

2015 Central Region Multicultural Advisory Committee (CRMAC)

Summary

Date	Meeting Contents
1/15/2015	<p>Introductions, Review Cultural Competency Nathan Kline Assessment Scale Report – 13 agency representatives completed the assessment for their program which resulted in identifying Broome County’s strengths as program commitment to cultural competence, identifying consumer’s cultural needs and promoting recovery/community resources to consumer. Areas needing improvement included engagement of family members, outreach and development of new services for cultural groups. All scoring was done anonymously and all agencies received a copy of the full report. Secondly we reviewed the program ethnicity statistics comparing 2012 with 2013 for a total of 42,220 consumers. We review those ethnicities served against the census data for the County and City. We ask Provider’s for input on what they identify as barriers for cultural groups and continue to provide free trainings for the county.</p>
4/16/2015	<p>Introductions, Presentation on Gambling & Gambling Problem – giving us an awareness of the impact of gambling on society. Nationwide, Americans spent 63.3 billion on gambling. Approximately 85% of US adults have gambled at least once in their lives. 2 Million of US adults fit criteria for pathologically gambling in a given year. Another 4 to 6 million would be considered problem gamblers. 230 billion is illegally wagered on sports in US. 35 Million teens are addicted to gambling. Those associated with gambling are often suicidal, abusing alcohol and drugs and end up homeless. NYS added 3 more Casino’s in 2014. School survey says Grades 7 to 12 kids report that 34% have gambled in the past month. National helpline for Gambling is 1-800-522-4700. Where to find help and how to stop. We opted not to meet till fall because of my office relocating.</p>
9/17/2015	Next meeting