

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

**CMHDA
2125 19th Street, Second Floor
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M E E T I N G R E P O R T

Date & Time: June 23, 2011, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Attendees: Heather Anders, *CMHDA*; Kirsten Barlow (via conf. line), *CMHDA*; Lin Benjamin, *CDA*; Mary Ann Bennett, *Sacramento*; Maria Coronado (via conf. line), *San Bernardino*; Viviana Criado, *CEMHAC*; Janet Frank, *UCLA*; Todd Franke, *UCLA*; Rosalind Garner, *Sacramento*; Ed Long, *CDA*; Patty Lyons, *Marin*; Debra Moreno, *Kings*; Joe Sebastian, *Riverside*; Lynn Thomas (via conf. line), *Amador*; April Waldo, *Sierra*; Sabine Whipple, *CIMH*; Janet Yang (via conf. line), *Center for Aging Resources*

Topics of General Discussion:

- Presentation on California Geriatric Education Center
 - Janet Frank reported that the CGEC is based at UCLA and they partner with Kern County Medical Center.
 - They are working with Kern County to develop some capacity to provide geriatric health services.
 - They are also working with Western University in Pomona.
 - They also partner with the California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics.
 - They have several activities based at UCLA including training faculty and existing providers.
 - In Kern County they have developed Project Esperanza which is funded by the Archstone Foundation.
 - They have identified five leaders in the residency field to train as leadership scholars.
 - They have also been working on a Practice Improvement Educational Model which focuses on older adults with depression in nursing homes.
 - They also have funding to do a statewide conference in 2012-13 and they would like for people to join their conference planning committee. They will probably establish their conference planning group in December 2011.
 - In 2013-14 they can do a regional conference in the Riverside area.
- Presentation on Evaluation at the OAC
 - Todd Franke reported that there is collaboration between UCLA and EMT.
 - When they applied for the RFP they went in with six steps.
 - They are working to identify and engage stakeholders in this process.
 - They have a report due on their work to the OAC at the end of July. Within the report they will break apart the older adult programs from the rest.
 - They are looking at general system development for all age groups.
 - They will soon begin the community-based participatory research. This is co-learning and it involves system development and capacity building.
 - There is the idea of the control of the evaluation process.
 - There is also the idea of technical quality and who decides if the product is good.
 - Something that they are thinking about is what kind of training is necessary.
- Update on WET Issue Paper
 - Geriatric Mental Health Course Development
 - Sabine Whipple reported that there will be two webinars that will be happening soon.
 - They have had pretty good registration for the webinars.
 - Also, the webinars will be archived.

