Group 2 Notes

Attendees: Pat Frederick; Nicole McChristian; Fernando Mesa;

1. How can you systematically define the roles/functions of the various staff providing MH services?

Pat: are blessed in that MH partner can sustain thru Medicaid billing; started to realign school counselors and redefine their roles as counselors with some guidance role

Jenn asked: What kind of support to make that happen? Pat: need to offer trng in counseling so that they feel able to do it; buy-in from admin that they should be doing this. Trying to adopt the national model for counseling.

Fernando: had intervention specs at schools, but also moving towards having counselors step in. Also training others to do this. Finding it difficult to get buy-in re: getting fewer people to do more.

Nicole: MH thru MH agency that PD works for---buy-in not a problem. Challenge is retain services and staff having a person on campus.

Question: what happens after NCE? What is the plan? Have a few: applied for other grants; but best bet is billing Medical---have these clinicians sustain the functions by adjusting the contract with the county.

Fernando-trying to fund for one more year using stimulus funds and will work towards being eligible for third-party billing. Also working to use interns.

Student size: Pomona: 30,000 Anaheim: 20,000, ??(last): 44,000

2. What components are needed to ensure confidentiality?

Fernando: every student's family signed a release to identify who had access to the information-for collection of data and referrals and to facilitate follow-up. Little resistance; successful because families saw commitment and knew that staff was really trying to help. Developed trust, approached families in culturally-competent ways.

3. What components are needed to obtain buy-in?

(Also See notes above)

Question: getting commitment for owning the funding piece?

Fernando-working with Work & Family Master plan and writing/searching for grants

Baton Rouge-got REMS grant; got hurricane-related \$ thru foundations. University partnered with them to do research and do surveys on PTS-related questions.

What more do you want to know?

Funding!