

M E E T I N G R E P O R T

Date & Time: March 23, 2011, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Attendees: Heather Anders, *CMHDA*; Kirsten Barlow, *CMHDA*; Helene Barney, *Humboldt*; Pete Duenas, *Stanislaus County*; Manuel Jimenez, *Merced*; Rod Kennedy, *Sacramento*; Debra Moreno, *Kings*; Walter Shwe, *CMHPC*; Steve Steinberg, *Riverside*; Lynn Tarrant, *Placer*; April Waldo, *Sierra*;

Topics of General Discussion:

- CMHDA Report
 - Budget/Legislative Report
 - AB 1297 (Chesbro)
 - *Would require the standards, guidelines, and reimbursement amounts to be set in accordance with federal Medicaid requirements and the approved Medicaid state plan and waivers. The bill also would require bills for service to be submitted by MHPs within the timeframes required by federal Medicaid requirements and the approved Medicaid state plan and waivers. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.*
 - Kirsten Barlow reported that currently state DMH publishes some SMAs and with these bill changes, California could draw down FFP.
 - Budget
 - Ms. Barlow reported that the realignment ballot measure now will happen in November and not June.
 - None of the reductions that have passed the legislature so far have been signed by the Governor.
 - Update on IMD Exclusion and Ancillaries
 - Lynn Tarrant reported that they are still looking for other counties to partner in the suit.
 - It was noted that Santa Clara, Orange and Riverside Counties are considering filing suit.
 - Update on Letter to DMH and ADP Regarding SAMHSA Technical Assistance
 - Heather Anders reported that in the committee there has been discussing the need for technical assistance from SAMHSA on the 42 CFR Part 2 regulations and how to implement them with the emergence of Electronic Health Records (EHR). A letter was drafted by Ms. Anders and the committee's chairs and sent to Patricia Ryan and Tom Renfree (CADPAAC) for approval. Once they approve of the letter and sign it, it will be sent to DMH and ADP. The letter will also be posted to the ASOC handouts page on the CMHDA website.
 - Report from the CMHDA Governing Board and All Directors Meetings
 - It was noted that at the All Directors Meeting there was discussion of the realignment proposals and potential changes to DMH.
 - DMH may be reduced to state hospitals and cultural competence.
 - ADP may also be subsumed into another department.
- Regional and County Reports
 - Humboldt
 - It was noted that their Mental Health Director is leaving at the end of June.
 - Riverside
 - It was reported that there is a lot of activity between the different local agencies.
 - In their Recovery Learning Center they are hiring 12 consumer peers that will offer wellness and recovery action plans.
 - Stanislaus

- It was noted that they are waiting to see what happens with the state budget.
 - It was also reported that Denise Hunt, their Mental Health Director will be retiring from the county.
 - They also have a lot of PEI programs in the county.
 - Merced
 - It was reported that they are not able to hire anyone right now.
 - Placer
 - They are gearing up for the EMR Clinician work station piece.
 - They are also working on their Low Income Health Program (LIHP).
 - When the county can hire more people, those newly hired people will receive less lucrative PERs benefits.
 - For the Central Region they are working on planning for a suicide prevention conference in October.
 - Fresno
 - It was reported that they are waiting for the EQRO to come to their county at the end of this month.
- Association and Agency Reports
 - CMHPC
 - Walter Shwe reported that eight Planning Council positions were slated to be cut, but the Legislature preserved those positions.
- Agenda Planning for April 27, 2011 conference call
 - It was determined that since there will be a committee meeting on May 4th at the Mental Health Policy Forum that the April 27th ASOC Committee Meeting will now become a conference call, 1-2 pm on April 27th.
 - CMHDA Updates
 - SPA
 - IMD Exclusion and Ancillaries
 - MHP/Managed Care
 - Medi/Medi
 - 1115 Waiver
 - LIHP
 - Budget/Legislative Report
 - CalMHSA
 - Report from the CMHDA Governing Board and All Directors Meetings
 - Update on Co-Occurring Project with COJAC
 - Regional and County Reports

List of Recommendations/Decisions/Motions:

- Minutes from the February 23, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The next conference call for the CMHDA Adult System of Care Committee will be held:

April 27, 2011

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Conference Line Will Be Distributed Via E-mail