

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

SUMMARY FOR:
Seeking Safety Learning Network
August 20, 2013

Location:

LACDMH Headquarters
550 South Vermont Avenue, 2nd floor conference room
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Facilitator:

Alejandro Silva, Psy.D., Supervising Psychologist

Practice Lead for Seeking Safety:

Sermed Alkass, Psy.D., TAY Division

Participants:

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Sandy Arrieta, Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers/SSG	Brenda Melgoza, McKinley Children's Center
Stacy Atkins, West Central Family MHC	Lauren Menor, The Village Family Services
Carla Avalos, SFMHC	Paula Neely, Compton Family MH
Michelle Bee, Tarzana Treatment Centers	Judy Novgrad, Shields For Families
Joseph Bologna, Trinity Youth Services	Agnes Oh, Drew CDC
Michele Brown, Child & Family Center	Michael Olsen, ENKI Health and Research Systems, Inc.
Chris Carney, Crittenton Services	Victoria Otto, Penny Lane Centers
Sarah Cary, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services	Teri Paulsen, Long Beach CAP
Marlene Chavez, Palmdale MHC	Jessica Pena, Child and Family Guidance Center
Anne Choe, Long Beach API Family Mental Health Center	Elizabeth Powers, Amer. Indian Counseling Center
Rebecca Coutin, Telecare Corporation	Taryn, Propersi, St. Joseph Center
Shefali D'Sa D'Sa, Hathaway-Sycamores Child & Family Services	Katy Rader, Foothill Family Service
George Eckart, MHSA Implementation	Ellen Rogelberg, The Help Group
Krystal Garcia, McKinley Children's Center	Susan Sabo, Pacific Clinics
Monica Guggenheim, The Help Group	Ignacia Salas, Arcadia Mental Health Center
Susan Hall-Marley, Child and Family Guidance Center	Linda Shing, Exceptional Children's Foundation
Carrie Hanson, Crittenton Services	Alex Silva, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes
Tom Hao, Hathaway-Sycamores Child & Family Services	Lucian Song, Edelman WMHC
Elizabeth Hartman, Pacific Lodge Youth Services	Burton Stiefel, Arcadia Mental Health Center
Hsiang-Ling Hsu, Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers	Didra Brown, Tessie Cleveland Community Services
Jane Kang, MHSA PEI Admin	Sabrina Ullah, Tessie Cleveland Community Services
Philip Khoury, Counseling4Kids	Michael Villaescusa, MHSA Implementation
Karla Lagunas, El Centro Del Pueblo	Rickey Williams, Jewish Family Service of LA
Jill Landefeld, Aviva Family and Children's Services	
Luisa Lowe, SSG/OTTP	

Agenda Minutes:

I. Updates and Announcements

- Action item follow-up and announcement since previous meeting

None

II. Review of Reports

- Update on progress of data reporting
- Aggregate Report Addendum FY 12-13

- How is data being utilized?
- What data/information may be helpful in future meetings?

Dr. Eckart went over the countywide aggregate report and discussed any changes in the outcomes data. He answered all related questions. Dr. Eckart reported approximately 2000 new clients claimed in the IS and 1200 or so of those claimed were entered in the PEIOMA. There was an increase in the number of clients diagnosed with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder since the last Seeking Safety learning network. He reported that the largest change of unable to collect reasons was "outcome measure unavailable" for both the YOQ and the PTSD-RI.

Dr. Eckart introduced the notion of two populations for Seeking Safety. One that started above the clinical cut-off and another that started below. Based on his analysis, there appeared to be a significant percent change for those clients starting above the clinical cut-off point for both measures. In addition, Dr. Eckart reported that since the last learning network there was a significant increase in the number of severe diagnoses being used (e.g., psychotic disorder).

III. Open Forum

Sermed went over the revised 8/1/13 Seeking Safety (SS) Guidelines; revised 8/5/13 SS Training Verification Form; and informed participants of the revised 8/1/13 frequently asked questions. In addition, Sermed provided more information on the SS Champion Training; Theme Based Calls; and SS Card Decks and posters. He answered all related questions.

IV. Next PPLN Meeting

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

Date/Time/location of next meeting TBD