

Draft: ADHOC Committee to Review MHB Committee Recommendations

OVERVIEW:

The Mental Health Board of the County of Santa Clara is composed of members of the community at large, clients and family members of clients of the mental health system. The board's mission and duties are established in state: Welfare & Institutions Code 5604.2 and county law (See attached Chapter VII, Sections A18 – 141 and A18 - 142). They include: review and evaluation of the community's mental health needs, facilities and special problems; advise the Board of Supervisors and the County Mental Health Director as to any aspect of the County mental health program; and, submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County's Mental Health System.

- Act as a forum for clients, families and other constituents about the needs and quality of services for the mentally ill.
- Work with the director and staff of the Mental Health Department as an advisor to provide input for planning programs and budgets prior to final decisions.
- Provide to the Board of Supervisors an annual report of the Department of Mental Health. Communicate to the Board of Supervisors as necessary in an on-going dialogue.
- Make specific recommendations to assist the Board of Supervisors in making decisions concerning mental health services.
- Collect, review, and evaluate information about delivery of care for the mentally ill provided by the Mental Health Department in order to understand and evaluate services to clients that promote recovery, maintenance and return to the community.
- Promote outreach and education about mental health services.
- As informed stakeholders, communicate pertinent information leading to desired public policy outcomes at local, state and federal levels.
- Gain an understanding of the etiology, diagnosis, treatment and advancements in the field of mental health.
- Recognize people and organizations that have contributed to mental health.

Objective: To focus each subcommittee's work so that the subcommittees can bring recommendations to the SCC Mental Health Board in order to provide input to the SCC Mental Health Department and/or make specific recommendations to the SCC Board of Supervisors.

PART A: By September, each subcommittee submits 1 – 3 topics on which to focus on for the upcoming year.

PART B: To be used a framework for presenters and help structure the meetings

1. Introduction:
 - a. What is the goal or objective of this program/project?
 - b. Tell us about the assessment that demonstrated the need for this project.
 - c. A brief overview of the program
2. Performance Quality Improvement and Data:
 - a. What data are you collecting and how does it relate to your goal?
 - b. What does the data show?
 - i. How many clients or consumers?
 - ii. How are you measuring your progress? (i.e., what kind of data are you collecting to see if you are meeting the goal of the program?)
 - iii. Are the participants/consumers being successful? (i.e., "graduating," staying in the program, being referred, learning new things – whatever the objective of your program)
 - iv. What isn't working and needs to be improved? What can you change to make things work better for your clients/consumers?
 - v. What is going well regarding your program and services? Why?
3. Integration:
 - a. What are the implications for the pending integration (Behavioral Health)?
 - b. Have you included or considered potential partners that would enhance your program/project? Which ones?
4. Affordable Health Care Act
 - a. How do you see the program/project working with health care reform?
 - b. Will this significantly change your organization? How?
 - c. What will be the impact on your clients?
5. Budget:
 - a. What is the breakdown on overhead costs and direct client costs?
 - b. Are there ways your data can be used to leverage additional funds and build capacity?
6. Thank you for your work and commitment to improving our community. How can the SCC Mental Health Board support this program/project?