

Minutes
Adult System of Care Committee (ASOC)
October 26, 2021 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Call-in: (669) 254-5252, Meeting ID: 160 996 1804, Passcode: 561672

Members Present: Corrine McIntosh-Sako, Laura Bemis, Loran Sheley, Ann Arneill and William Cho (staff: Glenda Basina)

Members Absent: None

4:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction
Corrine McIntosh-Sako, Chairperson

Chair Corrine McIntosh-Sako convened the meeting at 4:00pm and introductions were made.

4:05 p.m. Update on Peer Support Specialist Training - SB 803

- a. What Sacramento County is doing – Corrine McIntosh-Sako Powerpoint on SB803 background, JPA authority for certification/training process.

Chair McIntosh-Sako presented on the importance of Peers with background on SB 803; Peer Support Specialist Training, required by California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for counties to use and will also be required for Medi-Cal reimbursement. Sacramento County has assigned the responsibility of Peer Certification to California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to implement a statewide, standardized approach for Peer Certification. CalMHSA has been holding community input sessions and will report out on the information from these sessions sometime before the end of the year.

- b. What Cal Voices offer - Dawniell Zavala & Stephanie Ramos from CalVoices

Dawniell Zavala and Stephanie Ramos provided background on their organization, CalVoices, and their experience in Peer advocacy as well as statewide education and training through their Workforce Integration Support and Education (WISE U) and placement programs for employers and peers. Dawniell mentioned the implementation of SB 803 on January 2022, weaving in CalMHSA for trainings/certifications in order for counties to bill Medi-Cal. CalMHSA to announce their selected entities for the trainings in the next 2 weeks. CalVoices is concerned about their role with Sacramento County and the impact to existing Peers (certified/non-certified).

Dawniella offered to set up a separate Zoom for committee members wanting more information on CalVoices and can be reached at dzavala@calvoices.org or sramos@calvoices.org for Stephanie Ramos.

4:45 p.m. Discussion/Action Item – Review and Approve Potential Goal Related to Improving Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Consumers
– Ann Arneill

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Member Arneill presented the committees' potential goals; improve vocation rehabilitation services for clients with serious mental illnesses served by Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services, increase employment outcomes for providers serving clients with serious mental illness in Sacramento County or improve vocational services provided by Full Service Partnership providers in Sacramento. The two caveats related to these goals are 1) for the main outpatient system that BHS provides, Sacramento County doing a redesign of Adult Outpatient services which is underway this fiscal year so it may not make sense to have a goal to affect this service system and 2) the current pandemic situation, job developers in these programs have no employment – employers are not employing people, restricted by the pandemic. Member Arneill asked the committee's feedback and the majority agreed that the pandemic is a factor but it would be good to start working on it now and be better prepared when the pandemic is no longer a factor.

Member Arneill moved to approve the committees' goal to improve vocational services provided by Full Service Partnership providers in Sacramento. Member Bemis seconded the motion. Motion carried (yes: Corrine McIntosh Sako, Loran Sheley, Ann Arneill and Laura Bemis; William Cho was not present at time of voting).

5:15 p.m. Member Discussion of Future Agenda Items
5:30 p.m. Member Discussion of ASOC 2022 Goals – Vocational Rehabilitational Outcomes, PEER Support Certification, AOT Programming keep design and implementation on radar, Redesign of Adult System of Care.

Chair McIntosh-Sako stated that both items – discussion of future agenda items and discussion of ASOC 2022 goals are related, and asked members to weigh in on the goals listed. Members Sheley, Bemis and Arneill agreed to keep the list on for their goals. They will finesse these goals in the coming November meeting and talk more about it at the retreat in January. Chair McIntosh-Sako will send the list of goals to the group to think more on it for the next meeting.

5:50 p.m. Public Comment

Public Comment #1: Interested in getting on the agenda at the next meeting and having a dialogue with the committee regarding the essential elements of an AOT program and including individuals with serious mental illness treated effectively. Wants a productive discussion with what they want to achieve with AOT.

Public Comment #2: The first meeting she attended and found it to be very informative. Interested in attending more meetings and finding out what other programs are out there.

Public Comment #3: Complimented the committee and looks forward to moving forward and getting people gainfully employed.

6:00 p.m. Adjourn

Chair McIntosh-Sako adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.