Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Advisory Council

Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

In Person: 1340 Arnold Dr. Ste. 126, Martinez, CA 94553

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Call In Number: 1-646-518-9805 **Meeting ID:** 705 009 0662

Members Attending: Douglas Dunn, Jaime Yan Faurot, Lucy Espinosa Nelson, Melinda O'Day, Roberto Roman,

Jennifer Tuipulotu, Amelia Wood

Behavior Health Director:

Staff Attending: Janet Costa, Victoria Fairchild, Jessica Hunt, Connie Lee, Ernesto Robles, Ellie Shirgul, Genoveva Zesati

<u>Public Participants</u>: Cameron, Gigi Crowder, Susan Norwick Horrocks, Shelly Ji, Meaghan Faulkenberry, Shuchen Guo, Leo Li,

Ashley Lowe, Taylere Looney, Pamela Perls, Josephine Smedley, Chris Stahl, Kant Wang, Tiffany Wang

<u>Facilitator</u>: Mark Mora

Recorder: Audrey Montana

Staff Support: Jennifer Bruggeman

Excused from Meeting: Beth Limberg

Absent from Meeting: Y'Anad Burrell, Chaplain Creekmore, Tom Gilbert, Mashal Kleven, Leslie May, Graham Wiseman

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1. Welcome	Welcome, Call to Order	Information	Mark Mora
 Call to Order 	Roll Call		(Facilitator)
Roll Call	Reviewed Working Agreement		,
 Review Working 	Meeting Notes: Reviewed meeting notes (June 1,	Notes will be posted to	Audrey Montana
Agreement	2023). No revisions recommended.	MHSA Advisory Council	to post notes.
 Finalize Meeting Notes 	Announcements	website.	
 Announcements 	o (Jennifer Bruggeman)		
-New Member,	We have a new member - (Jaime Yan Faurot - MHSA		
Facilitation change	Advisory Council)		

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	 Facilitation Change - Mark Mora from Homebase will no longer be the facilitator for our meetings. We appreciate his great work and his assistance the past years. There will be a new Zoom link for meetings. The MHSA Three Year Plan has been finalized and will be posted on the MHSA Website soon. (Jessica Hunt) This is the last meeting to be facilitated by Mark Mora from Homebase. Thank you very much for the work you have done. For the future, the MHSA Team will host the meetings. A new Zoom link will be provided. (Jennifer Tuipulotu) Thank you, Mark, for your facilitation. (Mark Mora) This is my last meeting. I am still with Homebase and work with the homeless system of care in Contra Costa. So may still see many in the future. (Ellie Shirgul) There is a program from the Dept of Aging and Adult Services that is providing free iPads and training to older adults (65 years old and above). We obtained several for our clients. (Jaime Yan Faurot) SPIRIT applications are available now. Should share and promote the SPIRIT program. (Genoveva Zesati) I share upcoming events with the Advisory Council and Board of Supervisors. 		
 MHSA Updates MHSA 3 Year Plan Finalization MHSA Triennial Review 	 MHSA 3 Year Plan Finalization Approved by Board of Supervisors on August 1st The Final version of the plan will be posted on the MHSA website after final version approved Will be notified when the final Plan is posted on the website Will have printed copies available as well MHSA Triennial Review Had the MHSA Department of Health Services review a couple of weeks ago. It went well. 		Jessica Hunt (MHSA Program Supervisor) Genoveva Zesati (Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Ethnic Services and Training Coordinator, ASA III)

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3. Update on INN Equity Grants	Presenter: Genoveva Zesati Update on the Innovation Community Defined Practices Grants Request For Proposal (RFP) Workgroup – completed fourth meeting. One more meeting. RFP will be finalized and released approximately end of August or early September Goal is for bidders' conference in September Indigo Project will provide technical assistance Provides \$125,000.00 in funding to support Community Defined Practices in underserved or inappropriately serviced communities. Goal for program to run to June 30th, 2026.		Genoveva Zesati
4. SPIRIT Presentation	Presenters: Janet Costa and Victoria Fairchild PowerPoint Presentation: "SPIRIT – Behavioral Health Service Provider Individualized Intensive Training" • What is SPIRIT • SPIRIT 2023 is a nine-unit certificate course taught to peers and family members by peers and family members • Collaboration between Contra Costa Behavioral Health's Office for Consumer Empowerment and Contra Costa Community College • Welcomes peers, family members, parents, caregivers, and young adults within the behavioral health system • Who is SPIRIT intended for? • People with lived experience relating to substance use disorders, homelessness, and mental health • What is the Goal of SPIRIT? • Train people to become peer and family providers in the behavioral health field		Janet Costa (Mental Health Specialist II, SPIRIT Peer Co-Instructor, Certified Peer Specialist, Office for Consumer Empowerment – OCE) Victoria Fairchild (Certified Medi-Cal Peer Specialist, SPIRIT Peer Co-Instructor, CSW II, Office for Consumer Empowerment – OCE)

