

**California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA)  
CSOC/ASOC Transition Age Youth Subcommittee  
Conference Call**

# *MEETING REPORT*

**Date & Time:** January 5, 2012, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

**Attendees:** Heather Anders, *CMHDA*; Kirk Andrews, *Providence Community Services*; Andre Bossieux, *San Bernardino*; Diana Boyer, *CWDA*; Terri Boykins, *Los Angeles*; Allison Cunningham, *San Francisco*; Kennisha Johnson, *Contra Costa*; Tabatha Lang, *San Diego*; Michaela Mougengkoff, *Contra Costa*; Wayne Munchel, *Starview Community Services*; Tara Reed, *MHA-L.A. The Village*; Nicole Schulz, *Seneca Center*; April Waldo, *Sierra*

## **Topics of General Discussion:**

- Discuss AB 12: California Fostering Connection to Success Act
  - Diana Boyer from the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) of California discussed with the committee information on AB 12.
  - Ms. Boyer noted that the act extends foster care benefits to youth up to age 21.
  - It has been found that there are higher incarceration rates for youth when they exit foster care.
  - CWDA and the state gave themselves a year to implement the bill.
  - To qualify for this, kids will have had to be in KinGap by age 16 or they can live with someone who has been authorized to receive CalWORKs.
  - Another requirement is that the youth has to be in high school, or vocational equivalent, or in college to receive this service.
  - The goal of the act is to prepare the youth for adulthood.
  - Currently, there are about 4,000 youth statewide that emancipate each year.
  - The state will now be able to pull down more funds for THP Plus.
  - Monitoring and oversight will be conducted through the state.
  - It was noted that there are similar initiatives in other states and California based their program off of Illinois's program.
  - More information on AB 12 can be gathered from the following websites:
    - [www.after18ca.org](http://www.after18ca.org)
    - [www.californiafosteringconnections.org](http://www.californiafosteringconnections.org)
- TAY Resource Guide
  - Chapter Updates
    - Evidence-Based Practices and First Onset Chapters
      - Heather Anders reported that these chapters were to be discussed and approved at the CMHDA Governing Board Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, but some last minute edits were suggested, so the chapters were not discussed.
      - Gay Teurman, the author of the EBP Chapter, is no longer working on TAY and cannot work any more on the chapter. Terri Boykins noted that she may be able to ask one of her staff members to see about making some of the edits to the chapter.
      - Heather Anders has forwarded the suggested edits to Penny Knapp for the First Onset chapter. Dr. Knapp has noted that she will soon begin to work on the edits. Ms. Anders will send another e-mail to Dr. Knapp to see how she is doing with the chapter.
      - A suggestion was made that when the edits are completed that there should be a conference call with the CSOC and ASOC chairs about the new changes to the chapters. If they approve the chapters with the new edits, then the chapters will be ready to be taken to the CMHDA Governing Board for approval.
    - Developmental Implications Chapter

- It was noted that the subcommittee needs to carefully review this chapter because once it does move toward approval, it will be carefully scrutinized.
  - Integration of MHSA Language into Past TAY Chapters
    - Co-Occurring – Terri Boykins was having a staff member of hers work on including MHSA language into the chapter. The staff member may be already finished with these edits.
    - Housing – Andre Bossieux was going to begin to work on this chapter.
    - Cultural Competence – Michaela Mougengkoff already completed her MHSA language additions.
- County and Agency Reports
  - Use of Social Media by Clients
    - Wayne Munchel noted that they are launching a Facebook page today and they will soon be starting a blog.
- Housekeeping
  - The next CMHDA CSOC/ASOC TAY Subcommittee call will take place February 2, 2012, 8:30 am – 9:30 am and the phone number will be distributed via e-mail.

**List of Recommendations/Decisions/Motions:**

- The minutes from the December 1, 2011 conference call were reviewed, one edit was suggested and it was approved.

**Task List:**

- Heather Anders will check back in with Penny Knapp to see how she is doing with making edits to the First Onset chapter.