- Sabine Whipple also noted that she is developing e-learning modules and there can be some e-learning focused on older adults. Ms. Whipple can e-mail a proposal to the committee.
- Small County Project
 - Viviana Criado reported that she is working with the California Mental Health Planning Council's WET Committee on workforce development with the small counties.
 - Brian Keefer at the CMHPC is working on finding funding for a pilot project.
 - They will begin meeting between July and August
 - They are looking at different technologies and who can provide services in the counties.
- CMHDA Report
 - Budget/Legislative Report
 - Legislation
 - AB 1297
 - Kirsten Barlow reported that this is CMHDA's sponsored bill and it tries to eliminate some of the state requirements.
 - It eliminates DMH use of SMAs.
 - There also is the elimination of the maximum time frame for submitting claims – the state would follow the federal requirements.
 - This bill is halfway through the approval process and it will be heard next in Senate Health.
 - Budget
 - Ms. Barlow reported that Governor Brown vetoed the budget bill. CMHDA is waiting to see if the Governor comes up with some alternative proposals.
 - It was noted that there are a number of trailer bills which have not been sent to the Legislature.
 - Conference Planning
 - Sacramento County Conference
 - The conference will be October 20, 2011 at the Elks Lodge in Sacramento.
 - Presenters at the conference include Candace Heisler and Natalie Denburg.
 - Report from the CMHDA Governing Board and All Directors Meetings
 - At the meetings it was reported that Stephanie Welch has left CMHDA to become the CalMHSA Program Director.
 - Dan Souza will fill in for Stephanie Welch at CMHDA until the position is filled.
 - MORS Inter-Rater Reliability Study – It was reported that Bruce Gurganus was able to get more counties to participate financially in the project.
 - At the All Directors Meeting, Diana Dooley from DHCS presented and she noted that she is looking for feedback on efficiencies.
 - There was also discussion on how the funding for FY 11/12 will be allocated as CMHDA is making recommendations to from the State Department of Finance regarding distribution methodologies.
- CalMHSA Update
 - It was reported that they have awarded quite a bit of money for the different stigma and discrimination projects.
 - Lin Benjamin talked about the suicide prevention projects and it was noted that at a future meeting we could invite the winning providers to present on their projects.
- Discuss Goals Related to the WET Issue Paper
 - Lin Benjamin noted that she had concern in how the WET money at the state was being used, so the WET Issue paper was developed.
 - Ms. Benjamin walked through the recommendations in Appendix VI.
 - The development of the Geriatric Mental Health Course is one of the outcomes of the paper. Also, the small county project is something that came out of the paper.
 - The committee needs to identify someone to lead this project now that Lin Benjamin will no longer be with the California Department of Aging.
 - This can be discussed at the next in-person meeting and we can devote considerable time to this discussion.
 - Mary Ann Bennett, Bruce Gurganus and Heather Anders can talk about the recommendations noted in the issue paper and the next steps before the July conference call.
- C4A Conference Planning

- Darrell Kelch from C4A came to the meeting to discuss planning for the upcoming conference.
- Mr. Kelch noted that he was happy that we were involved in the conference last year.
- Mr. Kelch presented information on the November 14-16, 2011 conference.
- Kevin Tsang reported that there is a workgroup at CMHDA working on workshops for the conference. The workgroup is proposing three workshops and they include one on spirituality and on mental health competency.
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- Regional Reports and County MHSA Updates, Budget News
 - Sacramento
 - Mary Ann Bennett reported that they are moving forward with their innovation plan.
 - They have received criticism in the past regarding the time it takes to release the funds to programs. The innovation plan will allow a private non-profit administrative agency to serve as the administrative and fiscal agent for the funds to be used to provide crisis respite services in the community. The plan also calls for a Respite Partnership Collaborative of community partners to develop, provide or support respite options.
- Association/Agency Reports
 - CDA
 - Adult Day Health Care Centers
 - Ed Long reported that AB 97 eliminated the Adult Day Health Care program.
 - The State Plan Amendment was submitted to CMS.
 - There was trailer bill language which was an alternative to ADHC.
 - Partner departments at the state have been meeting to see how they can help the people who are leaving ADHC centers.
 - Lin Benjamin discussed a document from Adult Protective Services.
 - Ms. Benjamin noted that she would like to see a strong commitment between this committee and APS (Protective Services Operation Committee).
- Committee Housekeeping Business and Plan July's Conference Call Agenda
 - The next CMHDA OASOC Committee Conference Call is July 28, 2011, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
 - Agenda for July's Conference Call:
 - Discuss Recommendations from the WET Issue Paper
 - Discuss Upcoming Conferences
 - Update on MORS Older Adult Project
 - CalMHSA Update
 - Committee Business
 - County Reports
 - Agency and Association Reports

List of Recommendations/Decisions/Motions:

- Minutes from the May 26, 2011 conference call were reviewed and approved.

Task List:

- Heather Anders will distribute Todd Franke's contact information in case committee members would like to be involved in focus groups he will be conducting.
- Sabine Whipple will e-mail the e-learning proposal to the OASOC Committee.
- Mary Ann Bennett, Bruce Gurganus and Heather Anders can talk about the recommendations noted in the WET issue paper and the next steps before the July conference call.

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

July 28, 2011

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The conference call line will be distributed via e-mail