

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

SUMMARY FOR:
FOCUS Learning Network
December 11, 2013

Location:

DMH Headquarters
550 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Facilitator:

Alejandro Silva, Psy.D

Practice Lead:

Carl McKnight, Psy.D

Participants:

Sofia Bacio, V.A.L.O.R.
Phillip Chaidez, V.A.L.O.R.
Valerie Curtis, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes
Janet Del Rio, V.A.L.O.R.
Rosalie Finer, ASOC Administration
Beth Gallegos, Foothill Family Services
Marcie Gibbs, Downtown MHC
Karla Hubchik, V.A.L.O.R.
Carl McKnight, V.A.L.O.R.

Bonnie McRae, Edelman CMHC
Marilou Nguyen, MHSA PEI Administration
Victoria Otto, Penny Lane
Melissa Pace, Foothill Family Services
Briseida Perez-Gomez, V.A.L.O.R.
Hyla Shubb, Edelman CMHC
Alex Silva, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes
Toya Swan, SA 5 Administration
Michael Villaescusa, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

Agenda Minutes:

- I. Updates and Announcements
 - Action item and announcements
 - Initial FOCUS Learning Network. Introduced goal of the FOCUS Learning Network.
 - FAD training on 1/22/14. Referred to PEI Outcomes Wiki to register.
- II. Review of Reports
 - Review of available reports
 - Introduction to all individual and aggregate reports
 - Introduced how data can be utilized to monitor FOCUS implementation
 - Practice Lead Dr. McKnight confirmed that Collateral services are Core to this practice.
- III. Open Forum
 - Provider driven questions and discussion
 - Participant shared how FOCUS has been helpful as a “step-down” Practice for clients previously receiving higher level of care services. Participants discussed if PEI funding could be used if clients were previously receiving higher level of care services, such as Full Service Partnership. Participants were reminded that the FOCUS practice is not tied exclusively with PEI funding and that FOCUS could be utilized with multiple funding sources.

- Melissa Pace from Foothill Family Services shared how useful the detailed reports have been in cleaning up their data at their agency.
- Victoria Otto from Penny Lane asked if the aggregate reports will be available by FY. PEI outcomes team reported that we were developing the most useful way possible of sharing the data with providers other than by FY and that we would be piloting the idea at the next Seeking Safety Learning Network.
- PEI Administration Marilou Nguyen reminded providers that PEI funding shouldn't be used for clients as a "step down" and also to contact their SA District Chief and/or PEI Administration to officially get approval to implement FOCUS if they haven't already.
- Practice Lead Dr. McKnight indicated that FOCUS was initially introduced as a PEI Practice for military families. However, he confirmed that FOCUS has been expanded and being used for non-military families as well.

IV. Next PPLN Meeting

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

Date/Time/location of next meeting TBD