Name of Committee

Chancellor’s Office Advisory Group on Student Mental Health (COAGSMH)

Purpose of the Committee

The purpose of the COAGSMH is to assist in providing support to the implementation efforts related to the California Community College Student Mental Health Program (CCC SMHP). In addition, COAGSMH serves as a forum to counsel on the delivery of services required throughout the length of the CCC SMHP. The CCC SMHP is a grant that was awarded to the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) and the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC). The COAGSMH is advisory to the Chancellor’s Office and the Foundation of California Community Colleges.

Committee Composition

The committee will be co-chaired by one or more representative(s) of the CCC SMHP Office¹. A member of the committee may be asked to co-chair. In addition to the co-chairs, COAGSMH is comprised of representatives from the following CCC and statewide organizations or agencies:²

- Academic Senate
- California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN)
- Disaster Resident Community Colleges (DRCCC)
- County Mental Health
- Department of Mental Health
- California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO)
- California Association of Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED)
- Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- Family/parent advocates
- Mental Health and Wellness Association (MHWA)
- National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI) - California
- Health Services Association of the California Community Colleges (HSACCC)
- Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMDHCO)
- Student Senate
- CCC Veteran’s Regional Representatives

COAGSMH members will be appointed for the length of the grant term (three-years) with the understanding that for some organizations, appointments are one-year in length, but can be renewed.

It is expected that only appointed members will attend the meetings. Because of the need to maintain content and knowledge among participants, substitutions are not encouraged. Sending another representative will be considered with prior approval of the SMHP Office.

¹ The CCC SMHP Office contains staff from both the CCCCCO & FCCC.
² With the exception of county mental health, on representative will be asked to participate from each organization or agency.
Committee Structure

The advisory group will meet as often as necessary to accomplish the expected outcomes identified below. It is anticipated that in addition to quarterly in-person meetings, regular communication will occur via teleconference and email.

The chair will have responsibility for calling meetings, developing agendas with member input and providing summary notes following each meeting. This is intended to be a working committee with frequent communication and meetings to ensure completion of the expected outcomes listed below in a timely manner.

Committee Roles

- Provide support to the CCCCO & FCCC in fulfilling the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the CCC SMHP grant;
- Provide guidance, input and recommendations in decision making processes;
- Assist in identifying and prioritizing needs and priorities with respect to training and technical assistance;
- Assist in dissemination of products developed as a result of the grant.

Committee Responsibilities

- **Serve as a liaison to the group or organization that the member represents, communicating advisory group information, actions, and updates.** Specifically, the role of liaison involves working with your local constituencies to communicate issues under consideration by the advisory group as well as issues of concern of their constituents. It is expected that this will be achieved by maintaining consistent communication with local organizations and constituent groups to ensure that the CCC SMHP meets the diverse needs and interests of the CCC students and colleges, as well as the families and communities in which the colleges are located
- Attend and actively participate in committee meetings on a quarterly basis, which will consist of a combination of in person or by teleconference
- As needed, actively contribute to committee projects and/or work product (i.e. review, feedback, follow-up on action items, writing recommendations, position papers, etc.)
- As needed and upon request, assist in presentations and meetings to represent the project
- Be able to commit to a 3 year term to ensure continuity and knowledge about the grant and activities related to implementation
- Understand and be versed about the grant’s scope of work and terms and conditions

Understand and be versed in mental health prevention and early intervention principles, programs, best practices, and model programs. **For questions or more information, please contact Betsy Sheldon, Coordinator, Mental Health Services, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office at bsheldon@cccco.edu or 916.322.4004**