

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SERVICE PLANNING AREA 5

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
November 7, 2006

AGENDA

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| I. Welcome and Introductions         | Patrice/Jessica | (5 mins)  |
| II. Review of Minutes                | All             | (10 mins) |
| III. Program Announcements           | All             | (10 mins) |
| IV. SA 5 QIC Project                 | Jessica/Patrice | (15 mins) |
| V. State Performance Outcome Surveys | Patrice         | (10 mins) |
| VI. DMH Updates                      | Ted Wilson      | (15 mins) |
| VII. Evidence-Based Practices        | All             | (15 mins) |
| VIII. EPSDT Chart Documentation      | All             | (35 mins) |
| IX. Next QIC Meeting                 | Jessica/Patrice | (5 mins)  |

The next Service Area 5 Quality Improvement Committee meeting will be held on January 9, 2007 at Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center located at 4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA from 9:00AM -11:00AM.

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Minutes

In Attendance:

Patrice Grant, DMH  
Jessica Wilkins, Alcott Center  
Lola Greenspan, The Children's Circle  
Nick Maiorino, St. Joseph Center  
Ted Wilson, DMH-PEQIC  
Edy Gerety, UCLA Ties for Adoption  
Martha Andreani, St. John's CFDC  
Windy Gaston, The HELP Group  
Eloisa Ramos-Robles, UCLA Ties for Adoption  
Stacey Pachter, Didi Hirsch  
Mike Tredinnik, Didi Hirsch  
Fenita Peralta, DMH  
Loretta Herndon, St. Joseph Center  
LeeAnn Skorohod, Exodus Recovery  
Jennifer Shaner, Homes for Life  
Rachel Melvald, DMH  
Norma Fritsche, DMH  
Barbara Hold, Step Up On Second  
Cheryl Carrington, Vista Del Mar  
Dorothy Berndt, St Joseph Center

Review of Minutes:

Participants reviewed and approved minutes with additions from Ted Wilson for September 2006. Patrice distributed final approved minutes for July 2006.

Program Announcements:

There were several program announcements made by the members. Barbara Hold announced that Step Up On Second has begun their FSP Program called STEP which will be located on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. LeeAnn Skorohod announced that Exodus Recovery has begun their FSP for Adults and Older Adults. Mike Tredinnik announced that Didi Hirsch has begun their new FSP for Transition Age Youth (TAY). Windy Gaston announced The Help Group has begun their FSP for Children in SA5. In addition, Windy announced that Marie Johnson (Clinical Director) has left the Agency and will be moving back to the east coast. The new director has not been named. Lastly, Rachel Melvald announced that a TAY-FSP meeting has been scheduled for November 13, 2006 at 10:00AM at the WLAGI Office. All are welcomed to attend.

SA 5 QIC Project

Jessica reminded all of the agencies that at our last meeting, the group agreed that our SA5 QIC Project for the 06-07 year would be to continue with the Older Adults Project. This means that all agencies must receive the training by Slettie Jones and complete the appropriate documentation logs. All of the agencies must be trained and have logs submitted to Ted Wilson by March 2007. EQRO will be returning to Los Angeles County in April 2007 and we want to present the follow up of this PIP project. Representatives from Didi Hirsch and Edelman (Child)

said they had received the training and would obtain and submit the documentation or logs. Representatives from The HELP Group, Vista Del Mar, and St. Joseph Center said they would sign up for the training and complete the logs over the next few months.

#### State Performance Outcome Surveys

Patrice announced that the data collection period for the surveys has begun. It will run from Nov 1 through Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2006. Surveys and accompanying forms need to be submitted by Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. All surveys will be totaled and submitted to Ted Wilson at DMH Headquarters by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### DMH Updates

Ted Wilson announced that Naga Kasarabada moved to a different position. He announced that the State DMH is doing a system review of LACDMH in April 2007.

#### Evidence-Based Practices

Many members expressed concern that the new IS system is requesting data regarding Evidenced Based Practices, and that they don't think they understand the definitions sufficiently to choose from the various options. Ted explained that Federal and State governments are moving in the direction of Evidenced Based Practices. However, if you are not designated by LACDMH as doing an EBP found on the CIMH website, then you would need to use the code (99) or (00) at your agency even if you are doing EBP. For more information, please go to the CIMH website. Ted also noted that the County is awaiting definition from the State regarding the Service Strategies.

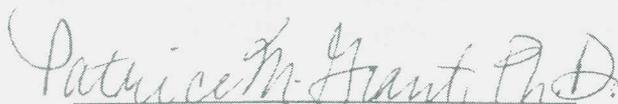
#### EPSDT Chart Documentation

Jessica and Patrice discussed a training they attended on EPSDT documentation. This training was conducted by CIMH. Handouts were distributed that included examples of progress notes that the State has allowed and those that were recouped. Norma Fritsche, District Chief of Program Support Bureau at DMH, made herself available to discuss documentation issues including State and County regulations regarding billable and non-billable services. Members asked questions and she provided further clarification.

#### Next QIC Meeting

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, we voted to move the meeting back to Tuesday, January 9, 2007. The meeting will be at Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center located at 4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd in Culver City, CA from 9:00AM -11:00AM.

Noted and Approved:

  
Patrice M. Grant, Ph.D., QIC Co-Chair

  
Jessica Wilkins, MFT, QIC Co-Chair