



Co-Occurring Joint Action Council (COJAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2007

Participants

Policy Council Co-Chairs: Carmen Delgado (ADP)

Workgroup Co-Chairs: Cheryl Trenwith (CADPAAC) and Marvin Southard (CMHDA)

Workgroup: Michael Cunningham (ADP), Dave Neilsen (DMH), Jim O'Connell (SMRS), Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar (Phoenix House), Carol Wilkins(CSH), Tom Renfree (ADPI/CADPAAC), Al Senella (CAADPE/TTC), Jerry Wengerd (CMHDA), and Clyde Steele (ADP)

Guests: D.J. Pierce (CADPAAC) and Vicki Smith (CiMH)

Other COJAC Staff: Alice Washington (CiMH)

Welcome and Introductions

The Workgroup Co-chairs opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Those present introduced themselves. There was one new CMHDA member who was introduced, Jerry Wengerd. He may not be able to attend due to conflicts with his County MHBC meeting.

Albert Senella was graciously thanked for the welcome by his staff and providing the members with lunch.

Review of the Minutes

There were corrections to the minutes of February 28, 2007.

- Michael Borunda should be identified as one of the Policy Council Co-Chair in the minutes.

- Michael Cunningham should be identified as a Workgroup member.
- Page 7- Jim's name is incorrect
- The report on the Crosswalk and recommended elements for FSPs was missing from the minutes-Vicki Smith will amend.
- Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar was present.

Action Items:

1. Alice Washington will distribute the past minutes (February 28, 2007) to the Workgroup so that they can make corrections and additions.
2. Alice Washington will obtain the Action Item list from Kevin Furey. She will distribute this list to members for updates.

Review and Approve Agenda

Cheryl Trenwith and Marvin Southard, Workgroup Co-Chairs reviewed and made changes to the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was amended accordingly:

Change

Terry Cline did not attend the COJAC meeting due to conflicts.

New business

- Discuss MHSOAC document including the departments input
- Discuss and strategize about juvenile justice
- Discuss the Governor's Draft Plan on Chronic Homelessness

Old business

- Legislative update
- Complete the DDCAT conversation
- Update on the Screening Tool Pilot
- Discuss succession planning and new membership

COJAC Policy Council Report

Carmen Delgado from ADP provided this report. There was a semi-annual meeting with the two Department Directors on April 17, 2007. They met with the COJAC Policy Council. The following people attended the meeting: Directors Mayberg (DMH) and Zito (ADP), Elaine Bush (Chief Deputy, DMH), Dave Neilsen (DMH), Rollin Ives (DMH), Michael Borunda (DMH), Carmen Delgado (ADP), and Michael Cunningham (ADP).

The purpose of this meeting was to provide an update on the status of the State COD Action Plan. The Workgroup Co-Chairs were not able to attend.

Dr. Mayberg provided an overview and history for the new state staff. He discussed the COJAC, their activities and how all are collaborating to move the State towards COD capabilities. The Action Plan update included subcommittee accomplishments. In addition to an update on the State Action Plan, the impact of MHSA and needed modifications to the plan were discussed.

Action Items: Relevant to the two Department Directors

1. The Policy Council has asked the two Directors to come to the next COJAC meeting which will held at CiMH offices this June.
2. *Screening Subcommittee*

The Policy Council shared the *screening tool* that was adopted for pilots. Cheryl Trenwith provided a clarification. The tool has been adopted for pilots and is not ready for use as there is a need to get data on how it works and how it will be used.

Action Item:

The screening tool needs to include a cover page that includes: an introduction, how to use it, and a context.

3. *Licensing and Certification Subcommittee*

Directors Mayberg, Zito and DMH Chief Deputy Bush understood the issues and support the concept of exploring whether or not dual Medi-Cal certification of facilities is feasible. Elaine Bush asked both departments to develop a joint certification pilot of several facilities and see what lessons can be learned. The team, led by Antoinette Reed of Medi-Cal Oversight/DMH and Rebecca Lira/ADP would come back with an analysis and recommendations. The goal would be to have a recommendation by Fall 2007.

The Workgroup members reacted as follows:

Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar stated that the subcommittee did a side-by-side of the two department's Medi-Cal Certification process for COD, but the QI branch of DMH was left out. There is a need to determine what happens on site in order to create higher standards.

Albert Senella felt that certification falls into workforce and domain issues. The problem is who does the certification. Right now the certifications are separate and done by two departments with two different department applications. This is

a cumbersome process. The different department staff does their own department's work. The suggested joint exercise is needed.

Marvin Southard stated -Do we really want a simple joint Medi-Cal certification with another analysis? There is a need for more than just an analysis.

Action Items:

The two departments are now working together to complete this joint site certification. They will discuss their plan on May 7th. After the visit, they will have lessons learned and recommendations. They will also understand how each department does certifications-commonalities and differences.

Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar felt that the subcommittee would want a report that would outline a protocol and mandate. This would be something more definite than just an analysis. It would be an action plan for future site visits. The subcommittee should be involved in the discussion of the action plan. The new ADP subcommittee analyst could help with this discussion.

