

**California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA)
Older Adult System of Care Committee
Conference Call**

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

Date & Time: March 24, 2011, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Attendees: Heather Anders, *CMHDA*; Kirsten Barlow, *CMHDA*; Lin Benjamin, *CDA*; Mary Ann Bennett, *Sacramento*; Michael Gardner, *CMHPC*; Bruce Gurganus, *Marin*; Eleni Hailemariam, *Orange*; Cynthia Jackson, *Center for Aging Resources/Heritage Clinic and CCCMHA*; Don Kingdon, *CMHDA*; Brock Kolby, *Calaveras*; Harriet Lehman, *Napa*; Regina McClure, *Center for Aging Resources*; Debra Moreno, *Kings*; Joe Sebastian, *Riverside*; Kevin Tsang, *Los Angeles*; April Waldo, *Sierra*; Sabine Whipple, *CIMH*; Janet Yang, *Center for Aging Resources*

Topics of General Discussion:

- Update on WET Issue Paper
 - Update on Geriatric Mental Health Course Development
 - Janet Yang walked the committee through the materials that had been distributed and posted to the OASOC Committee's handouts page.
 - It was noted that they are trying to find other money for the e-learning curriculum.
 - It was noted that the classes would be offered through a webinar. Also, there would be 16-20 case consultation groups via Skype.
 - The participants they expect to have are people who are working in agencies with older adults who have mental health issues.
 - It was noted that it might be good to survey the older adult coordinators about this.
 - Members of the committee liked the idea of beginning with option II and then moving to option III. It was noted that right now there is funding for one option for \$17,000. CIMH can then look at what option they can do next.
 - The next steps would be that Sabine Whipple and Janet Yang work on fleshing this out a bit more.
 - Identify Goals Related to the WET Issue Paper
 - It was suggested that we re-visit this at the next in-person meeting.
 - The goals are identified in the issue paper.
- CMHDA Report
 - Update on 1115 Waiver
 - 1915 B Waiver
 - This is the Freedom of Choice waiver and it covers the Medi-Cal mental health responsibility.
 - It was noted that this would be a 5 year submission, if CMS agrees.
 - There are two state plans: The Targeted Case Management plan was approved by CMS and the Rehabilitative Service State Plan will hopefully be approved soon.
 - 1115 Waiver
 - This waiver would allow the state to do some early enrollment.
 - With this, counties have the option to do the Low Income Health Program (LIHP).
 - Twenty-nine counties have indicated interest in applying for LIHP.
 - Budget/Legislative Report

- Budget
 - Kirsten Barlow noted that Governor Brown just finished a signing conference.
 - All of the reductions equal about \$14 billion.
 - It was noted that the realignment proposal and the proposal to have the June election still need to happen.
- Legislation
 - 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.*
 - This is CMHDA's sponsored bill and sample letters regarding support for the bill can be found on CMHDA's Breaking News web page.
- Report from the CMHDA Governing Board and All Directors Meetings
 - It was noted that there was discussion about realigning services to the counties.
- Results of the MORS Project Survey
 - Heather Anders reported that she put together a survey that went out to the committee. The survey asked counties if they have programs geared toward older adults and if they would be interested in participating in a MORS project for older adults. A few counties indicated that Ms. Anders should call them about possibly contributing to the project.
 - Heather Anders will contact the people who wanted to be contacted about possibly contributing to the funding for the MORS project.
- Conference Planning
 - Orange County Conference - It was noted that there will be an older adult conference in Orange County and there is no date yet set for this conference.
 - Sacramento County Conference – It was reported that the conference will take place at the end of October.
 - C4A Conference – It was noted that there will need to be an identified liaison between C4A and the OASOC Committee to participate in the conference planning.
- Committee Housekeeping Business and Plan April's Conference Call Agenda
 - It was determined that due to the fact that there will be an OASOC Committee meeting at the May 4th Mental Health Policy Forum in San Diego, the April 28th OASOC Committee Meeting will be a conference call.
 - The next CMHDA OASOC Committee Conference Call is April 28, 2011, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
 - Agenda for April's Conference Call:
 - Discuss Upcoming Conferences
 - Find a C4A Liaison
 - Update on MORS Older Adult Project
 - Report from the CMHDA Governing Board and All Directors Meetings
 - WET Issue Paper Update
 - Geriatric Mental Health Certificate Program
 - Small County Project
 - Agenda for May's Meeting:
 - Identify 1 or 2 goals related to the WET paper
 - Discuss Upcoming Conferences
 - Find a C4A Liaison

- Update on MORS Older Adult Project
- CalMHSA Update
- Committee Business
 - County Reports
- Agency and Association Reports

List of Recommendations/Decisions/Motions:

- Minutes from the February 24, 2011 meeting were reviewed, one addition was suggested, and they were approved.

Task List:

- Heather Anders will contact the people who wanted to be contacted about possibly contributing to the funding for the MORS project.

The next Committee Conference Call for the Older Adult System of Care Committee will be held:

April 28, 2011

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Conference Line Information Will Be Available Via E-mail