



## **Campaign for Community Wellness**

Steering Committee Meeting

April 24, 2009

Auburn

Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Richard Knecht, David Soto, Lynn Tarrant, Jerry Nevins, Sonia Samienago, Tad Katada, Christi Meng, Elisa Herrera, Rebecca Huntley, Kathie Denton, Katrina Moser, Stephen Surgener, Michele Zavoras, Karen Lund, Pauline Conrad, Tink Miller, Deb Martin, Janice LeRoux, Anno Nakai, Jan Shonkwiler, Cindy Brundage, DeAnne Thornton, Tammy & Katlin(from Community Care), and Mike Lombardo

Tahoe attendees: Barb Hopkins, Alison Schwedner, Peter Mayfield, and Kirsten Livak

**Ice breaker**-the group was tasked with finding things they have in common, not work related. We discussed each group's commonalities.

### **Announcements**

Sierra Council is having a fund raiser for Race for Awareness. Sierra Council is raffling off an iPad, if you want a raffle ticket, contact Deb.

PIRS has a Systems Advocate job opening.

Sierra Native Alliance has two celebrations going on this weekend.

Innovations draft plan will be available in the next two weeks for public review.

### **Community Voice/Welcome**

<http://www.bringchange2mind.org/index.php>

Stephen stated he feels that too often, these types of messages focus on the illness, while the "person" is secondary. He would like to see more of a focus on people defined not by their illness. Rebecca added she would like to hear a focus more on how the individual's life is while in recovery.

### **Updates**

**PEI Education/Mental Health Pilot**-Tad discussed an initiative driven by Department of Education to provide: "Training of Trainers" for early mental health screening. The purpose is the early identification of mental health issues for educators. The funding source is MHSA through CA Dept of Education. PCOE is will be lead on implementation, with help from CSOC. The program will provide training to local schools. This is a two year process, if you have input and ideas please email Tad Kitada. Gerald Williams will be taking Tad's place because he is

taking on other duties. Several comments were made with focus on having the voice of families/parents included in the process.

### **State PEI Initiative Decision** (Lynn)

\$244M over four years includes Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health Initiative, and Stigma and discrimination reduction. The state has decided they can't deliver these services. Counties have three options to choose from:

1. County can act jointly with one or more counties and assign money to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). This would require Placer to modify our plan and go back to the Board of Supervisors.
2. Act jointly with one or more counties to implement statewide and/or regional replicable programs through a multi-county collaborative, which also requires modify Placer's plan.
3. County may assign funds to DMH to implement a statewide program (no modification of MHSA Plan required, and Placer local voice to be included).

If Placer decides to assign money to the JPA (option 3), this will stop the reversion process that occurs in 2010/2011 and Placer will still have voice in how our monies are spent.

Concerns were discussed about serving communities of color. Placer has a better shot to more voice in the money by choosing option 3 as opposed to giving our money to the state to decide on what they want to do with the money. Lynn's best guess is that there will be more flexibility on choices and a lot more effectiveness on local outcomes.

**Decision**- Elisa suggested that option 3 can be supported more easily if the Steering Committee is assured to have input as to how dollars are spent. Consensus was made to go with option 3 with the stipulations of including underserved communities.

### **Planning Session** (Richard)

Richard reviewed the survey results that Streamline sent out. A majority of those that took the survey said they thought the process was going OK. Due to time, only a brief review occurred with little discussion.

### **Current Campaign Vision & What to do Next with the Potluck**

Which sets of questions do we want to talk about first? "Purpose" discussion--how do we keep the initial vision and accountability by the county to the SC? Sonia raised issue of contract accountability. Richard acknowledged that there have been some issues and we regret that these have not met expectations of all partners.

**AI-How is the County held accountable? Is there any process in place to address concerns/complaints or grievances? TO BE DISCUSSED AT MAY MEETING**

One of the agreements in the beginning was the county would have a bilingual/bicultural staff; the county is aware of this incident and taking steps to correct the issue.

Comment: There is an accountability mechanism available for the county, which is the Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Board. This is an educational meeting and relates to restrictions within the county and new things occurring in and around the county. Maybe an avenue to continued communication is to represent within this meeting.

Comment: Maybe it is possible that it isn't about ethnicity; there are a lot of people that aren't being served.

Lynn identified that it may be desirable to have contractors involved with accountability within the contract process.

### **Discussion for next month - vision/mission**

Brainstorming of Structure occurred briefly, with the following general outcomes:

- Two hour meeting, with more business focus. Third meeting could be three hours.
- Survey those that used to attend to find out how to increase value
- More communication between meetings
- Agendas need to get distributed ahead of meeting
- Minutes should go out as quickly as possible after the meeting for review.
- More formality means we lose the culture of community voice
- Potluck quarterly and monthly business meetings
- Everyone bring someone from the community
- Lose the rule of mandatory attendance
- Audio/video and have available on-line and have capabilities to have input after viewing meeting
- Yolo meets quarterly; Sacramento meets monthly in the evenings;
- Teleconferencing

**A/I - Survey people not in attendance prior to next meeting.**

**Role of county and community for facilitation of meetings** - The contract with Streamline will be up in 60 days, but some capacity remains for them to support this process. Katrina, Christi, Stephen and others all identified that facilitation and some preparation process may be possible if the desire is to have the community begin to hold this meeting as its own.

**Decision-**County will support Christi and Katrina in preparing to facilitate the next quarter's meetings.

**A/I - write out structure of the SC for the future.**