. She's been talking with Cesar Lagleva about this. Need to fund TAY to tell us what their needs are to better serve them. Include TAY and input from the faith based community into the project. Provide seed money for TAY to participate.

Sandra Ramirez Griggs:

When TAY is represented, Latino, Black, White, Vietnamese, etc. are all different and to ensure we have different ethnic representation involved.

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Gail Theller:

Disappointed with funding without a lot of guidelines beyond innovation – recommends we identify specific outcomes. Agrees that the target population is okay, but already has a lot of confidence with the system and maybe the project is too amorphous. Felt there was undue emphasis given to stakeholder participants in the Plan outcome. There is merit to having current service provider's partner with grassroots organizations. Ensure TAY input into this process as it is uncomfortable for adults to be making decisions for this population. TAY input could lead the project as not all TAY voices are associated with a CBO. Recommends a TAY specific survey

Laura Kantorowski:

Fuzzy outcomes. Need to have real change and not just feeling better about the situation. Add a measure to connect grassroots with CBO's with a focus to change identified barriers and perceptions in order to be effective.

Marvin Mars:

Survey the TAY population to determine what their needs are.

Julie Baker:

Ritter services 18-25 year olds and adults. TAY is a challenging population and it is hard to find "a fit" for them in an adult setting.

Other Suggestions:

Find out where TAY are spending their time to better get in touch with them.

Create a description of project impact once complete.

Next Steps

Kasey and Kristen attended the November 2nd Mental Health Board / Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board joint meeting to present the proposed plan and allow them time to review before the Public Hearing at their December 8th meeting.

The proposed Innovation Plan opened for a 30 day public comment period on Wednesday, October 28th and will remain open until Sunday, November 29th.

The Public Hearing for the Innovation Plan will be on Tuesday, December 8th at 6pm at the Mental Health Board Meeting at 20 N. San Pedro Road.

All substantive comments and feedback received will be considered and the Innovation plan will be updated as appropriate.

We hope to have the Board of Supervisors review and approve the plan in early January. Upon their approval, we will submit and present the Plan to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission in Sacramento for their review and approval at their January meeting. Upon approval from the MHSOAC, we can begin the Plan implementation.

MHSA Advisory Committee Purpose

Due to the extensive dialog related to the Innovation Plan the committee did not get to this agenda item. At our December 2nd meeting, which will be after the public comment period ends, we will discuss the public comment feedback to date for the Innovation Plan and we will review the Napa County committee purpose to see what elements we want to incorporate to create our committee's purpose.

Changes to November and December Meetings

Members agreed to cancel November 25th meeting due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Members agreed to cancel December 23rd meeting due to Christmas holiday.

Instead **our next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015, 11:30-1:00pm** in the Point Reyes Conference Room at 20 North San Pedro Road.