Marvin Southard would like a confirmation on the policy direction. He would like the two Directors to confirm that this something we want to continue to have on our agenda.

Cheryl Trenwith-Determine if the COJAC needs to continue to support the issue, our subcommittee must be involved in the discussion about any action plan development, and they need to meet with two Branch Chiefs.

Carmen Delgado completed the Policy Council report with a quick word about:

Succession Planning

As a result of a last COJAC meeting request, a letter was sent to CDCR for the selection of a representative for Workgroup membership.

CIMH FSP

CADPAAC Policy Paper

CIMH Training

DDCAT

Conferences coming up

Cultural Competence: How to collaborate and provide technical assistance resources in order to address cultural issues and COD?

Action Item: Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar will send a link to Alice Washington who will forward this to the Workgroup. The link is the National Center for Cultural Competence who may have some useful tools.

State Reports

Carmen Delgado, DADP

The new Department Director, Renee Zito, has a high priority for COD. Carmen and her staff will continue to educate her about COJAC and what is happening statewide in the area of COD.

Action Item:

Michael Cunningham stated that DADP has released a treatment practitioner reference guide on Meth (2007). It will be available on their website next week. ADP will also send the resource to providers, and once the website link is available, Alice Washington will forward it to the COJAC. Michael responded to a concern raised by Marvin Southard about meth issues in Los Angeles.

Dave Neilsen, DMH

There was a discussion about a CMHDA request for feedback about the **MHSOAC COD document** that was developed by Rusty Selix of CCCMHA. CMHDA wanted to provide the MHSOAC with COJAC feedback.

Action Items

1. A feedback process needs to be clarified. It may include:
 - An approval process and procedure
 - Timelines for feedback and recommendations
 - Face page(s) that elevates sensitivity of feedback
 - Formal conveyance to directors
 - Disclaimer-does not reflect the views of the Administration and Directors
2. Joint recommendations

The COJAC membership can't take a position other than make recommendations to the two Department Directors. The COJAC members serve at the discretion of the two Department Directors. The two Department Directors serve at the discretion of the Administration.

Action Items: Feedback to the two Department Directors

Develop own white paper which will be the Workgroup members feedback to the two Department Directors. The Workgroup wants to recommend that the MHSOAC document does not well represent working knowledge of COD and they propose to provide the departments with a document for/with principles for input/recommendations into the MHSOAC process that include ways to forward COD within the MHSA. It will address:

Implementation of CSS
Planning for PEI
Workforce Development

The white paper will include some areas where COJAC agrees, in addition other points will frame utilization of resources including those who will not being served...MHSA should not be used to take care of the prison population...provide a focus on voluntary services...include Vivian's suggestions which will be provided by Cheryl.

Volunteers to draft document

- ADPI
- CiMH

Policy Council will take the document to the directors. Recommend that directors forward to MHSOAC.

Possibly, send the Action Plan to the MHSOAC with the white paper.

3. CMHDA and CADPAAC can take positions on this document separate from COJAC.

Marvin will send the following consensus statement to CMHDA.

- The document addresses the narrow issues of COD; the issues of COD are not limited to criminal justice populations and COD needs to cover the whole field and not just the criminal justice populations.
- Criminalization in #8: connecting treatment with law enforcement as a principle is something we need to get beyond

Subcommittee Updates & Outcomes

Licensing & Certification

Please refer to the notes in the Policy Council report section.

Housing

Carol Wilkins provided this report.

The subcommittee has met twice since the first of the year. They are now focused on 5.1.2 of the State COD Action Plan. The subcommittee discussed the extent to which MHSA Housing Initiatives and resources are achieving these goal-structured housing initiatives.

They need to look at county housing issues and understand what MHSA Housing Initiatives are addressing---who is being left out of the process, how these people will be included in services, and problem solving with common language. There is a need to make sure COD is being addressed as a priority for MHSA housing resources. In addition, understand the opportunities that may tie to the Action Plan, the political issues, needs, etc.

Therefore, the subcommittee recommended these populations for COD services:

- Re-entry population from prison
- Parolees

What bills/initiatives are addressing housing for these populations?

- Promise Initiative-pilots for parolees with COD and at risk for homeless
- Steinberg bill
- Women with history of trauma and parents in welfare with COD---What would a structured state initiative look like for this population?
- John Burton Foundation Initiative was recommended for use.

Others?

- A. SAMHSA EBP Toolkit for Supported Housing is ready for field testing within the next few months. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar volunteered Phoenix House for testing.

This toolkit includes SMI and COD populations. It also overlaps with the Funding Subcommittee because it includes related Medicaid services in supported housing.

- B. Working with TA Collaborative of Boston in order to develop taxonomy of services delivered in supported housing---includes definitions, target population criteria, medical necessity---Carol will share with the Workgroup.

- C. HUD and HHSS Research Symposium on Homelessness (March 2007) will be published at the end of the year. Carol will share the chronic homelessness paper. She helped to develop this part of the project.
- D. Governor's Plan for Chronic Homelessness has been released for public input. Home Base drafted the plan and Carol would like invite them to participate on subcommittee. The Plan is not a roadmap for a structured initiative, but we should position the subcommittee to look at this plan. It lacks detail, numbers, and specificity of which ideas comes first and how they can be pursued with other initiatives and services; unlike the MHSA Housing Plan which has a definite goal of 10,000 housing units, but a lot of people are not addressed because of not having SMI.

