

Forging Successful Partnerships Between Counties and PEI Program Partners

CalMHSA Statewide Coordination Workgroup
Workshop B
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Panelists

Cultural Competence/Ethnic Services Managers:

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- Myriam Aragon, Riverside County
- Gigi Crowder, Alameda County
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PEI Program Partners:

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Objectives

- Learn about the role of the CC/ESM in various counties
- Obtain concrete strategies for partnering with county CC/ESMs and other county representatives
- Program Partners will be better positioned to collaborate with county CC/ESMs

Brief History of CC/ESMs

- California Mental Health Directors Association's Framework for Eliminating Cultural, Linguistic, Racial, and Ethnic Behavioral Health Disparities
(<http://www.cmhda.org/go/committees/culturalcompetency,equitysocialjustice.aspx>)
- Adopted March 2005
- Original duty statement of “Minority Services Coordinator” position developed in 1988 and approved in 1999

Core Areas of Responsibility

- Varies from county to county
- Two Core Functions (CMHDA Framework):
 - To “assure quality services to high-risk ethnic communities in CA counties”
 - To “ensure that county mental health systems are culturally competent”

Cultural Competence, Equity, and Social Justice Committee (CCESJC)

- CMHDA Committee
- County Ethnic Services Managers, Community Advocates, Consumers, Family Members, State Level Partners (CiMH and CalMHSA)
- Supports and assists CMHDA in decision and policy making that aims to reduce disparities in service access and care across diverse populations

Discussion Questions for CC/ESM Panel

- What are the factors influencing the development of county cultural competence activities (regulatory, political, mission, etc)?
- What are the roles, responsibilities and functions of CC/ESM's?
- What authority do you have/not?
- What is your role as an expert in communities or as a "cultural broker?"
- How do CC/ESM's work together regionally?
- What is the CCESJC?
- What are strategies Program Partners can use to engage CC/ ESM's (committees; personal contacts; etc.) – what works?

Discussion Questions for PEI Program Partners

- What has your agency done to engage CC/ESM's?
- Can you provide an example of this? (applied)
- What has worked/not?

Group Discussion

How can County and PEI
Program Partner engagement
be enhanced?

Thank you!

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