

Provider Stakeholder Work Group Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Introductions:

- Mark Bryan opened the Provider Stakeholder Work Group (PSWG) meeting and introductions were made.

Round Table and Announcements:

- CommuniCare: A “Smarting” project that is underway providing SSI enrollment has been recognized by SAMHSA. Related testimonials have been selected, profiling the integrated efforts of the clinic. The position funded through the project expires at the end of June. This group may be contacted to provide interviews.
- Sutter Health: Sutter Center for Psychology is hiring two per diem LCSW’s for 6-8 days per month. Interested applicants should look into the [Careers](#) section of the Sutter Health website.

Department Updates:

- Mental Health Director: Jill shared a recruitment update. Karen Larsen will start on 03/03/14, pending Board of Supervisors (BOS) appointment on 02/28/14. Karen will be leading this meeting the future with both Mark Bryan and Jill Cook participating as well.
- Health and Human Service (HHS) Integration: Jill shared that the BOS has approved the plan to pursue an HHS integration of ADMH, DESS and Health, using 2014 to plan the approach. The vision is to streamline and wrap services around the populations served. The first of a recurring monthly meeting took place on 02/10/14, where managers from all three departments met and go to know each other. In March the meeting focus will be on recognizing common service areas for populations served. Will be asking for input and feedback from the PSWG and this topic will be a regular update for this meeting.
- Contracts: Jill shared that the department has a consultant actively reviewing the process and trying to find improvements to the timeline and execution scheduled including the release of Requests for Proposals (RFPs). This effort comes out of the recently completed HHS Study recommendation to consider consolidating contracts across departments. Some PSWG members may be interviewed by the consultant and candid responses were requested in order to get a true representation of the changes needed. This review should conclude in the next couple weeks.
- Public Health Community Assessment: Jill offered a status of the current Health Department effort to gather public feedback on health concerns in the community. Hundreds of surveys and 25 community forums have been administered. The aggregated top three health concerns are obesity, diabetes, and mental health. This may result in a community health improvement plan that this PSWG may inform.
- Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Mark expressed appreciation to the PSWG group for participation in the plan preparation. With the BOS approval of the plan on 02/11/14, it has been sent on to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC.) Budget, contract, and RFP work is now in process at ADMH. For contracts stating on 07/01/14, the goal is to have all the contracts ready before 06/24/14. This has been the best stakeholder process thus far and the consultants who drafted the plan, Resource Development Associates (RDA,) are staying on to write some of the related RFPs and provided technical assistance on plan outcome measures.
- Ad Hoc Groups: Mark reminded the group of the Fiscal/ Billing Committee (meets 3rd Monday of each month at 2 PM) and Clinical Outcomes Committee (meets 1st Monday of each month at 2 PM) that have set regular meeting recurrences. RDA will be invited to participate in the clinical outcomes discussion and sub-groups have formed as well to review unified assessments in an effort to increase efficiency, eliminate repetition and limit the impact or trauma on the consumer.
- Senate Bill (SB) 82 Update: ADMH has been awarded the first of the grants available under SB 82 (Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013). This grant, monitored by the MHSOAC, funds crisis triage personnel. Our proposal received the highest score statewide and has been fully funded. We are now waiting on the official notice of award and hope to

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proceed soon. ADMH's response to the second grant, administered by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority, was submitted in late January and we are still waiting on feedback. If additional money for a second run of the grants is available, applications from Yolo County may focus on residential or crisis stabilization in areas other than Woodland. .

- RFP Update: Mark shared a running list of RFPs anticipated for release in the coming two months. Some services will not require the competitive bid process but will still be prepared for a 07/01/14 start date. ADMH has a staff member dedicated to coordinating the RFPs and other measures are being included to increase efficiencies and courtesy to the bidders including: staggered RFP release/due dates, many will be electronic submissions through BidSync, and streamlined page limits.

Budget Updates:

- State/County Budget: Patrick Blacklock
 - State: No recent changes were reported.
 - County: Patrick updated the group on the County process for preparing the FY 14/15 budget. BOS reports are already underway with the 02/25/14 report having gone well. Significant changes are limited because Yolo County does not generate sales tax at the same levels as other counties who may be showing increases. We may see some growth with respect to Proposition 82 and savings from the Affordable Care Act. General Fund growth will be limited and may be dedicated to covering retirement costs and future road maintenance. Widespread downsizing is not expected.
- Departments and Providers: All
 - ADMH: Mark shared that he is participating in the negotiating team with California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Drug Medi-Cal contract. Counties are pushing back to insist on Proposition 30 protections. There has been some discussion on funded versus not funded items. 1991 Realignment looks to be performing flat with limited changes, as it has been in years past. 2011 realignment as expected is growing but dedicated to repayment to social service programs; once repaid in full the growth account will refocus toward our identified areas. MHSA funding looks stable. Estimates from California Institute for Mental Health and California Mental Health Directors Association are conservatively optimistic that there will be no significant decreases. Budgeting otherwise is flat/stable. From and Operations perspective, Jill added the activity is just beginning but it will be a busy spring.
 - Yolo Community Care Continuum: Michele Kellogg noted that the minimum wage increase beginning on 07/01/14 will impact line staff and program budgets.
 - CommuniCare: Karen Larsen shared that they are in the process of applying of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to expand the program and add a part-time child psychiatrist, LCSW, and a case worker.

Provider Updates:

- Provider Presentation: Yolo Community Care Continuum – Michele Kellogg (see PowerPoint presentation)
- Affordable Care Act: Mark shared that the county continues to work with Partnership HealthPlan's mental health provider, Beacon as they revise and review the screening tool and the process for directing clients to services. We are seeing an increase in the number of assessments that are not meeting SMI/SED criteria.

Other Updates:

- None

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, March 20, 2014, 10:30 AM – 12 Noon, 137 N. Cottonwood, Woodland, CA 95695 – Bauer Building, Thomson Conference Room