

## **Transformation Workgroup #3 Disparities in Mental Health Services are Eliminated**

April 27, 2006

9:05 – 12:00 pm

Convener: Jose Ortiz

### Major Topics/Discussion Points:

- Jose provided a progress report of the process thus far. In the beginning there were 4 breakout groups, which generated recommendations, then the 4 groups were collapsed into 2 breakout groups to compile those recommendations into a document. The recommendations from the groups were organized and refined them into one list. That list was then divided into six broad recommendations.
- The purpose of today's meeting is to review and edit that list of recommendations, with the aim of gaining consensus. The recommendations were projected live and edited directly during the meeting.
- The workgroup members examined the 6 overall recommendation areas, and developed more specific, clear, short, and action-oriented recommendations. The 6 recommendations were narrowed to 4 separate recommendations.
- Under each broad recommendation will be several bullet points with more specific recommendations that provide concrete information on implementing the recommendations. The workgroup participated in reviewing three bullet points under the first broad recommendation, but was not able to complete the rest during the meeting time.
- There will be a pre-amble to the recommendations document that introduces the document, provides definitions of some terms, and provides a context for the recommendations.
- The plan is to continue reviewing the recommendations list again in the next two weeks and focus on prioritizing the recommendations.

### Ideas/Recommendations

Recommendations identified by the workgroup related to the following topics:

1. developing data systems
2. establishing a statewide multicultural affairs office
3. workforce development related to disparities
4. ensuring access to services for rural / geographically remote areas and special populations

### To Do/Tasks:

- Staff will further refine the bullets under the recommendations and share it with the workgroup next meeting in order to develop consensus and arrange the recommendations by priority.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup> conveners will have a retreat. The recommendations will be discussed then, and some recommendations may be shifted from one group to another.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Room 213, Page Hall, CVH

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Room 217, Page Hall, CVH