

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

**SUMMARY FOR:**  
Incredible Years Learning Network  
July 31, 2013

**Location:**

DMH Headquarters  
550 S Vermont Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

**Facilitator:**

Alejandro Silva, Psy.D.

**Practice Lead:**

Seth Meyers, PsyD., Clinical Psychologist II

**Participants:**

Jonathan Aceves, Hillsides  
Christine Cearfoss, Starview  
Dean Coffey, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles  
Josh Cornell, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes  
Shefali D'Sa, Hathaway-Sycamores  
George Eckart, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes  
Norma Guerrero-Lewis, SSG  
Jane Kang, MHSA PEI Admin  
Bichloan Le, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program

Jane Kang, MHSA PEI Admin  
Susie Lee, VIP  
Luis Lopez, Children's Institute, Inc.  
Laura Mazariegos, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles  
Agnes Oh, Drew Child Development Center  
Micah Orliss, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles  
Melissa Pace, Foothill Family Services  
Jessica Pena, Child & Family Guidance Center  
Michael Villaescusa, MHSA Implementation & Outcomes

I. Welcome and Introductions

*Participants introduced themselves and described their role at their agencies.*

II. Updates and Announcements

*A. Silva announced: the pre/post outcome measure administration windows have expanded (they can be collected from 7 days prior to the date of the first/last session, on the date of the first/last session and up to 14 days after the date of first/last session); DMH has contacted OQ Measures' developer regarding creating Spanish language OQ measures that better suit Spanish speakers served in the County and providers are encouraged to suggest changes to the translation by email to Dr. Silva, [jsilva@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:jsilva@dmh.lacounty.gov); publishers of OQ series of measures and PTSD-RI have confirmed providers can upload completed measures into their EHR.*

III. Action item follow-up and announcement since previous meeting

- 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?
- Hot tips or new strategies that are being utilized to integrate outcomes into clinical practice

*G. Eckart compared data in the current IY Aggregate Report with data in the previous IY Aggregate Report to highlight some trends noticed and changes observed in the last 3 months.*

#### IV. Open Forum

- IY Training Protocol Questions
- Future IY Trainings (anyone interested in having CII provide local training?)

*A. Silva initiated a discussion on recent drop-off in IY LN attendance and solicited participants' thoughts on how the meetings can be changed in a way that may increase attendance at future meetings. A few responded by requesting exception reports for clients billed to practice in the IS but not entered in PEI OMA be included in data packets at future LNs.*

*Participants asked for clarification on what activities can be billed to group prep. Several participants and S. Meyers provided examples of group prep action: time spent by facilitators discussing how to introduce topics for clinical discussion among group members; client/group concerns that have emerged recently and strategies for addressing those concerns; J. Cornell read from DMH's Quality Assurance Bulletin, April 11, 2011, No. 11-02, Claiming for Groups, page 3, **Calculating Time:***

*"Staff may not include group administrative preparation time in the claim (such as gathering materials, getting the room ready, researching group interventions, etc. Staff may include group clinical preparation time in the claim (such as discussing with the other facilitator what interventions will be used, ensuring goals of the group with match the treatment goals of an individual client, etc.)."*

*Participants asked how to calculate the number of sessions when parents are in a parent group and the child is in their own group. Discussion of this topic ensued and S. Meyers stated the question needs further consideration and an answer will be forthcoming.*

*Participants had several questions about billing IY codes they believe should be core, but are not. S. Meyers stated he would follow-up with Quality Assurance and will provide clarification on the matter and proposed inviting Quality Assurance to come to the next IY LN for a Q & A.*

*S. Meyers will pass along an IY Baby Group (0 – 6 months) training notice from CII to participants.*

*Training certification was discussed: participants who have gone through the certification process shared their experience and S. Meyers clarified that certification is not required to provide IY.*

#### V. Next PPLN Meeting

*Please email proposed future agenda items to [PEIOutcomes@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:PEIOutcomes@dmh.lacounty.gov).*

*Date/Time/location of next meeting TBD.*