

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

SUMMARY FOR:
Aggression Replacement Training (ART) Learning Network
June 12, 2013

Location:

600 Commonwealth Ave, 6th floor
Conference Room A
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Facilitator:

Michael Villaescusa, L.CS.W., Psychiatric Social Worker II

Participants:

David Barclay, Phoenix House

Liz Carley, SSG/OTTP

Josh Cornell, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

Allison Mupas, Penny Lane

Marilou Nguyen, MHSA PEI Admin

Jessica Peña, Child & Family Guidance Center

Jeff Schmidt, Penny Lane

Alison Tarczynski, Penny Lane

Joo Yoon, DMH TAY

I. Welcome and Introductions

Participants introduced themselves and described their role in their agencies.

II. Updates since previous PPLN

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

LACDMH recently hired a resource to help with PEI data reporting, which will facilitate generation of PEI data reports. The MHSA Implementation & Outcomes Division is developing an Excel spreadsheet for providers to use in analyzing data more closely with more information to come soon.

III. Review of Reports

- 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 compared data from current ART Aggregate Report the last one; discussed the tendency and likely reasons for clients with pre outcome measure scores that were above clinical cutoffs to show more improvement at post treatment than clients with pre scores that were below the cutoff.
J. Yoo reported new codes have been added to the list of ART core services, which should be reflected in the provider level Core vs Ancillary Services reports.

M. Villaescusa noted many of the provider level Detailed Reports showed a high number clients with treatment cycles still open in PEI OMA, long after treatment has likely ended, usually because the SESBI-R is not acknowledged. While the SESBI-R doesn't have to be administered if the ECBI is, the SESBI-R still has to be acknowledged in PEI OMA. Measures can be acknowledged either by entering an unable to collect reason or numerical scores. Once all measures are acknowledged, PEI OMA should allow the client's treatment cycle to be closed.

IV. Presentation/Discussion

- Use of outcome measures and data in clinical supervision – Jeffery Schmidt, MFT Penny Lane Centers

J. Schmidt gave a presentation on outcome measure score trends noticed among clients at his agency who received ART. Of note, clients with pre YOQ/YOQ-SR Social Problem (SP) subscale scores above the cutoff tended to have poorer outcomes than other ART clients, which led the group to discuss how the OQ series can be used to help in making treatment determinations.

V. Open Forum

- ART trainings
- ART announcements

A participant asked for clarification about the appropriateness of increasing parent involvement by using parenting groups and J. Yoo stated he will follow up on the question with the developer and report back to the participants. J. Yoo mentioned that the developer does consider collateral contact beneficial, especially if the caregiver is provided information about the skills the client is learning.

A participant asked if there is a rule specific to ART about the client to group facilitator ratio. J. Yoo stated he will find out and then get back to the participants.

J. Yoo's announcements: there is now an ART email address, ART@dmh.lacounty.gov; no ART trainings have been scheduled and DMH will notify providers if trainings are scheduled; ART's developer is considering adding a model to ART that focuses on victims of bullying.

VI. Next PPLN Meeting

Please email proposed future agenda items to PEIOutcomes@dmh.lacounty.gov.

Date/Time/location of next meeting TBD.