

**Mental Health Services Act
Workforce Education and Training**

**Post-Secondary Education/Training Programs
Teleconference on Educator-Employer Partnerships**

Special Topic Workgroup

September 20, 2006

1. Present via Telephone.

- a. Rosa Della Casa, EMQ
- b. Warren Hayes, Department of Mental Health
- c. Jesus Oliva, Mount San Antonio College
- d. John Ryan, California Mental health Director's ASSOCIATION
- e. Toni Tullys, California Institute for Mental Health
- f. Inna Tysoe, Department of mental health
- g. Leslie Zwilling, San Francisco State University

2. Discussion.

The group discussed how to engage and facilitate partnerships between public mental health employers and educators. This activity is happening, but only sporadically and primarily through the efforts of individuals who do not receive financial support for their efforts.

Providing an ongoing partnership structure, such as that modeled by the Greater Bay Area Regional Collaborative, will greatly facilitate opportunities for partnership. Judicious use of MHSA dollars, via providing release time for both public mental health county and contract agency staff and faculty, will accelerate this activity even further. Joint grant and research activities could both bring in federal and foundation monies, and build a body of evidence for practices promoted by the Act. Funding could also promote faculty time at public mental health sites to provide valuable and immediate workforce help to county mental health programs, and public mental health staff on campus to co-teach, clinically supervise and assist in redesigning curricula. These activities would be determined, funded and administered at the local and regional level.

3. Next Meeting

The Post-Secondary Education Workgroup will next meet on Thursday, October 5th, from 10 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the California Endowment in Sacramento.