

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

AMERICAN INDIAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES- Tuesday, January 15th, 2008. 4 PM

Location: United American Indian Involvement- UAII

PRESENT:

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United American Indian Involvement
 AIDS Project Los Angeles
 DMH- American Indian UREP Liaison
 NAPAFASA/ Mental Health Commission
 AI Children’s Council/ Amerindian Healing Center
 American Indian Counseling Center
 Community
 American Indian Counseling Center/ FSP
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 DMH- District Chief for American Indian UREP
 APLA- Red Circle Project

DISCUSSIONS

Glenda discusses FSP office location issue

- Issue of Indian FSP targets not being met due to lack of office space. They are currently using spare space donated by UAII, but those spaces are unsustainable.
- UAII has space in an adjacent building available for FSP, but Public Works has prohibited usage due to building code violations. However, the same building houses DPSS workers and a dialysis clinic.
- This space is ideal for the FSP program due to its proximity to UAII. Indian clients know where UAII is and can also use its services in conjunction with FSP.
- UAII has been using its own funds to pay for this space so that they can partner and collaborate with FSP

UREP Proposal

- website will link all mental health resources and websites within county and state
- would like for the website to be linked from DMH and MHSA website
- include information related to WET and PEI
- current DMH website not user-friendly, especially for Indians
- website good tool for building up youth leadership within community
- 100K available for current fiscal year (by June 2008)

Glenda discusses Learning Collaborative proposal

- proposal in conjunction with Dr. Shaner and UAII
- Evidence-based practice project utilizing Indian elders to conduct intake interviews
- Proposal approved: state will provide 150K if county can provide matching funds of 50K. LA one of 6 counties selected.
- No Indian-based evidence-based practice projects
- Currently 1 promising practice, came out of SAMHSA research

RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS

- would like for DMH to contact CAO or Public Works to see if the UAII space can be approved
- Glenda is currently searching for alternative office spaces by driving around LA but does not think she can find something feasible

- Monique will draft the proposal and flesh out details
- need to have website available on all search engines
- try to connect with MHSA website and purchase redirecting domain name
- possibly offer trainings to those who are not computer or internet savvy
- Elton will look at other sites for ideas and will send relevant links
- One Sky Center (oneskycenter.org) is a good national example
- Sam Chan suggests looking into technical assistance grants in case MHSA is unable to fund the website

- committee has agreed to strongly consider this proposal for UREP funding
- proposal will be sent to committee

Next Meeting:

- ad-hoc meeting will be arranged between Gladys and UREP chair committee to discuss proposals