

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Program Support Bureau-MHSA Implementation & Outcomes Division

SUMMARY FOR:
Incredible Years (IY) Learning Network
December 20, 2012

Location:

695 S. Vermont Ave
7th Floor Conference Room
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Facilitator:

Keri Pesanti, Psy.D., Supervising Psychologist

Participants:

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Amy Cosineau, Hillsides

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Ritch Greene, Child & Family Center

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Bichloan Lee, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program

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Seth Meyers, CSOC

Cristina Nolf, Children's Bureau

Melissa Pace, Foothill Family Services

Alex Silva, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

Karyn Smith, Child & Family Guidance Center

Steven Stoltz, Children's Bureau

Alex Silva, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

Kara Taguchi, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

Mariam Ter-Petrosyan, Hathaway-Sycamores

Michael Villaescusa, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

I. Welcome and introductions

Participants introduced themselves, their job titles and the agencies for which they work.

II. Updates since previous PPLN

- Action item follow-up from previous meeting

None

III. Review of Reports

- Update on progress of data reporting
- How is data being shared with clinical staff and clients?
- How is the data being utilized?
- Review of available reports
- What data/information may be helpful in future meetings?
- Hot tips or new strategies that are being used to integrate outcomes into clinical practice

K. Pesanti announced upgrades to PEI OMA are forthcoming that will allow providers to run their own reports and correct their own data entry errors, rollout date TBD.

K. Pesanti described the utility of provider level reports: Core vs Ancillary Report, participants were encouraged to have core services account for at least 51% of billing; Detailed Report used to identify clients' progress in outcomes data collection and to identify treatment cycles that should be closed, w K. Pesanti noting that for IY, treatment cycles usually remain open by mistake when the SESBI-R is not acknowledged; Unable to Collect Report can help identify and address main reasons measures

are not being collected; sharing the Questionnaire Stats Report with clinicians may help increase data collection and understanding of how measures can be used to track treatment progress and outcome.

K. Pesanti introduced the IY Aggregate Report and suggested using it as a baseline for comparing your provider level data with the entire data from County. K. Pesanti pointed out the high average client age at the start of treatment and high percentage ODD diagnosis, which is surprising given clients younger than 13 are rarely diagnosed with ODD and ODD is a severe disorder for the PEI funding source, which is intended for clients with low to moderate symptom levels who would likely benefit from brief low intensity treatment. K. Pesanti pointed out there being a higher percentage of matched pre/post outcome measure pairs for IY than for most other PEI funded EBP and encouraged providers to investigate possible reasons so that they can learn from their successes and apply that knowledge to data collection for other practices.

IV. Open Forum

- Use of Individual Treatment/Rehabilitation
- Future IY trainings

S. Meyers announced Children's Bureau has scheduled an IY Basic Parenting Training for January 30-31, 2013.

A participant presented a situation in which a parent who had difficulty grasping treatment concepts received family therapy in IY and asked if this intervention is appropriate. S. Meyers answered, it may be appropriate to have a collateral session with parent/caregiver without the client present, and the session should be classified as skill building, not therapy. S. Meyers encouraged participants to be mindful whenever using interventions that fall outside of a treatment model and to clearly document the rationale for using the intervention(s).

Participants asked questions about group treatment billing codes and S. Meyers stated he would propose the questions to QA and report back to the group via email.

Participants shared strategies for reducing IY dropout rates that included: running parent and child groups simultaneously; good attendance rewards like gift cards for parents and candy for children; celebrating completion of treatment by having a party and giving end of treatment awards certificates.

V. Next PPLN Meeting

- Future agenda items
- Location-Host Agency?
- Scheduling of date/time

Several participants requested having the IY certification process included as an agenda item at the next Learning Network and a couple of participants from Childrens Hospital Los Angeles offered to have some of their staff persons who have gone through IY certification share about the experience at the next IY Learning Network.

Please email proposed future agenda items to PEIOutcomes@dmh.lacounty.gov.

Date/Time/location of next meeting TBD.