

MINUTES  
San Bernardino County  
**Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session**  
January 03, 2013: 10:00-11:45 am

**Commissioners Present:**

Akin Merino; Chris Massa; Gabriel Gonzales; Jane Godager; May Farr; Mike Grabhorn; Monica Wilson; Roberto Casas; Susan McGee-Stehsel; Veatrice Jews

**Excused Absent:**

Bill Swift

**Absent:**

Dena Nunez; Michael Hill; Monica Alonso

**Guests:**

CaSonya Thomas; DBH Director; Debi Pasco; Clerk of the Board; Esmeralda Sanchez; DBH OAIll; Lindsey Hubby, Lutheran Social Services; Beverly Scott, family member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Self introductions followed.

**CHAIR REPORT**

Chair thanked Clerk of the Board, Debi Pasco for a well organized and positive Holiday Tea. We were honored that Supervisor Rutherford attended. Commissioners reviewed 2012 attendance roster, noting Commissioner Hill had 7 absences. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hill. The BHC discussed recent incidents involving the killing of students that occurred over the holiday.

Add to next month's agenda:

- What can BHC do to minimize stigma and encourage mental health in the community? Develop action plan.
- Review Bylaws
- Review goals

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioners discussed the items they will report in the afternoon session.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Congratulations to Dr. Wilson for being appointed Chair of the CA Mental Health Policy Council for 2014.
- Due to the Katie A. lawsuit filed in 2002, seeking relief for California children who are in foster care (or at risk of foster care), have a mental illness or condition that has been documented, and need individualized mental health services requirements, two manuals were developed: A "Core Practice Manual" and A "Medi-Cal Documentation and Claiming Manual". CMHDA strongly recommends the two manuals be released jointly, and in a coordinated fashion.
- Health Care Reform - CMHDA and CADPAAC have partnered and adopted health care reform principles.

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
To maintain the integrity of MHSA, Senator Darrell Steinberg requested CA State Auditor review selected County MHSA programs. San Bernardino County was selected for review. Date of review to be determined.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Godager asked whether San Bernardino County practices involuntary detainment as described in Welfare and Institutions Code 5300-5309. CaSonya will ask Sharon Nevins to discuss at next meeting.
- Commissioner Akin Merino needed to leave after this meeting. It was determined she could vote for the 2013 Officers via absentee ballot.

**11:45 am:** Adjournment

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*Susan McGee-Stehsel*  
Chair

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*Esmeralda Sanchez*  
Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission Assistant