



Client and Family Leadership Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 | Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**MHSOAC
1325 J Street
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Sacramento, CA 95814**

Committee Members

Reneeta Anthony, Chair
Andrea Crook
Lisa Dryan-Zagala
Eve Eichwald*
Richard Krzyzanowski
Pete LaFollette
Geoff McLennon
Hector Ramirez
Elizabeth R Stone
Ruth Tiscareno*
Sharon Yates

*Participation by phone

Committee members absent: Commissioner Mayra Alvarez, Chris Barton, Crystal Harper, Sally Mandujan, Darlene Prettyman

Staff

Michele Nottingham
Tom Orrock
Norma Pate
Lester Robancho
Filomena Yeroshek

Other Attendees

Tiffany Carter
Steve Leoni
Poshi Walker

Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Anthony, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were provided by all present in the room as well as on the phone.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes

The Committee members addressed corrections and voted to approve the meeting minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting.

Agenda Item 2: California Youth Connection Presentation

Haydeé Cuza, Executive Director, California Youth Connection (CYC), provided a presentation on the achievements, lessons learned, and experience with counties during CYC's work with the MHSOAC Transition Age Youth (TAY) advocacy contract.

- CYC is a youth-led advocacy organization working mainly in the foster care system
- Young people with lived experience are present in leadership roles in every step of the process
- CYC's work with MHSOAC included a project on local advocacy between young people and county Board of Supervisors
- It was found that coordinating visits to the county Board of Supervisors required its own workplan, with the youth leaders having to be flexible with their schedules
- Presentations were received better when presenters were warm and friendly
- Building and facilitating a relationship with the county required a significant amount of time and energy

Committee member discussion points following Haydeé's presentation included:

- The benefits of TAY partnering with legislators and engaging with law enforcement
- On the question of youth leadership, CYC was founded by volunteers that included young people. Young people were the decision makers when it came to how funding was used, and projects aimed to place young people in front of local leadership
- Public comment was made on increasing focus at smaller, rural counties

Agenda Item 3: Committee Member Discussion on Community Engagement Opportunities

Committee members were presented with current community engagement practices and discussed opportunities to further develop community knowledge with specific focus on the following:

- Promoting Wellness,
- SAMHSA Youth Engagement Guidance,
- SAMHSA Inspiring Action Changing Lives,
- Tribal Engagement Resource, and
- County Health Ranking and Roadmaps

Member discussion points included:

- Meaningful stakeholder involvement and investment in meaningful opportunity and budget
- Developing a shared framework and to become experts in the community planning process
- Being able to hold supervisors and decision makers who sign three-year plans accountable

- Accessibility and adherence to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Creating a warm and welcoming environment through the use of name tags, identification, and community
- Receiving and accessing information from the individual consumer
- The need for community feedback on county 3-year plans as it is outlined in the Welfare and Institutions Code
- The implementation of research and work done by professional marketing companies for the purposes of outreach
- Providers implementing the Community Program Planning Process with their staff and clients

Agenda Item 4: Wrap-up

Committee members discussed the possibility of inviting counties of various sizes to speak on the Community Program Planning Process.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.