

Subcommittee Report: October 20, 2009

Adult and Substance Abuse Subcommittees

There were no Minutes from the previous meeting;

Fred Sandoval presented a report on the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Efforts (CLC) that he and folks from Optum, The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), and others within New Mexico have participated in regarding these issues.

He has shared information with Senator Bernadette Sanchez regarding the collaborative's CLC efforts: SB600 is a bill she sponsored on CLC training at universities within NM;

There is consultation with DOH and USMBHA (?) on Promotora training curriculum;

A multicultural committee has been formed to assess existing training and curriculae; there is planning underway to craft a service provider CLC training specific to NM; additional training for other cultural groups, ie., African American, Asian, will be included;

There is a Border Initiative Work Group on the Border Area SA prevention and treatment resources website;

BH conference planning on doing a CLC session with Dr. Ken Martinez and Dr. Frankland that will include a consumer panel and 4 sociocultural group training units; Dr. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola will include disparity issues and CLC issues in NM;

Participated in SAMHSA meeting on adolescent suicide; addressing disparities in research, programs, policies and partnerships. BH workforce was selected as TOP PRIORITY in Latino work group;

Provided input on website for multicultural services page to include a quick link to CLC resources; CLC documents, research and literature, events, calendar, CLC services, training. Language access etc. Seeking to hire IT webmaster;

BH collaborative presentation on Mexican curandrisimo by Dr. Eliseo Torres and Dr. Arturo Ornelas to include translation of Spanish language materials into English. Partnering with UNM on binational traditional healing services to NM including Mexican immigrants.

Provided overview to the SAPT program on CLC efforts within NM;

Binational Health Week: Binacional Semana de Salud discussions with Mexico and 7 other countries in Latin America has taken place on October 5th and 6th in Northern NM.

Corrine Franklin is the Optum Cultural Competency administrator; New Mexico is one of six states selected by CMHS for discussions regarding CLC: 60% of the population in NM meets the criteria of being multi-cultural.

Report by Sangre de Cristo on the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Program): This project was developed/funded to integrate behavioral health services into rural medical care settings!!

Well presented! I have a copy of the findings that I will happily share with the MSG. I have not seen copies sent to the LCs but I HIGHLY recommend this. The data that was provided showed how the program was implemented and the success and outcomes.

I asked a question regarding the inclusion of families into the treatment phase and it was explained that there was significant utilization of Motivational Interviewing techniques as well as utilizing the CRAFT model for families.

This presentation took over two hours and thus the remainder of the meeting was brief question and answers.

Respectfully submitted,

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