

## Overview of Second SPOC Meeting on March 11, 2011

The following upcoming conferences were discussed at our meeting. As recommended by the SPOC, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator, will be collaborating with these efforts to provide some training or discussion related to Suicide Prevention at these events. Please mark your calendars and assist us in broadly promoting the following as final details are provided:

- a. **Northern Region Cultural Competency Summit** - 'Promoting Equity in Health Services: The Power of Community Based Solutions' to be held on June 27-28, 2011 at DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 95110.
- b. **Older Adults Services Summit**, June 9, 2011, tent. 8:30-4pm, registration will be required. This working summit is being designed to bridge silos and envision the steps necessary to move our system forward to create a seamless network for Older Adults.
- c. **First Statewide CIT Conference**, May 19-20, 2011. I have already been invited to address this conference and am on the agenda.
- d. **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

The governance issues were then discussed and by consensus, it was agreed that in case of difference of opinion, the majority will rule.

It was agreed that the evaluation of suicide prevention efforts and the monitoring of workgroups should be a function of the SPOC and not the data workgroup, as envisaged in the plan. Recommended changes in duty assignments from the Data Workgroup to either SPOC, Suicide Prevention Coordinator's office, or other workgroup were also agreed to by the SPOC.

It was agreed that our website

<http://www.sccmhd.org/portal/site/mhd/agencychp?path=%2Fv7%2FMental%20Health%20Services%20%28DEP%29%2FSuicide%20Prevention%20%26%20Local%20Activities> could serve as a good repository of documents. This website is more of an internal website. Other means of communicating with and engaging the broader public will one key responsibility of the Communications Workgroup. Your ideas and views on how you would like to use our current Mental Health Dept. website at this point are welcomed.

The SPOC discussed and reached agreement on the purpose of the Data Workgroup, its main activities, and the proposed team, as well as the SPOC's role in determining and preparing data for public consumption. We will work to launch the first meeting before our next SPOC Meeting.