

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
Service Area 3

Quality Improvement Committee Meeting
April 18, 2007
9:30 – 11:30 am

AGENDA

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| II. | Welcome and Introductions | Bertrand Levesque |
| II. | Review of Minutes | Bertrand Levesque |
| III. | Department Update | Reina Vidaurri |
| IV | PIP Project | All |
| V | IBHIS | Toni Aikins |
| VI | Other Issues : | All |
| VII. | Announcements | |

Next Meeting: May 16, 2007
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ATTENDEES

Misty Allen	ALMA	Michelle Hernandez	ENKI
Nicole LaBram	Almanson	Windy Luna-Perez	Ettie Lee Homes
Margo Chapman	Arcadia MHC	Melody Taylor Stark	Five Acres
Leslie Gallegos	Arcadia MHC	Gassia Ekizian	Foothill Family
Leah Merjil	Bienvenidos	Janelle Gonzales	Hathaway-Sycamores
Leslie Shrager	Children's Bureau	Toni Aikins	Hillsides
Erin Eisenlohr	Ctr for Aging	Monique Vega	Leroy Haynes
Kelley Butler	DMH	George Holbrook	Pacific Clinic
Leah Dinsay	DMH	Gonzalo Perez	Rosemary Children's
Ted Wilson	DMH	Gurucharan Kalsa	San Gabriel CC
Angel Kelly-Blades	DMH	Janel Grobes	Serenity
Bertrand Levesque	DMH	Joseph O'Brien	Social Model
Reina Vidaurri	DMH	Candice Rodriguez	SPIRITT
Debra Hastings	DMH	Dr. K. Paquette	The Family Center
Brenda Huicochea	D'Veal	Elia Vasquez-Brooks	Trinity- El Monte

WELCOME

Bertrand Levesque welcomed the group at 9:37 a.m. followed by self-introductions.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes from March 21, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Reina discussed the new DMH staff. Lyn Wallensak has been appointed as the Department's Administrative Deputy beginning May 1, 2007. Mr. Edward Vega has been appointed as the new Program Director of Consumer Rights and Advocacy. Gladys Lee will be joining the Department as a District Chief. Social Model Recovery and Pacific Clinics have been awarded Mental Health Services Act funds to establish a Wellness Center. DMH will be working closely with the Probation office in Pomona to identify consumers who are eligible for FSP for all age groups.

Reina briefly discussed the Quality Assurance Bulletin (No 07-1) titled Procedure Codes Alert. This bulletin deals with the accurate usage of individual psychotherapy versus individual rehabilitation procedure codes. The necessity for this Code Alert became apparent when a significant coding error rate was discovered following a review by the Department Compliance Program Office staff of DMH and Contractor claiming transactions for October, November, and December 2006. In sum, the purpose of the Code Alert is to ensure that the distinction between these services is clear. This bulletin will be discussed at the Procedure Codes Training this afternoon.

Ted Wilson discussed the upcoming State Performance Outcomes.

PIP PROJECT

Reina discussed the status of the PIP project. The group felt that it would be beneficial to focus on the 0 to 5 age group. It was suggested that perhaps the project could be increasing awareness on how to complete the ICARE assessment. Several members felt that their staff needed additional training in working with this young population. Reina will share the discussion with the Service Area District Chief and if approved move forward in contacting the subcommittee members.

IBHIS

Toni made a brief presentation on the Contract Providers Transition Project (CPTP). The discussion focused on new federal and state mandates for electronic record keeping. All contract providers need to be ready to begin the certification process for IBHIS EDI transactions between now and December 31, 2008. By July 2009, contract providers need to submit all transactions electronically. Toni reviewed the IBHIS Project and Transition timelines. Providers need to implement a system that optimizes their system needs. This includes defining EDI objectives forming an assessment team, creating a budget, etc.

OTHER ISSUES

Dr. Paquette from the Family Center shared their charting format with samples of their progress notes. The group provided valuable feedback. This exercise generated a lot of discussion. Members shared with one another how they utilized unlicensed staff in their agencies. Nicole LeBram, from Almansor volunteered to bring in samples of their progress notes to share with the group for the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

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