

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Program Support Bureau-MHSA Implementation & Outcomes Division

SUMMARY FOR:
Aggression Replacement Training Learning Network
September 17, 2013, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Location:

600 Commonwealth
6th Floor, Conference Room A
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Facilitator:

Alex Silva, Psy.D., Supervising Psychologist

Participants:

Joon Yoon, DMH TAY Division
Tracy Brackin, Pacific Lodge Youth Services
Seth Bricklin, Tobinworld
George Eckart, DMH MHSA Implementation & Outcomes
Casey Meinster, Hillside
Allison Mupas, Penny Lane Centers
Lorena Navarro, Child and Family Guidance Center

Victoria Otto, Penny Lane Centers
Alex Silva, DMH MHSA Implementation & Outcomes
Jim Overall, Child and Family Guidance Center
Jeffrey Schmidt, Penny Lane Centers
Erik Sherman, Phoenix House
Hilary Kornbluth, SSG/OTTP
Daniel Avila, CHACADA
Edward Washington, PEI Administration

I. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves, stated agencies they represented and role(s) at their agencies.

II. Updates since previous PPLN

- Action item follow-up from previous meeting
- Update on progress of data reporting

No updates.

III. Review of Reports

- Update on progress of data reporting
- Review of available reports
- How is data being shared with clinical staff and clients?
- How is the data being utilized?
- What data/information may be helpful in future meetings?

G. Eckart reviewed the aggregate report with providers. Discussions regarding the data ensued and how data is being used in treatment. M. Villaescusa reviewed the detailed reports in provider packets for those who were new to the learning network and answered related questions. G. Eckart and M. Villaescusa shared the outcome measure tool they developed, used to help providers track outcomes data collection. Once the Excel spreadsheet is finalized it can be emailed it to participants for their use. In addition, providers please provide feedback regarding the utility of this tool once providers start using it. Further discussion ensued about reasons for difficulty getting outcome measures completed by the parent and/or client (e.g., parent not being available, client refusing to complete). Providers shared strategies (e.g., candy) that have helped them convince clients to complete measures. MHSA Implementation and Outcomes staff person reiterated that the same outcome measure respondent is necessary for all administrations to have a valid data set. Participants reported some agencies, due to limited staff, have completed the YOQ-SR in a group format where the items are being read out loud to the clients. One agency reported that they give the measure to the parent

so they can complete at home. We informed participants the importance of “test security” and that one can’t assure that the measure is being completed by the intended person when it’s given to the parent to take home.

IV. Open Forum

Participants shared CiMH is asking providers for their input regarding the possibility of augmenting practice strategies in addressing victims of bullying. Information would be submitted to CiMH and then provided to the developer. The purpose of doing this is to evolve the program and make it more effective. Providers discussed submitting new vignettes for the moral reasoning component of the practice and asked where to submit and Per J. Yoon, submit them to ART@dmh.lacounty.gov. J. Yoon informed participants that there will be an ART Agency Trainer-Training and train-the-trainer coming up in late October 2013. The full requirements and training protocol will be uploaded onto the ART website.

V. Next PPLN Meeting

Time/location TBD.