

# Mental Health Services Act Advisory Council

Thursday, June 1, 2023

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Meeting Access via Online Zoom Video Conference and Telephone Conference:**

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- Members Attending:** Mashal Kleven, Beth Limberg, Lucy Espinosa Nelson, Melinda O’Day, Roberto Roman, Jennifer Tuipulotu, Graham Wiseman
- Behavior Health Director:** Dr. Suzanne Tavano
- Staff Attending:** Mariela Acosta, Jessica Hunt, Connie Lee, Ernesto Robles, Jonathon San Juan, Genoveva Zesati
- Public Participants:** Deborah Callister, Gigi Crowder, Laura Griffin, Jill Ray, Josephine Smedley, Taylere Looney
- Facilitator:** Mark Mora
- Recorder:** Audrey Montana
- Staff Support:** Jennifer Bruggeman
- Excused from Meeting:** None
- Absent from Meeting:** Douglas Dunn, Y’Anad Burrell, Chaplain Creekmore, Tom Gilbert, Leslie May, Amelia Wood

TOPIC	ISSUE/CONCLUSION	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
1. Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Roll Call</li> <li>• Review Working Agreement</li> <li>• Announcements</li> <li>• Finalize Meeting Notes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome, Call to Order</b></li> <li>• <b>Roll Call</b></li> <li>• <b>Reviewed Working Agreement</b></li> <li>• <b>Announcements</b> - None</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting Notes:</b> Reviewed meeting notes (April 6, 2023). No revisions recommended.</p>	Information  Notes will be posted to MHSA CPAW website.	Mark Mora (Facilitator)  Audrey Montana to post notes.

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2. Review MHSA 3 Yr. <i>Draft</i> Plan 23-26 and Budget	<p><b>Review MHSA 3 Yr. <i>Draft</i> Plan 23-26 and Budget</b></p> <p>Presenters: <b>Jennifer Bruggeman</b> and <b>Genoveva Zesati</b></p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation:</p> <p><b>“MHSA 23-36 Three Year Plan <i>DRAFT</i> Overview”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Three-Year Plan is created in collaboration with community stakeholders.</li> <li>○ Takes into account: Statewide COVID unspent funds, COVID impact on funds, pending “Modernization of MHSA” and pending CARE implementation.</li> <li>○ Next steps: Post Plan for 30-day public comment period, Public hearing and approval by the Board of Supervisors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• MHSA Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community Supports and Services (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Innovation (INN) Workforce Education &amp; Training (WET) and Capital Facilities/Technology Needs (CFTN). Provided percentage of funding for each component.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CSS Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expanded: Treatment Programs, Transition Team (street psychiatry, library initiative) and Housing (More units, increases for Board and Cares, potential new construction/renovation, BHCIP match). Community Based Organization (CBO’s) transitional support for CalAIM .</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Innovation Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cognitive Behavioral Social Skills Training (CBSST) in Board and Cares and Room to Overcome and Achieve Recovery (ROAR) – phasing out in fall 2024</li> <li>○ Psychiatric Advanced Directives (PADs) entering second year</li> <li>○ Grants for Community Defined Practices approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Jennifer Bruggeman (MHSA Program Manager)</p> <p>Genoveva Zesati (Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Ethnic Services and Training Coordinator, ASA III )</p>

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	<p>Request for Proposals to release in July or August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CBO’s staff training and support CalAIM implementation</li> <li>○ Participate in California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHS) Behavioral Health Workforce Programs – workforce shortages and workforce retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Peer Support Specialists, Temporary Clinical/Staff/Permanent Staff Recruitment Program, Training and Certification Courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• CF/TN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Electronic Health Record (EHR) enhancements for the EPIC (ccLink) program</li> <li>○ Capital Facilities projects support building/renovation for expansion of treatment and housing programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Budget Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Detailed for each CSS, PEI, INN, WET and CF/TN</li> <li>○ Yellow highlighted areas indicate significant increases (Children’s, Transitional Age Youth, Adults, Housing and General System Development). Also have increases for Innovation, WET and CF/TN.</li> <li>○ Year one and two of the budget are higher</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Address unspent funds. Provide Matching Funds for BHCIP Housing Projects. Provide “bridge” support to CBOs during CalAIM transition. Prepare for MHS Modernization (expanding housing, use MHS to fund substance use disorder (SUD) treatment).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Comments and Response to Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) Regarding Unspent Funds, prior earlier financial projections advised there would be significant reductions in funds. That did not occur. Will</li> </ul>		

