

AI/AN UREP Meeting
March 20, 2013
2:00-4:00 pm

1. Blessing and Introductions

2. General announcements

- Innovations/UREP unit now has a new program head. Mirtala Parada Ward is our new Program Head and will be attending an upcoming meeting.

3. Cultural Competency Committee (Leticia Ximenez, LACDMH)

- LACDMH has a Cultural Competency Committee (CCC). One of the CCC goals is to promote cultural awareness thru the committee and UWRAP and sub-committees. The CCC is a countywide committee and has consumers, providers, DMH Staff and are trying to make sure that as many different cultures represented.
- Leticia Ximenez with Dr. Michael Tredinnick are the new co-chairs for this year.
- One of the first things that came out when the CCC first met is "What are we going to do to work w/the UREP committees?"
- The CCC goals are to enhance cultural diversity; develop cultural competency policy and procedures. We are currently working on translation of certain DMH forms.
- The CCC has different work groups, like e-news subcommittee where we put different article on cultural and we would like to include the American Indian/Alaska experience.
- The CCC would like to have a liaison that represents your group in our meetings. This person can go back and forward with a report of how we are working together.
- AI/AN UREP representatives were invited to take part in the CCC.

4. AI/AN ISM update (Carrie Johnson, UAll)

- The AI/AN ISM has about 58 clients and we have a waiting list. UAll are hiring more therapists.
- The AI/AN ISM has treatment team meetings every week. It has made a big difference to have physical health providers there-it really richens the treatment. There is consideration to tape the meetings.
- The AI/AN ISM has subcontractors who do healing and cultural activities, including MusicLA. But currently there are no non traditional activities being provided because some issues to be resolved with DMH.

5. UREP Community Co-chair elections

- Dan Dickerson is stepping down after two years. He did an amazing job and will continue to be part of the UREP.
- Roles and responsibilities of co-chair were discussed.
- Carry Johnson is nominated for Co-Chair and was voted in.

6. System Leadership Team update (Ana Suarez, AICC)

- Ana provided a thorough report on the two previous SLT meetings (February 20th and March 20, 2013).
- Annual update was reviewed. Data was presented on MHSA programs on how they are doing, where progress is shown. Data is showing that many American Indian are not been counted.
- There was an update on the Health Care Reform Workgroups that are in place.
- There will be a public hearing for the Annual Update and AI/AN UREP members were encouraged to attend, to ensure that the voice of the AI/AN community is heard.

7. American Indian/Alaska Native Mental Health Conference:

- Within the next one or two months we will be commence planning for the conference.
- Evaluations were handed out and were distributed to the group.
- The next step is to identify presenters. We already have few speakers who were interested including Rose Weahkee and Dolores Big Foot.
- The date and location have been secured: Wednesday, November 20, at the California Endowment.
- There was a request to ask the Cal Endow if jewelry vendors could sell jewelry in the parking lot, since it is not allowed in the CE. Nina will follow up.
- Meetings will start in April until the conference date. Nina will meet with the co-chairs and send out schedule.
- There was interest in having students from Sherman Indian High School participate in the conference. We should get more clarification if youth can attend. Nina will request that the age of those who attend and present be reduced to 14.

8. Next Meeting: April 24, 2013. Nina will send out a confirmation.