Action Items:

- The Workgroup members were asked to provide comments by the end of May 2007. The feedback would go to the Directors who can forward to the Governor since it is his plan and they serve in the Administration.
- ADPI has sent response to the plan and will give these to Carol for the subcommittee's use.
- CADPAAC and CMHDA will draft responses.

Screening

Cheryl Trenwith provided the report.

Al Senella and Vivian Brown have discussed a pilot of the screening tool. The Tarzana programs have volunteered to pilot the screening tool during the month of May. Tarzana will pilot in the following settings: where there is a known issue and within admission/assessment processes of non-traditional settings. They will all have a large N. These settings will include primary care, 5 ER's, and youth services in school. Their IT Department will use Teleform, a scanning system, to record, analyze responses, and provide a report. The system is not designed for ethnic and race demographics, but they will look into this issue.

They will do their best to validate the 'yes' responses as this is when it is required to use the Gain.

Other pilots:

Prototypes

Juvenile justice settings in LA

Action Item:

A report will be distributed at the next meeting. Hopefully, they can provide commendation to the two Directors and have the counties adopt it.

Partnership

This subcommittee is staffed with CiMH and ADPI/CADPAAC. Tom Renfree provided a brief report.

He will meet with Sandra Naylor Goodwin, Executive Director of CiMH, upon her return from vacation.

The Workgroup discussed the membership and succession plans:

- Membership CDCR request letter sent out (JJ and probation)
- Alice will forward CMHDA reps to ADP for their approval
- CADPAAC reps needed
- Keep looking for others who may have new issues
 Child Welfare (National Center and SA and Child Welfare)
- Service users

Action Item:

The Policy Council can review the recommendations for new members. They will send their recommendations to the Directors for final approval.

Funding

Carmen Delgado provided the report.

John O'Brien (COCE) has been contracted to look at the funding matrix. He will provide input, determine if it is clear and accurate, fill in gaps, determine what other states are doing and recommend how CA can maximize federal and state monies. This is essentially a cost benefit analysis.

Marvin Southard again stated that counties need direction about the implementation of EPSDT as a COD funding resource. In addition, how does Katie A relate to the matrix? It is important that the COJAC look at the benefit package for Medicaid Rehab Option for COD. The response from ADP was-John O'Brien (COCE) has been contracted to look at the Drug Medi-Cal benefit package.

Clyde Steele also stated that ADP has implemented a project whose purpose is to understand differences between the MH and AOD side of EPSDT. The project results

will answer- What can be done and has not done with Drug Medi-Cal. This information will be available in the next 60 days.

Dave Neilsen provided the Workgroup with a copy of a DMH letter related to EPSDT. It was dated January 29, 1996. The Workgroup reviewed the letter and the following actions were suggested.

Action Items:

The Workgroup Co-chairs will explore the leadership of this subcommittee with the Policy Council. The co-chairs are concerned about the status of the action plan items. They will discuss how to reconvene the subcommittee, look at work status, and ask the chair for more meetings. It has come to light that the subcommittee chair, Lily Alvarez, has tendered her resignation from the COJAC.

The Workgroup agreed that the DMH written notice addresses part of the EPSDT issues. It needs to have a pure COD component. The Workgroup would like to urge subcommittee to make recommendation about how counties can put the notice into operation. The written notice provides background on how to expand EPSDT for COD, but the 3rd paragraph is not clear about billing. The two departments, DMH and ADP, will look at this written notice and determine how to make it operational, also.

Old Business

Per the discussion at the last meeting about the DDCAT:

Action Items:

The Policy Council has been asked to take the DDCAT to the two Directors for their consideration. The Workgroup is recommending the use of the instrument: assess county capability, adaptation, funding, etc. The Workgroup would like the two Directors to look at the DDCAT and provide county direction for the following:

How could it be used?
Distribution of the information
Internet access

This will be an agenda for the Policy Council when they meet with the two Directors.

New Business

Legislative Update was provided by Tom Renfree.

There has been significant AOD/MH collaboration with bills.

- AB 423 Jim Bell

Parity bill for MH/AOD; population with non SMI but have MH and SU issues
Passed Assembly Health Committee and is going to Appropriations

- Bills that have died-Site location of group homes that would have adversely affected MH/AOD serves; addressed NIMBYism
- Cedillo

Drug Medi-Cal expansion for children/youth
Status: losing

Supporters are trying to do the following:

Understand how much money there really is for these services from other sources? How much is being utilized in terms of treatment program funding, MHSA, child welfare, juvenile justice, etc?

They have implemented a survey and are finding that very little is being provided.

The Senate Office of Research is compiling the data for a report to the Legislature.

- SB 851 Steinberg

Neither Association has a position on this bill---their concerns are different

- Back in action
Stakeholders to redefine community care licensing of group homes for foster youth

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Next Meeting

10:00 am to 3:00 pm
June 27th
CiMH offices in Sacramento