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	<p>look each year if adjustments need be made re unspent funds. Housing will be a priority area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Gigi Crowder) Is there any information as to the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)? <b>Response:</b> (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) Contracts have been delayed due to payment reform. We intend to make the July 1st deadline. (Jennifer Bruggeman) We have no update at this time.</li> <li>• (Gigi Crowder) Seventy five percent of NAMI staff are Peer certified. Heard County Community Service Workers (Peer) funded first then CBO's that already bill MediCal and then CBOs like NAMI. <b>Response:</b> (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) Good to hear your grant funding is continuing. Still building the structure for Certified Peer Specialists.</li> </ul>		
<p>3. New Innovation Project Updates PADs Grants for Community Defined practices</p>	<p><b>New Innovation Project Updates</b> Presenter: <b>Jennifer Bruggeman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychiatric Advance Directive (PADs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is a seven County collaborative</li> <li>○ Painted Brain and CAMHPRO are working on the project. Came and led an in-person meeting at Putnam Peer Connections. Was a very interactive meeting and they elicited great feedback from the Peers present. Focused on developing a uniform psychiatric advanced template that can be used in every county in the state.</li> <li>○ Connected with the Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime (A3) Team. Introduced PADs to A3. Would be good partners in rolling the program out.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Comments and Response to Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Jessica Hunt) We received wonderful feedback from the contractors. Received compliments as to how motivated the community and our Peers are.</li> <li>• (Jonathan San Juan) We have working on the project and the template. Developing a website that people can use to create their individual PADs.</li> </ul>		<p>Jennifer Bruggeman</p> <p>Genoveva Zesati</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment: (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) Do the PADs need to be notarized? If yes, we would build in supports to provide access to notaries. <b>Response:</b> We have not gotten to that topic as yet. I will bring up in discussions.</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: <b>Genoveva Zesati</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation Proposal - Supporting Equity through Community Defined Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposal approved by the state Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)</li> <li>○ Working on finalizing the Request for Proposals (RFPs). Notices on RFP workgroups will be sent out for input from the community. Likely have the RFP released in July.</li> <li>○ Approximately six million dollars in total funds distributed over a three-year period.</li> <li>○ Individuals or agencies can apply for up to \$125,000.00 grant funds annually for a period of three years.</li> <li>○ Now assembling an RFP workgroup (i.e., help with scoring RFP applications, providing input on applications, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Comments and Response to Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) Want to address disparities in equity within target populations (i.e., AAPI).</li> <li>• (Gigi Crowder) Disparities also exist within the Filipino community.</li> </ul>		
4. SB 803 (Peer Certification) – Update Q&A	<p><b>SB803 (Peer Certification) Update</b></p> <p>Presenters: <b>Roberto Roman</b> and <b>Jennifer Tuipulotu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is responsible for administering the Peer Certification Program. It administers the scholarships for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and helps applicants. Scholarships are still available.</li> </ul>		Roberto Roman (Community Support Worker II, Office for Consumer Empowerment – OCE)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our County has forty-five Certified Peer Specialists. Among the highest number in the Bay Area region.</li> <li>• Applications for Scholarships can be located on the following link: <a href="http://www.capeercertification.org">www.capeercertification.org</a></li> <li>• Criteria to apply is listed on the website.</li> <li>• For assistance in applying, can contact the Office for Consumer Empowerment.</li> </ul>		Jennifer Tuipulotu (Program Coordinator-Office for Consumer Empowerment)
5. Dialogue and Update from Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Executive Leadership	<p><b>Dialogue with Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Executive Leadership</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Suzanne Tavano:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All staff are receiving training on new coding as prior billing system (ShareCare) will no longer be used. Enhancing the cLink system as is the Electronic Health Records (EHR) and billing system.</li> <li>○ Implementing a streamline process as the EHR for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) service providers.</li> <li>○ Focus on delivery of direct services for billing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have not heard back yet on proposals submitted. In the award review step currently.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building work should be completed in July</li> <li>○ Service contract delayed but moving forward as quickly as possible. Anticipate August.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime (A3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have fifteen teams. Now seven-day coverage from 8 am to 12:30 am daily.</li> <li>○ Direct number to the Miles Hall Crisis Center is 844-5544. Can also call 211, 988, 911, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ConFire (Contra Costa County Fire Department) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work with A3 to dispatch teams</li> <li>○ Response time is at an average of 53 mins and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Dr. Suzanne Tavano (Director, Behavioral Health Services)

