

HIV Mental Health Task Force

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The Village at Ed Gould Plaza

1125 North McCadden Place Los Angeles CA 90038

MEETING MINUTES

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Call to order & introductions

- Thank you to Michael Kaltenbach for August minutes.

Public Comment & Discussion | Job Openings

- Housing Specialist needed for APAIT Housing Center. F/T, no MSW required, but Spanish bilingual
- Outreach Coordinator for Positive Images at LAGLC
- LCSW needed at AltaMed in the general health program.
- Alonso was promoted to supervisor – not sure what his old job is going to turn into, but probably looking for MSW or MFTi.
- Not much is happening anywhere this month because of USCA (well, anywhere but New Orleans).
- What is everyone doing with DSM-V? Everyone is waiting to see what the payer sources are going to allow as billable. Still using the 5 axis diagnoses until later. ICM, GAF – all tied to axis dx, so... generally speaking, consensus seems to be that it makes a good door-stop. All ICD-9 codes are going to be changing. Licensing exams will be happening in 2 years (testing with DSM-V).
- LPCC: Licensed professional clinical counseling – nationally recognized. Grandfathering provision when it was brought to CA for MFTs. Antioch may have been doing an adjunct for MFT program which would prepare for both. Both under BBS (LEP, LPCC, MFT, LCSW). Check BBS website for grandfathering information.
- How to become an LPCC CEU provider? GO TO WEBSITE FOR EVERYTHING BBS –RELATED
- MTF trans group at LAGLC is starting up again, but the Spanish-speaking group is closing down. The FTM group is “functionally running” – it’s co-facilitated by Elise Turin & Melissa. Also starting a

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Mission Statement: the Los Angeles County HIV Mental Health Task Force (MHTF), comprised of treatment providers and persons living with HIV/AIDS, serves to identify and advocate for the mental health service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County.

women's group. They aren't drop-in groups, they're psychotherapy groups. To get into a group, call for financial screen and come in for an intake.

- LAGPA conference is in 2 months. Mike Rizzo is going to present on DV & Crystal Meth.
- AIDS Walk is coming up in October.
- CDU is transitioning to online trainings. Still BBS and RN CEUs. Going to put all of the trainings out online. Still going to do Last Tuesdays, but every other month, and also the ATTC trainings.
- NE Valley wants to refer a client to private practice – someone who takes Medi-Medi?
 - LAGPA & LAGLC websites list what providers take what payment sources?

Reports

- **HIV Commission** [Susan Forrest] monthly meeting postponed due to USCA. The meeting will be on 09/19 at St. Anne's at 9:00am
- **LA County/DHSP** [David Whitehead] NOT PRESENT
- **Drug and Alcohol Task Force** [Susan Forrest]
 - ETHICS training in the planning stages

New business

- Michael Martinez , University of LaVerne solicitation for his dissertation study: the role that culture plays in the health related behavior among Latino gay and bisexual men

Old/Ongoing business

Coping With Hope 2013

- registration, schedule, volunteers, staffing etc, one month away

Presentation

- Maya-Gil-Cantu is here representing Tom for PAETC at Charles Drew University – how healthcare reform is affecting MH providers – especially with MH providers who don't have onsite medical care. Currently working with Spectrum. Largest concern (strictly RW providers). RW clinics will start contracting with Covered CA and clients are transitioning to Medi-Cal. APLA attempted to become empaneled with a medical plan but because they are not co-located with a medical facility they were not eligible. For Medi-Cal at least, DMH carve-outs (if you become credentialed through DMH you can then bill Medi-Cal) but this is up in the air. Who are you really billing DMH or Medi-Cal? Spectrum, APLA and Bienestar (maybe Didi Hirsch) are the few facilities which are not County agencies and are the few who are suffering through all of this. No one knows which plans the County will be contracting with re: Covered CA so no one knows what to do.

- What is the path for the payer source? AltaMed has a DMH contract, but they can bill Medi-Cal – somehow the billing goes through DMH but not sure how it happens.
- Is it true that Medi-Cal patients can only see LCSWs? When patients are accessing Medi-Cal services *at FQHCs* they have to see LCSWs. For some reason DMH contracted providers can see MFTs. There may be a carve-out in 2014 when ACA goes into full effect.
- There is political advocacy with regard to LCSWs and MFTs. With ACA and Covered CA we are going to need a more robust MH program, and CA is very MFT-heavy. Right now (at least at LAGLC) MFTs are really restricted in what they can do.
- Continue to refer to DMH for psychiatry for HWLA clients until January, then they can go back to LAGLC (maybe?) and only if they can prove that there is medical necessity to have a psychiatrist outside of DMH.
- AltaMed has no waiting list for RW HIV+ or affected family members. LAGLC has a long, long waiting list. Psychiatrist isn't taking any new patients.
- Alma Family Services has a DMH contract for monolingual Spanish-speaking folks who have psychiatric needs, but there is a waiting list. There might be other programs. Speak to the SPA-area navigator to see where.

Other Announcements

Adjourn

ENKI (trauma for kids) | Violence Intervention Program @ LAC+USC | AltaMed