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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORK TEAM

Meeting Minutes

Salvation Army Door of Hope

2799 Health Center Drive

San Diego, CA 92123

April 9, 2009, 8:30am-10:00am

(Although the street address is Health Center Drive, turn East on Vista Hill Drive off of Health Center Drive. Door of Hope entrance will be on your right)

Attendees

- Laura Andrews, Mental Health America of SD
- Bob Brooks, NAMI North Coastal
- Angela Carrillo, Sharp Mesa Vista (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Ruth Covell, UCSD School of Medicine (Co-Chair)
- Lynnetta Devereaux, Alvarado Parkway Institute
- Aron Fleck, Community Health Improvement Partners
- Liz Kruidenier, NC MH Forum, NAMI North Coastal
- Carmen Perez, Phoenix House
- Ian Rosengarten, San Diego County Behavioral Health Services
- Harriett Stupp, United Behavioral Health
- Katie Judd, HHS East Region
- Ronda Gibbs, CRF & Independent Living Association
- Abe Krems, MD, Mental Health Board Member
- Shannon Jaccard, NAMI San Diego

I. Introductions / Networking:

New today was Ronda Gibbs of Community Research Foundation & the Independent Living Association.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Liz Kruidenier noted that she is NC not MN and asked that the change be made. Minutes from March 12th, 2009 were approved.

III. 2009 Work Plan Continued:

a. Ideas from March 12th meeting

A 4-page proposal for an Independent Living Facility Registry will be submitted to the Health & Human Services Agency for potential Innovation Funding. A new budget is currently being formatted to be included with the proposal. The DRAFT proposal is attached.

Hospitals have a responsibility for who they discharge and want to send them to a safe home that is would be recognized by the registry and there is currently no regulation of this process.

Stable and safe housing is one of the most critical factors for frequent users of the emergency departments and one of the most important areas that the BHWT could focus. Although there are many organizations working on housing issues, no other agency is currently working on this aspect. The County's Residential Care Committee directly reports to the County Housing Council so they are unable to receive grant funding so that makes CHIP an appropriate place to pursue this project.

Other possible partners: Emergency Resource Group and NAMI.

It was suggested as a secondary project, that the work team get involved in the opening of a crisis house in North County.

Action Item: R Gibbs is to ask Jack Farmer to come and present/discuss funds for a possible crisis house in North County.

b. Brainstorming

Discuss Changing Focus to Just Frequent Users

The motion was made for the BHWT to write a letter to the County of San Diego in support of innovations funding in support of the Independent Living Facility Registry project. The motion was unanimously approved by the work team.

The motion was also made to present to the Steering Committee our idea to make the housing project the BHWT's primary project. The motion was unanimously approved by the work team.

Action Item: Add the Independent Living Facility Registry to the BHWT work plan and present it to the Steering Committee as our main project in 2009 at our May update.

c. Other Announcements/Sharing

Commission of Children, Youth and Families will be holding a free event Saturday May 9th, 2009. The commission is looking for vendors to have an informational booth. They ask that any interested vendors have some kind of child activity. First 50 to sign up get a free canopy, chairs and table. (See attached flyer)

A Fleck met with NAMI, MHA and a housing organization to discuss the appropriateness of the BHWT partnering on a County RFI that is directed at reducing "stigma" for housing (e.g. low income, group home, assisted living) in San Diego county. The determination was that it was not a good fit and CHIP should not pursue.

NAMI walk is next Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Every second Thursday of the month is the North County forum at Tri-city Hospital at 12:30. All are welcome

County of San Diego Health and Human Resource-East Region is now providing the mental health services for Aging and Independent Services.

Harriet Stupp of UBH announced that they are in need of psychiatrists who would be willing to accept Medi-cal. The group gave her some suggestions on who to contact, but if you know anyone, please contact her at 619-641-6832 or harriet.stupp@optumhealth.com.

d. Next Meeting: April 9, 2009

Thank you for your support and participation!