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	<p>continue working on lowering that number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with Law enforcement as well. Will resume the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) provided by the Sheriff's Office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments and Response to Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Graham Wiseman) Confire is that a community or County wide program? <b>Response:</b> It is County wide.</li> <li>(Jill Ray) As for the phone numbers, if can provide the info for our newsletters. Since we are using Contra Costa County Fire, they also run the ambulance system. So is a benefit of using the ConFire Dispatch Center.</li> <li>(Lucy Espinosa Nelson) If not use the Miller Wellness Center, what is used now? <b>Response:</b> The Behaviorists are still available just moved to other parts of the health center and are still providing services. Miles Hall Crisis Center can also provide crisis services.</li> <li>(Gigi Crowder) We need culturally diverse stakeholders? Do not see anyone of African American descent in today's meeting. <b>Response:</b> (Jennifer Bruggeman) We always welcome new members and those who want to attend the meetings. Not every regular MHSA AC member is here in the meeting today. There is a list of the MHSA Advisory Council members. <b>Response:</b> (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) Having such representation is important. We keep trying.</li> </ul>		
6. Public Comment	<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Jilly Ray) Recommend a discussion to name this group. Other government groups use the acronym MAC as well. <b>Response:</b> (Jennifer Bruggeman) Yes. This will be a topic to discuss at our upcoming meetings.</li> <li>(Grant Wiseman) Need to improve funding and streamline that process to provide mental health services on school campuses. County level billing could be a discussion for another day. <b>Response:</b> (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) We contract with some of the school districts</li> </ul>		Mark Mora

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	<p>and certified them as MediCal providers. They receive payment same process as CBO's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Roberto Roman) After Three Year Plan is finalized, should have future conversations of what MHSA community engagement will look like post-COVID? Currently have hybrid meetings. <b>Response:</b> (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) The Governor proposed changes to the MHSA Community Planning Process. Awaiting details.</li> <li>• (Lucy Espinosa Nelson) Future discussion on having Peer Specialists for youth in the schools. Also, discussions on how we can be involved in the budget process.</li> <li>• (Deborah Callister) Is there any way to get funding directly to or to hire caseworkers? <b>Response:</b> (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) That is part of the MHSA Plan for the upcoming year. Can use some unspent dollars to help.</li> <li>• (Jill Ray) We can determine CBO contract amounts, but we cannot require specific funds go towards salaries. Response: (Suzanne Tavano) That is correct.</li> <li>• (Gigi Crowder) Re funds and emergencies, why can't we quickly direct funds to face an emergency? Need mental health and trauma focused responses.</li> </ul>		
7. Plus / Delta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	CPAW members and attendees	Mark Mora
8. Adjournment & Next MAC Meeting Information: June Meeting Topic: 23-26 MHSA 3 Year Plan and Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPAW Steering Committee meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.</li> <li>• The next CPAW meeting will be <b>August 3, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.</b></li> </ul>		Mark Mora