

# Sacramento County Mental Health Board

## Adult System of Care Committee

**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**  
**4:00PM – 6:00PM**

Members Present: Corrine McIntosh-Sako, Loran Sheley, Ann Arneill (staff: Glenda Basina)  
Members Absent: Laura Bemis and William Cho

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Chair McIntosh Sako convened the meeting at 4:01pm and introductions were made.

### **II. Update on BHS Adult System of Care Redesign – Dr. Ryan Quist, BHS Director**

- A lot of questions around Adult Transformation and thru RFA process have been advised with what can be shared. Three providers were recommended, short of two providers. Will have a community conversation on Adult Transformation on January 25 as part of the RFA process. Providers interested in putting a proposal are invited as well as the community. Flyer coming soon.
- Dr. Quist shared a presentation from back in April to the MHSA Steering committee on the Adult Transformation process. Key areas identified for improvement from feedback. Goals in transformation; hope, healing, community engagement and authority. Named as Adult CORE (community, outreach, recovery and empowerment).
- New bidders will receive the same information provided in the bidders' conference and available on the RFA. Recording the RFA for providers who miss the January 25 conversation.

### **III. Update on Peer Support Specialist Training - SB 803**

#### **a. What is Sacramento County doing? – Dr. Ryan Quist, BHS Director**

- DHCS delegated to counties to implement. Counties asked CalMHSA to put a plan for peer certification standard across the state.
- Conversation with CalVoices on their proposal and meeting scheduled for follow-up conversation.

#### **b. What is Cal Voices doing? – Dawniell Zavala, CalVoices**

- Dawniell introduced herself and provided background on CalVoices.
- There currently is no state mechanism for independent training providers to get accreditation/state approval to provide certification training. Need to be linked to an approved peer certification program via CalMHSA or by one of the counties individually, in order to provide trainings and for it to account to certification.

- CalMHSA issued request for statement of qualifications with 37 organizations responding and only 1 or 2 training entities to be selected for the state - CalVoices' odds not looking great.
- SB803 allows counties to operate their own program or select agencies to represent them and create a program on their behalf.
- CalVoices options are: 1) Operate their own certification program as an agency representing a county and will need at least one county to back them for their submission to DHCS. 2) Submit a proposal to CalMHSA for their RFP next month.
- DHCS already confirmed CalVoices as eligible to operate a peer certification program as an agency representing a county. DHCS asked them for confirmation from counties willing to work with them for FY 22/23. No specification from DHCS that counties working with them would have to stop working with CalMHSA. Also, from CalVoices' view as well as language in SB803, counties can work with more than one representing agency.
- CalVoices' ask to Sac County is to select them for their peer certification program for FY2022-23, to operate as a supplement or overflow.
- Dr. Quist stated there's a scheduled follow-up meeting with CalVoices for more conversations. Commented that Sacramento County will want to continue to work with local, established organizations and glad that CalVoices is a part of the community.
- Member Loran asked when CalMHSA will be making the decision. According to Dawniell, CalMHSA requested Statement of Qualification back in August but changed to Request for Proposal, however, still no announcement as of yet.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

- No comment from the public.

#### **V. Adjournment**

- Chair McIntosh-Sako announced the next ASOC meeting will be January 25 and adjourned the meeting at 4:41pm.