

Minutes

New York City Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting of the New York State Office of Mental Health Bureau of Cultural Competency

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 10 AM – 12:30 PM

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Meeting run and minutes taken by Christian Huygen christianhuygen@rainbowheights.org

1. Go around: Ask people to introduce themselves and briefly state what brought them here today
2. Review and approval of minutes from November 2015 meeting. The three people who had been at that meeting unanimously approved the minutes.
3. Christian and the eight people present discussed the nature of the statewide MAC and the regional NYC RMAC.
4. Discussion of the value, importance and nature of cultural competency.
5. We viewed and discussed a webinar and materials about the mental health needs of homeless youth.
 - a. Webinar on Engaging homeless youth: Recommendations and resources <https://www.nhchc.org/2015/07/engaging-homeless-youth-recommendations-and-resources/>
 - b. Materials: Engaging Homeless Youth resource list <http://www.nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/youth-resource-list.pdf>
 - c. Materials: Identifying and serving LGBTQ Youth: Case studies of runaway and homeless youth program grantees http://www.nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/rpt_lgbtq_rhy.pdf
6. The content was of great interest (particularly the panelist who had experience with being homeless herself) but the presentation was not as engaging as we would have liked.
7. Discussion and selection of webinar(s) for upcoming meeting(s); past topics people mentioned include African American elders and mental health; Medicaid managed care changes and how they will impact recipients of care; Native American / First Nations peoples and mental health; Judaism and meeting the needs of orthodox and reform recipients of care; Domestic and international human trafficking; and Latinos and mental health; deaf culture as a culture.
 - a. The lead topic of interest that emerged was human trafficking. Magaly Lovell will reach out and attempt to engage an in person presentation for our next meeting.
8. Discussion of NYC RMAC advocacy
 - a. Are there issues you would like to advocate for or organize around?

- b. Stakeholder issues of interest mentioned in past meetings include treatment engagement and treatment refusal; managed care implementation; care coordination for those who are severely ill or incapacitated; and understanding upstate and downstate perspectives and the ways in which these may not always translate or transfer well to different contexts and settings within the state.
9. Discussion of location of our next meeting. We enjoyed meeting at Gotham Center and would like to continue meeting there if possible. We do have other potential meeting spaces available.
10. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 10 – 12:30 pm, location TBA
11. Please give us your e-mail if we don't already have it
12. Adjournment at 12:07 pm