

Minutes of the Bernalillo County Prevention/Harm Reduction/Early Intervention Committee

June 29th, 2016

At United Way of Central New Mexico

The meeting started at 3:06 pm.

Heba Atwa-Kramer served as chairperson.

Introductions were made by each committee member and by visitors and observers.

George Schroeder, Bernalillo County staff member to the committee, described the purpose of the committee with regards to procurement of services and establishing prevention-oriented pilot projects.

Discussion:

Differences between the four committees of the Behavioral Health initiative.

Opportunities to pilot and test a variety of Behavioral Health interventions.

Problem-based procurement and how it is different from the current method of procurement.

The name of the committee.

Barri Roberts described the Forensic Intervention Consortium and its connection to the criminal justice system and the MRAC, a mental health resource advisory committee that is a result of the Dept. of Justice orders related to Albuquerque Police Department.

What types of interventions constitute prevention and what are we trying to prevent? Mark Clark took notes on a flip chart.

Harm reduction may be a good approach; we can't prevent all mental illness but we can prevent interaction with law enforcement.

Screening and early childhood intervention.

Social determinants of mental health/mental illness including stigma, early detection, screening, and parental behaviors and parental skills.

The committee should consider having a guest speaker from the juvenile justice system.

Documents:

George Schroeder offered a brief explanation on two draft documents that were handed out: Community Engagement Teams (CET) and Early Childhood Interventions.

Discussion:

CET guidelines are established in statute, according to Barri. Barri will provide to George for him to distribute to the committee.

Katrina Hotrum arrived and described CET as a piece of the larger Behavioral Health system which includes crisis response; CET can be considered part of a tiered crisis response system.

Next Meeting:

Will occur on July 13th at United Way of Central New Mexico.

We will nominate and vote on a co-chair for the committee.

We will review and discuss documents that were handed out.

Discussion on changing committee name to Harm Reduction.

Adjournment:

Meeting ended at 4:30