

**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
MINUTES OF OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTAL MEETING  
WEST VALLEY REGION DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING FOR DISTRICT 2 AND DISTRICT 4**

September 21, 2010

**PRESENT:** Catalina Alvarez, Andre Bossieux, Dr. Roberto Casas, Linda Charkins, May Farr, Michael Hill, Christina Glassco, Maria Ortega, Maria Ramirez, Debbie Suderno

**MEETING PURPOSE:** To develop a plan that will provide the Department of Behavioral Health, through the Mental Health Commission, input on the unmet needs of the community.

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	<p><b><u>Review of Minutes</u></b> The minutes from the last meeting were not available.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Self Introductions</u></b> Self introductions were done. No agenda items scheduled.</p> <p><b><u>L. Charkins</u></b> Announced that she would chair the meeting because R. Smith was on vacation.</p> <p><b><u>Vista Clinic</u></b> L. Charkins reported that everything is well at Vista. The request to fill a position for the clinical therapist I that resigned in September is still pending approval. The clinic is scheduled to have a Medi-Care audit in about two weeks.</p> <p><b><u>M. Farr</u></b> M. Farr reported on the upcoming conferences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Patton Mental Health Program conference is scheduled for September 29-30, 2010.</li> <li>• The Miles conference and Disabled Disability Expo is scheduled for October 23, 2010.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Dr. Roberto Casas</u></b> Dr. Casas reported that he will begin overseeing the State's educational programs. According to legislation, there will be an increase in the number of school employees handling Mental Health issues.</p>	

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<p><b><u>TAY Center</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M. Ramirez reported that the TAY center currently offers FSP services and drop-in services. Although they have 100 slots available, they have 30 people on the waiting list. The daily attendance count is between 25 to 30 youths with three staff working at the drop-in center. The center is short a clinician but they are in the hiring process. There is a doctor on site three times a month on Fridays. However, there is a waiting list to see the doctor. The center is open until 7:00 pm on Tuesdays and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, the remainder of the week. If a client is being referred, the client should remain open at the clinic until the chart has been opened at the TAY center. In addition, M. Ramirez should be emailed and informed of any special needs and behavior problems that the client has.</li> <li>M. Ortega reported that clients are able to come to the TAY center to get a meal, shower, attend groups, get involved with leadership, cooking and to seek employment. Every month the center does cultural celebrations and activities. They are looking for a Peer Advocate.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Debbie Suderno</u></b></p> <p>D. Suderno announced that she is writing a newsletter and is open to include any announcements/news. Also, reported that there are many individuals that want help but, unfortunately, do not know who to contact or where to go to seek the help.</p> <p><b><u>TAY Programs</u></b></p> <p>A.Bossieux reported that a lot of the TAY youth are working and/or attending school. A couple of the youth have been homeless and despite of their circumstances have managed to maintain enrollment/attendance at the University of Phoenix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAY workshop – The workshop promotes youth involvement in community events as well as enhances their public speaking skills.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>South Coast Community Services</u></b></p> <p>G. Glassco reported that the Crossroads program is, once again, busy. The clinic will begin hosting classes at the Rancho High School and at the Rancho Community Center. The WRAP program is involved in drug court and has over 100 children.</p> <p><b><u>Success First</u></b></p> <p>C.Alvarez reported that Hope Buckland has been out sick, leaving four staff members in the office. Because they are down a Bilingual Parent Partner, the clinic is not able to accept bilingual referrals at this time.</p> <p><b><u>Conclusion</u></b></p> <p>Being that there were no further issues, the meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.</p>	

*Linda Charkins, Clinic Supervisor*

*Rhonda Strange, OAJJ*

Chairperson

Recorder