

MHSA Addiction Recovery Joint Taskforce Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2012

9am-11am

**Brenda Smith Conference Room
Alta California Regional Center
2241 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815**

In attendance:

ACRC:

John Decker, Herman Kothe, Maureen Paine, Jessica Romero, Valarie Oldham, Mechelle Johnson, Tim Kuwazaki, Christina Lane, Lori Goselin-Kelly, Patti Diamond, Christy Iwasa, Tanya Nalley, Chris Bolandian, Vicki Smith, David Lopez, Terry Rhoades, Cristina Barrios, Cindy Kenley

Non-ACRC:

Lisa Fitzpatrick, CRC Health Group; Lisa Beintker, ARPW; Mike Smith, Bi-Valley Medical; Breata Simpson, VOA; Karen Compton, Pathways – Yuba City; John de Miranda, Consultant

Introductions, Purpose of MHSA Addiction Recovery and Developmental Disabilities Training Grant and Joint Task Force, Current Progress with RFP for Peer Mentoring Group

- John Decker provided an update on the progress of the MHSA grant (RFP for a peer mentoring program was released and is on the ACRC website). We are looking for a vendor to supervise ACRC clients who will be doing the peer mentoring; as well as developing a curriculum for outreach to providers.
- Proposals are due 12/3/12, and vendor training is expected to start 1/17/13. Please see John Decker if interested.

Status of Vendorization for Strategies for Change

- Strategies for Change is located in South Sacramento and is currently serving our population
- They are developing outpatient drug treatment groups that are specialized for our population.
- They are in the program design phase of vendorization and are in the process of making revisions.
- Alcohol and drug programs are available only for our clients who already have Medi-Cal funding. Without the Medi-Cal funding, no programs are available.

Screening Tool – Review and Suggestions for Modification

- The screening tool was prepared in ACRC’s intake department and was reviewed
- Some of the screening questions seem to be more important than others and should be weighted accordingly.
- As much information as possible should be included on one sheet, including ACRC contact information, and our eligibility requirements.

Discussion of In-Service Training for AOD Agencies

- There are trainings of this nature that have been done previously that could be tailored for our use. ACRC staff to forward to John.
- The trainings should be tailored to the group.
- Hand-outs might be better than power point presentations, which should be kept brief; referral information “cheat sheets” might be helpful (laminated on key-ring).
- Training should be “modular” as training times can be different
- A modified version of the 12 steps should be created that are simpler, more accessible for DD. This could be used as a handout.

Presentation to Sacramento County Mental Health Service Provider Meeting

- The Sacramento County Mental Health Providers group meets every two months.
- Discussion included placement of difficult consumers and the importance of emergency room cooperation.
- Our screening tool might be helpful for Mental Health providers.
- We are interested in partnering with Sacramento County Mental Health to offer training to mental health providers in the area.

Development of an ACRC In-Service Training

- Bridges Stars Program would be willing to train ACRC staff, as they have prepared many staff trainings in the past.

Next Meeting January 14, 2013 @ Alta California Regional Center 9am

- Completion of the training materials for the AOD Agencies is set to be complete on November 16th, 2012.
- Development of staff trainings will be discussed.
- We will discuss the finalized screening tool.
- RFP Status – if no responses, we may discuss modifications if necessary.
- Contact John Decker with any and all feedback or questions.