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	 Help individuals identify, develop, and sustain personal support systems, develop, and use personal wellness plan, help others SPIRIT Video Presentation Scheduling of SPIRIT Six-month course. Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Provides Internships. SPIRIT Presenters Subject matter experts from Contra Costa Behavioral Health, community-based organizations, and College professors. SPIRIT III - Internships During the summer. Completion of SPIRIT I, II & III - graduation ceremony and receive certificates Career Goals/Continuing Education 2024 SPIRIT Applications due October 6, 2023 The SPIRIT Application is available online on the Behavioral Health Services webpage: https://cchealth.org/bhs/pdf/SPIRIT-application.pdf If any questions or would like this presentation, please email: Janet.costa@cchealth.org Victoria.Fairchild@cchealth.org Victoria.Fairchild@cchealth.or		
5. SB 803 (Peer Certification) – Update Q&A	 Presenter: Roberto Roman Currently have 62 certified peers. Along with Alameda County, have the highest count of certified Peers. Of the these, 54 received scholarships. CalMHSA Scholarships have been depleted If questions, please contact Roberto Roman at: Roberto.Roman@cchealth.org Some training still available Specific training not required for certification If have specialized training (i.e., parent-caregiver), scholarships may be available. Reach out to 		Roberto Roman (Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist, Team Lead, Office for Consumer Empowerment – OCE)

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	Jennifer Tuipulotu at <u>jennifer.tuipulotu@cchealth.org</u> . Information is on the CalMHSA website.			
 6. Dialogue and Update with Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Executive Leadership Modernization of MHSA status and Updates Update on housing projects 	Dr. Suzanne Tavano was unable to attend this meeting and will provide an update at the next MHSA Advisory Council Meeting. Jennifer Bruggeman: Dr. Tavano attends the monthly Mental Health Commission meeting and provides updates at that time. The meeting is the first Wednesday of each month. The next Mental Health Commission meeting is September 6th.		Dr. Suzanne Tavano, PhD (Director, Contra Costa Behavioral Health)	
7. Public Comment	 (Jennifer Tuipulotu) Have concerns re the function of this body and the MHSA Modernization bill. Perhaps good to have a meeting to clarify. Response: (Jennifer Bruggeman) In view of the proposed changes and modernization of MHSA, now may be a good time to receive input. Can discuss in detail next meeting. Then will forward information to Dr. Tavano who, in turn, can provide the information to the State. (Douglas Dunn) I also have a major reservation about the proposed changes to MHSA. Yes, need a deeper dive. Discussions then to bring to Board of Supervisors and State Legislators. (Jaime Yan Faurot) Maybe summarize provisions that are most relevant to our County. Should come together, show strength, and go to the capital to show support. (Roberto Roman) This Modernization is fast tracked. We meet again in October but will be done by then. Need detailed discussions next meeting. (Douglas Dunn) Agree. Need to move quickly. (Jennifer Bruggeman) Open to holding a special meeting in September for detailed discussions solely on this issue of proposed changes. 	MHSA AC Members and Attendees	Mark Mora	

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8. Plus / Delta – Review of Meeting	 (Roberto Roman) SPIRIT Presentation went very well. Appreciate Janet and Victoria. SPIRIT has transformed my life. I can now help others transform their lives. Grateful for that. (Audrey Montana) Thank you to Mark Mora for facilitating our meetings and ensuring all runs smoothly. Truly appreciated. (Jaime Yan Faurot) SPIRIT has also helped me. We all support each other. Thank you also to Mark Mora. Thank you for the great, amazing facilitation. 	MHSA AC Members and Attendees	Mark Mora
9. Adjournment & Next MHSA AC Meeting	 There may be a Special Meeting scheduled to discuss Modernization of the MHSA. The next MHSA AC meeting will be October 5, 2023 		Mark Mora
	from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.		

