

Community Development and Engagement Unit (CDEU) Update for the OHE Advisory Committee – September 2016

California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Updates:

CRDP Strategic Plan:

The CRDP Strategic Plan Secretary Action Request (SAR) package is in the review process. CDPH leadership recently provided final edits. Once those edits have been completed and approved, the SAR package will be sent to the California Health and Human Services Agency for final review and approval.

Statewide Evaluator and Technical Assistance Providers:

The Statewide Evaluator (SWE) and four of the five population-specific Technical Assistance Providers (TAPs) are in contract with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH recently selected an intended awardee for the Native American Technical Assistance Provider solicitation and is in the process of developing a formal announcement. Below are the organizations who have been awarded to date for the SWE and TAPs:

- Statewide Evaluator
 - Loyola Marymount University
- Technical Assistance Providers
 - African American – ONTRACK Program Resources
 - Asian and Pacific Islander – Special Service for Groups
 - Latino – UC Davis, Center for Reducing Health Disparities
 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning –Center for Applied Research Solutions

Capacity Building Pilot Projects:

The CRDP Team has been working closely with our internal Contracts Management Unit (CMU) to execute the 11 Capacity Building Pilot Project (CBPPs) grants for four of the five target populations. The CDPH, Office of Health Equity (OHE) did not receive any Native American Capacity Building Pilot Project applications. To date, all 11 grants have been executed. Please visit our website for a full list of awardees: [CRDP Website](#).

Implementation Pilot Projects:

CDPH/OHE announced the intent to award for 22 Implementation Pilot Projects (IPPs) for the five target populations. To date, we have not executed any of these grants. Due to the delay in executing the CBPP grants, there will be a delay in the start of the implementation phase. The six-month period for the capacity building projects began on September 14th after the CRDP Phase II Kick Off Meeting on September 12-13, 2016 (described in more

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detail below). This pushes back the start of IPPs until Mid-March of 2017. Please visit our website for a full list of intended awardees: [CRDP Website](#).

Current CRDP Phase II Activities

Native American IPP:

CDPH did not receive applications for the Native American CBPP Solicitation. The CRDP team has done outreach to approximately 140 tribal governments and tribal health clinics as well as conducting some additional fact finding and determined that we will not reissue the Native American CBPP solicitation, but instead reissue the Native American IPP solicitation with a tribal/rural focus. Our aim is to fund two additional IPPs. The plan is to release the solicitation by the end of September.

Education, Outreach and Awareness:

The Education, Outreach and Awareness solicitation will be issued in fall of 2016. This will be the final solicitation under the CRDP umbrella. The focus of this solicitation is to create an improved mental health system that is culturally and linguistically focused and accessible to all populations including underserved and vulnerable communities. The intent is to create systems change to reduce barriers and increase access to services for vulnerable populations seeking mental health care.

CRDP Phase II Kick Off Meeting:

On September 12-13, 2016, CDEU held a two-day CRDP Phase II kick off meeting to bring together the SWE, TAPs, and CBPPs in Sacramento to orient contractors and grantees to working with the department on CRDP efforts, and to provide an opportunity for CBPPs to connect with the SWE and TAPs to delineate and clarify roles and outline expectations as we embark on the capacity building phase. In total, 63 participants attended the meeting which included OHE staff. Rachel Guerrero, former Chief of the Office of Multicultural Services, Department of Mental Health, provided the inspirational keynote address. OHE also invited Brain Sala from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to present on Prevention and Early Intervention regulations.

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Save-the-Date for IPP Kick Off Meeting:

Similar to the Kick Off Meeting that occurred in September for the SWE, TAP, and CBPPs; there will be a Kick Off Meeting that will involve the SWE, TAP, and IPPs. This Kick Off meeting will orient IPPs to working with the department on CRDP, and provide an opportunity for IPPs to connect with the SWE and TAP to delineate and clarify roles and outline expectations as we embark on the implementation phase. OHE staff will be solidifying dates in the future.

Other CDEU Activities:

CDEU staff attended a training conducted by the California Defending Childhood Initiative in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health titled California Defending Childhood Trauma-Informed Systems Training. This training focused on experience of trauma in workplace relationships and being mindful of how personal trauma may carry over into the workplace and ways to mitigate inflicting trauma and responding to the experience of trauma.

CDEU staff has been working side by side with Jim Suennen, Associate Secretary, External Affairs, California Health and Human Services Agency to coordinate and organize a Health Education Corner for Native American Day scheduled for September 23, 2016. As the lead in this endeavor, staff have coordinated efforts department wide and will be on site at the Capitol disseminating information and engaging with attendees. Part of this outreach and engagement effort is to connect with the Native American community and build partnerships. We consider our participation critical in furthering our goal of addressing health and mental health inequities in the Native American population.

CDEU is working intra departmentally with Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health programs and California Gambling Education and Treatment Services to work cross sectorally in providing resources that are inclusive of health and mental services, and to diversify and grow a multicultural workforce.

CDEU staff continues to participate and interface with the National Office of Minority Health, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability staff, Workgroup to Eliminate Disparities, MHSA Partners, and other mental health committees.