

Central Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee – CR MAC  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 25, 2014

Attendees: Doris Cheung, Lynne Esquivel, Kim Taro, Maria Colleyacme, Vinnette James, Jill Alford-Hammitt, Terry Cole, Pam Guth, George Stanton,

Minutes: Opened with Introductions

Presentations: Peer Support

- MHASt Sunrise Wellness Center
  - o Kim Taro, Director
- Kim Taro shared her Peer story to the committee which was inspirational, go Kim!! We were happy to have her share with us how Peer support changed her life allowing her to Recover and work full-time in a field she so loves. Bravo to Kim on her journey that has brought her to a place of Recovery!!
- Kim brought copies of the “The Ray of Hope” Sunrise Newsletter, the Calendar of events at Sunrise, the Warm line number magnets and the Beacon Drop In Calendar of events.
- Kim discussed how Peer’s will be a billable service when the new Medicaid Managed Care system is rolled out next year in NYS. Using the WRAP methodology which is evidence based is a tool that is helpful for consumers.
- Kim directed us to the Academy of Peer Services which is funded by New York State’s Office of Mental Health (OMH) offering online, internet-based education for peer staff providing services to their fellow peers.

New Business:

- Doris Cheung and Lynne Esquivel, co-chairs of the Central Regional MAC met with Ms. Linda Nelson, OMH Director at OMH Central Office, Syracuse on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to share what we have done in Broome County with the Cultural and Linguistic Competence. We added Jill Tibbett as the OMH rep on our distribution.
  - o Results from our 2013 Nathan Kline Assessment from Providers will be tabulated and shared with committee members.

**Next Meeting: TBD, email will be sent for the next meeting date.**