

# **System Team Leadership Meeting Summary**

## **February 21, 2018**

The following are the highlights of the System Leadership Team meeting:

### **Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin, Director, DMH Update**

The MHSA Annual Update and MHSA Accumulated Funds documents have been posted on to the LACDMH website for public comment. Please send in comments in by March 17<sup>th</sup> to Mimi Martinez McKay (mmmckay@dmh.lacounty.gov). Comments will also be accepted and welcomed long the required 30-day period. DMH also welcomes your comments on how the materials for public comment are presented.

- Dr. Sherin will be traveling to Sacramento this week to:
  - Innovation Three received approval from the Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC).
  - Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) Initiative will be presented to the OAC.
  - Update on SB82 CHFFA grant
    - DMH is hoping to use SB82 funds to leverage health care campuses as well as develop as intentional communities for intensive services in these environments.
    - Funds would be used to create 240 units of crisis residential housing and to ensure urgent care capacity at all the DHS hospitals. The grant allows for the most vulnerable to get care without necessarily having to go into an emergency room or a hospital.
  - He hopes to come back with successful reports on all those domains.
- Regarding Discipline Chiefs:
  - DMH recently selected LuAnn Sanderson, an RN whol will be a tremendous asset. She has worked in the VA and other government agencies as well in the private sector.
  - The Chief Deputy for Clinical Operations will be Dr. Curley Bonds. He is an outstanding clinician, tremendous human being, and someone who knows the County from the inside due to his to work in the jail system. He also knows the provider network well.
- Dialogue continues with the LA County CEO and DHS around the Department's re-organization. The re-org will divide our operations into two pieces, one Administrative and one Clinical. Each work hand in hand to improve and simplify the work that we do internally through our Directly Operated programs and also improve the efficiency and relationship with all the contract providers.
- Dr. Sherin discussed the Department's preliminary planning for "May is Mental Health Month."
  - DMH has a significant amount of funding for the campaign through Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), which is one of the core uses for PEI funds.

- Deputy Director Mimi Martinez McKay has the lead on this effort. She will be available to folks to let her know what types of activities are being planned to leverage these activities.
- We will also be working with Dept. of Public Health on grass roots, community activation.
- MH Month will include a powerful set of symposia around issues of to help ignite more visibility around the work that we do and the work that needs to get done.
- Dr. Sherin talked about the stakeholder engagement process and the role of the SLT and lead a conversation about how to reinvigorate the group.

### **Innovation Housing Update:**

- Maria Funk presented an update of this workgroup
  - The workgroup continue to meet, everyone is invited;
  - \$6.2 Million has been designated toward innovative housing models;
  - Looking at priorities and asking for input on funding principles;
  - An open conference call will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Legislative Update:**

- Mimi discussed the following:
  - AB1791-Clarifying the Definition of Gravely Disabled.
  - AB1795- Emergency medical services-alternative destination.
  - SB 906 – Peer Certification. We need everyone’s voices in this
  - Lots of things going on in mental health that will improve the system. Well worth tracking these efforts.

### **Annual Update Review:**

#### **Deputy Director Debbie Innes Gomberg reviewed:**

- The MHSA Annual Update is posted on the DMH website
- A high-level summary of the Accumulated Funds has been posted.
- A RAND Corporation report on the use of MHSA funds in LAC will be issued shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. The next SLT meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.