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Jennifer Tuipulotu

Behavior Health Director: Dr. Suzanne Tavano

Staff Attending: Mariela Acosta, Wilhamenia Allen, Angela Brandon, Janet Costa, Shaunna Devlin, Autmn Fury,

Kennisha Johnson, Tamara Joiner, April Loveland, Kelly Perryman, Ernesto Robles,

Marie Scannell, Susan Waters, Genoveva Zesati

Public Participants: Phil Arnold, Jeralynn Brown-Blueford, Cassandra, Adrienne Conrad, Wanda Davis, Bryan Forrester,

Meaghan Faulkenberry, Peter Myers, Pamela Perls, Jennifer Quallick, Jill Ray, Steven Smith

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1. Welcome	Welcome, Call to Order	Information	Jennifer
 Call to Order 	 Introductions completed 		Bruggeman
 Review Working 	Review Working Agreement		(MHSA Program
Agreement	 Announcements 	Notes will be posted to	Manager)
 Announcements 	(Dr. Suzanne Tavano) This is a very important subject.	MHSA Advisory Council	
 Introduce New 	This is information we have at this time. Thank you all	website.	

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Member	for being here today. • Introduce New Member • Marina Ramos (MHSA Advisory Council Member)		Audrey Montana to post notes.
2. MHSA Modernization	Jennifer Bruggeman		Jennifer
 Overview of Proposed Changes to MHSA 	PowerPoint Presentation:		Bruggeman
 Understanding SB 326 and latest 	"Modernization of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Overview)"		
amendments	(Copy of Presentation provided post meeting)		
	 Background MHSA established by voters in November 2004. Funded through 1% sales tax on Californians. Enhance and transform public behavioral health care system by adding additional services and supports. Includes Full-Service Partnerships and Prevention and Early Intervention programs and core values. Proposed Changes Governor Newsom's Proposal to Modernize MHSA. Senate Bill 326 Behavioral Services Act, SB 531 Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act Components (current and proposed components) Comparison (Current and New Components) Allocations for State and Counties Summary (Proposed Changes) Concerns and Advocacy 		
3. Q & A	Question and Answer:		Jennifer
	Jennifer Bruggeman and Dr. Suzanne Tavano		Bruggeman
	 Explain Prevention funds going to the State? Will we lose MHSA funding? Prevention is moving to the state (4% taken off the top for County outpatients). But, Early Intervention component will stay with MHSA. Comment: Concerned with effects on racial disparity. One component is taken away. 		Dr. Suzanne Tavano PhD (Director, Behavioral Health Services)

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	 These proposals changing day by day. Can evaluate once final determinations made. This is information we have today. Is an ongoing process currently and changes still being made. Heard would wipe out WET and other things to put in the Behavioral Health and Housing component. Any studies on the effect on County? Have looked at a couple of projections. Need to wait for the final bill provisions. We have already 30% allocated for housing. The housing changes are not so drastic for our county. Components are flexible. Comment: Young people seeing many things that have an adverse effect on their minds. They have to apologize in our system. We should not perpetuate that. Heard definitions of categories are changing. Is there a place we go to find current definitions? We do not currently have specifics as to the Early Intervention category. Appears focus will be on young people – zero to 25 years of age. 50% or more of these funds directed toward that age group. How will affect Peer Community Support Workers (CSW)? Any anticipated impact? Do not anticipate any cuts in funding for CSW's How might changes affect Full-Service Partnership (FSP)programs? Modernization changes emphasize FSP's. Do not anticipate any reductions in FSP funding. Comment: For delinquent Behavioral Health Services, there must be a primary mental health diagnosis. Should increase housing bond to 6.2 billion dollars. Should delay voting date on changes to permit more time to finalize. Comment: In this process, voices are not heard and not all perspectives are considered. Those receiving support and services are not at this meeting. We must inform them of what is happening and how these proposed 		

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	changes will affect them. Also, must not overlook those with linguistic challenges. Need equity and outreach. Prevention will be moved to the State services by population. Outreach handled by the State? State looking at prevention services on the group level, population based only. Appears outreach and engagement will be permissible by the County. Comment: Still need funding for Substance Use services. Many people not diagnosed when young. Appears funding for Substance Use treatment services will not decrease. Will keep watching this. How is housing effected with the proposed changes? Funding has increased for housing. County has already allocated 30% of funding to housing. We did not add to this percentage what we have allocated for other housing supports and services. Need to look at what is remaining after the Housing and FSP components are funded (30% and 35% respectively) which would be the remaining 35% of funds. For housing services and supports, need to evaluate once the bill is finalized. Comment: A week from today is the deadline for any proposed changes. The finalized bill will be on the March 2024 ballot. There are a lot of State initiatives now. How do they relate to this MHSA proposed modernization? Emphasis is on Medi-Cal services. More County dollars that are matched to federal funding means more money for the State and the County.		
4. Public Comment	Public Comment: None		Jennifer Bruggeman
5. Adjournment & Next MASA AC Meeting	 The next MSHA AC Steering Committee meeting will be September 21, 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The next MHSA AC meeting will be October 5, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. 		

