

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

SUMMARY FOR:
Seeking Safety Learning Network
January 17, 2013

Location:

Los Angeles County Court Building
600 South Commonwealth Ave, 2nd floor conference room 113
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Facilitator:

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Practice Lead:

Sermed Alkass, Psy.D

Participants:

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Carrie Hanson, Crittenton Services
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I. Review of Reports

- Update on progress of data reporting
- How is data being shared with clinical staff and clients?
- How is the data being utilized?
- Review of available reports
- 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 from the previous SSLN aggregate report to data in the current aggregate report to highlight notable data changes and trends over time. G. Eckart reviewed aggregate level outcomes data and defined the Reliability of Change method of outcomes data analysis used as part of the analysis of outcomes, shown in table 7 of the aggregate report.

One provider indicated staff persons at their agency use outcomes data to track clients' progress relative to the treatment goals and as a guide to assure treatment goals remain appropriate.

Participants suggested having UCS (Unable to Collect Score) Report just for the last FY (as opposed to inception) to indicate current barriers to obtaining data and also suggested including posttreatment diagnosis to the Aggregate Report to look at change from pretreatment diagnosis.

II. Updates and Announcements

- Action item follow-up from previous meeting
- Seeking Safety updates/trainings

Updated on progress of data reporting – awaiting resources to be allocated to update PEI OMA.

III. Open Forum

- Provider driven questions and discussion

Discussed when updates can be completed on the PEI OMA. J. Cornell announced a change to the PEI Outcomes administration window; providers will be able to administer pre/post outcome measures up to 7 days prior to and up to 14 days after the start/end of treatment. MHSA Implementation & Outcomes staff clarified the number of required outcome measures is determined by the age of the client at the time of the first treatment session and the specific PEI Practice utilized.

S. Alkass and J. Cornell encouraged participants to contact the PEI Practice Lead if there are questions regarding a particular EBP and to email PEI Outcomes at PEIOutcomes@dmh.lacounty.gov if there are questions regarding PEI outcome measures or PEI outcomes data entry.

S. Alkass discussed utilizing the SS FAQs, FAQs for the other PEI Practices, PEI Outcomes FAQs, and Claiming Guide as resources to understand the commonalities and differences between the various PEI Practices. S. Alkass provided updates on the following: wrapping up initial Seeking Safety trainings by June; looking at sustainability of SS practice; outlined the role of Seeking Safety champion and training protocol to become a Seeking Safety champion.

Participants shared tips and strategies being utilized to integrate outcomes into clinical practice and then discussed the pros and cons regarding different approaches to determining the total number of treatment sessions to enter in the end of treatment information section of PEI OMA.

IV. Next PPLN Meeting

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

Date/Time/location of next meeting TBD.