

**MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES COLLABORATIVE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

Attendees:

Alta RC	Amy Westling
CVRC	Tom Keenen
GGRC	Hal Kirklin
HRC	Michael Tredinnick
NBRC	Alfonso Carmona, Pamela Madden-Krall, Patrick Maher
SGPRC	Steve Mouton
VMRC	Nicole Weiss
WRC	Erica Schuster

Priorities	Jeff Payne
Mosaic Connections	Peggie Webb

DMH - California	Ruben Robles
DMH – Sonoma County	Mike Kennedy
SELPA – Napa County	Shelton Yip
SELPA – Yuba County	Rusty Gordon
ARC-CA	Tony Anderson
CMHDA	Pat Ryan
DDS	Mike Januse, Renee Carnes, Andrew Cavagnaro, Jeanie Thurston
ARCA	Bob Baldo, Joan Hoss, David Riester

By Telephone:

GGRC	Lisa Rosene
DDS	Cheryl Cavanagh
SGPRC	Nora Perez-Given

The meeting was chaired by Mike Kennedy. Following introductions and approval of the minutes of the June 1, 2011 meeting, the following matters were discussed.

1. Consultant Reports

Joan Hoss monitors meetings of the CMHDA Forensic Committee. That committee is studying the potential impact of public safety realignment on County mental health services. Joan also continues to research the methods used by other states to serve individuals with developmental disabilities who are dangerous. Most states serve these individuals in institutions. Washington State serves these individuals in the community in a supported living model.

David Riester reported on resources to serve individuals with co-occurring disorders of developmental disabilities and mental illness. The Porterville

Developmental Center Secure Treatment area has 258 residents and a statutory cap of 200. Therefore, there must be a relocation of 58 residents before there are any new admissions behind the fence. There will be a Medicaid survey next week.

The California Psychiatric Transitions facility in Delhi is full. Priorities in Yuba City continues to accept referrals, but is near capacity.

The Laurel Bay Mental Health Rehabilitation Center project will not be constructed. This fifteen-bed locked setting in Alameda County was to be operated by Telecare in partnership with RCEB, GGRC, and SARC.

Non-residential resources for forensic clients have been established in San Diego and in San Francisco. Peggie Webb reported that Exodus Recovery will serve 30 people involved in the criminal justice system. Exodus will offer groups in emotional regulation and medication compliance. Criminal Justice treatment plans will be established in all cases and containment plans will be created in five of the cases. The Skills model of service will be used.

Hal Kirklin reported that Ebony Omelegah, formerly the forensic social worker at GGRC, now provides adaptive skills training and supported living services to forensic clients in the three counties covered by GGRC. Heart to Heart offers anger management groups. GGRC has only one competency trainer, a clinical psychologist. Hal Kirklin is establishing a forensic collaborative group in San Francisco County with representatives from the court, probation department, and mental health department.

## 2. Public Mental Health Services

Pat Ryan reported that the reorganization of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Services is in process. The DMH Medi-Cal functions (EPSDT and Managed Care) have been transferred to the Department of Health Care Services. The California Mental Health Directors Association is developing its position on what should happen to the other DMH functions. Under consideration is the creation of a State Department of Behavioral Health. There will also be a Department of State Institutions administering the State Hospitals. Developmental Centers will continue to be administered by DDS.

The realignment of public safety responsibilities will also have implications for the mental health community. To comply with federal court orders to reduce the prison population, California will limit prison admission to serious offenders only. Those convicted of non-violent, non-serious, non-sexual offenses will be housed in county jails. There will be some early release from prison and parole violators will be sentenced to county jail rather than returned to prison. There will be an increase in the number of seriously, persistently mentally ill individuals requiring community mental health service and/or substance abuse treatment. National health care reform

legislation will also impact the California mental health system, providing more federal funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment and expanding access to low income health insurance programs. The Affordable Care Act promotes the integration of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Programs. It was noted that San Mateo County offers a model of effective integration of county mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.

3. Regional Center Systems

Bob Baldo reported that the state budget process has left the system intact but “bruised and battered.” Regional centers are now required to limit administrative overhead to 15%. The system’s budget was cut by \$1B. The current year budget assumes increased access to federal funds from renewal of our 1915(c) Medicaid waiver and approval of a 1915(i) State Medicaid Plan amendment. The current year budget passed by the legislature contains a provision for additional cuts in December if anticipated increases in tax revenues do not materialize. The budget bill specified that DDS would lose another \$100M and that the schools would reduce their academic year by seven days.

The elimination of Adult Day Health Center services will affect many regional center clients. While funds have been allocated to continue like services for medically fragile regional center clients, the continued existence of ADHCs may not be viable.

4. Education Related Mental Health Services

The Legislature has transferred the responsibility of mental health services for special education students from county mental health programs to the schools. Some funds were allocated for a one-year transition process. The definition of necessity for mental health services has been narrowed to “those services necessary to facilitate the child’s education.”

5. MHSA Grants Administered by DDS

Renee Carnes reported that the Department has selected eight projects for the new three-year cycle. Alta, North Bay, Central Valley, Westside, and San Gabriel Pomona Regional Centers have received grants. The projects are detailed on the DDS website.

6. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the MH/DS Collaborative will be held at the Hampton Inn in Sacramento on Wednesday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by: David Riester