

Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee Meetings Report

January and February 2016:

January

The first MHSA Steering Committee Meeting of 2016 was held on January 21st. During this meeting, Michael Lazar announced that he was retiring from TLCS, Inc. at the end of January. Erin Johansen will be the new Executive Director and also represent the Service Provider (Adults) category on the MHSA Steering Committee.

The primary focus of the January meeting was the presentation of the Draft MHSA Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Update. Jane Ann LeBlanc reminded the MHSA Steering Committee members as well as members of the audience that the Mental Health Board was to conduct the Public Hearing regarding the Draft MHSA Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Update on February 3, 2016. Ms. LeBlanc then proceeded with her presentation and overview of the Annual Update.

After the close of the Annual Update presentation, General Public Comment was heard. Don Bentz, Executive Director of the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, gave comment expressing concern regarding the Center's respite programs and provided written comment as well.

February

The second MHSA Steering Committee Meeting of 2016 was held on February 18th. During this meeting, Jane Ann LeBlanc provided the MHSA Update and noted that the Draft MHSA Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Update is being finalized for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 22nd. Next on the Agenda was a presentation by Uma Zykofsky regarding the opportunity to apply for a grant to expand Mobile Crisis Support Teams. Ms. Zykofsky asked for MHSA Steering Committee support to seek the grant as well as reassign a limited number of existing staff to support the Mobile Crisis Support Teams. The Steering Committee voted to approve.

The next item on the Agenda was a review of Innovation Project #1 respite programs. Specifically, this was a follow-up item from the December and January Meetings concerning the approval of sustainable funding for the Adult and Youth respite programs operated by the Sacramento LGBT Community Center. In response to various concerns raised by the Respite Partnership Collaborative concerning incomplete data reported by the Center, the Center and Sierra Health Foundation met, reviewed and documented updated data to measure the success or impact of the Center's respite programs. After discussion, the MHSA Steering Committee voted to approve sustainable MHSA funding for the LGBT Community Center's adult and youth respite programs.

The meeting adjourned.