Contra Costa Behavioral Health Stakeholder Calendar

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	Mental Health Commission (MHC): 4:30 — 6:30 pm (In-Person/Online/ Telephone)	Council on Homelessness: 1:00—3:00 pm (Online/Telephone) MHSA Advisory Council (MHSA AC): 3:00—4:30 pm (In-Person/Online/ Telephone)	6	7
8	9 Reducing Health Disparities (RHD): (No Meeting)	10	Elder Wellness and Advocacy Coalition (EWAC): 2:00—3:30 pm (Online/Telephone)	50cial Inclusion: 1:30—3:30 pm (In-person/Online/ Telephone)	13	14
<i>15</i>	16	17	18	MHSA AC Steering (No meeting) MHC Quality of Care: 3:30 — 5:00 pm (In-Person/Online/ Telephone)	20	21
22	23 Innovation/System of Care: 2:30 — 4:00 pm (Online/Telephone)	24 Behavioral Health Care Partnership: 1:30—3:00 pm (in-person/Online/ Telephone)	25 AOD Advisory Board: 4:00 — 6:15 pm (In-Person/Online/ Telephone)	26	27 Suicide Prevention Committee (SP) 9:00 — 10:30 am (Online/Telephone) SP Youth 3:30 — 4:30 pm (Online/Telephone)	28
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November 2023

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5	6 Reducing Health Disparities (RHD): 3:00 — 4:30 pm (Online/Telephone)	7	8 Elder Wellness and Advocacy Coalition (EWAC): 2:00—3:30 pm (Online/Telephone)	Social Inclusion: 1:30—3:30 pm (In-person/Online/ Telephone)	veterans' Day Holiday	11
12	13		15	16 MHSA AC Steering 11:00 am —12:00 pm (Online/Telephone) MHC Quality of Care: 3:30 — 5:00 pm (In-Person/Online/ Telephone)	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

Contra Costa Behavioral Health 2023

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Behavioral Health Service Provider Individualized Recovery Intensive Training







What is SPIRIT?

- SPIRIT 2024 is a 9-unit certificate course taught to peers and family members by peers and family members.
- It's a collaboration between Contra Costa Behavioral Health's Office for Consumer Empowerment, and Contra Costa Community College.
- Welcoming peers, family members, parents, caregivers and young adults within the behavioral health system.









Contra Costa College, San Pablo CA.
Photo: courtesy of Richmond Standard



Who is SPIRIT intended for?

- The SPIRIT Program is intended for people with lived experience who identify as behavioral health peers and for those who support them.
- This includes people with lived experience relating to Substance Use Disorders, Homelessness, and Mental Health.

What is the goal of SPIRIT?

- Our goal is to train people to become peer and family providers in the behavioral health field.
- To encourage hope, resiliency, and empowerment.
- To help individuals identify, develop, and sustain personal support systems, develop and use a personal wellness plan, and in turn, to help others incorporate these skills into their own personal wellness process.



Scheduling of SPIRIT

- SPIRIT 2024 is a 6-month course starting in January and ending in July.
- SPIRIT consist of 3 parts. SPIRIT I and II take place during the Spring semester and consist of 2 classes per week.

 Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

SPIRIT Presenters



- During SPIRIT, topics of Peer Support, Group Facilitation, Ethics, Cultural Responsiveness, Patient Rights, Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills are taught.
- Subject Matter Experts from Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services and Community Based Organizations complete presentations with Q & A sessions.
- College professors are also available to provide guidance and instruction during each class.

SPIRIT III -Internships

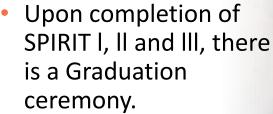
SPIRIT- III takes place during the Summer semester.

- Classes are on Mondays from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
- Tuesdays through Fridays, students
 participate in a 6-week Internship through
 a local behavioral health agency acquiring
 60 hours minimum.

SPIRIT III - Internships

 Student internship locations are determined through an interviewing process at a work study fair with employment resumes presented.

Up to 30 behavioral health agencies are in attendance.



 Students receive a Certificate of Completion for SPIRIT.

 Students also receive a Certificate of Achievement for their Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)



Career Goals/Continuing Education

Many SPIRIT graduates go on to paid employment or volunteer positions within the behavioral health system of care

Some SPIRIT graduates also choose to continue their college education to become part- or full-time students

Students also have access to SPIRIT Vocational Services to support with searching for Peer employment or volunteer opportunities within the Behavioral Health field and continuing education



2024 SPIRIT Applications

Due: October 6, 2023

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