

MINUTES
San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session
May 2, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Members Present: Akin Merino, Christopher Massa, Gabriel Gonzales, Jane Ann Godager, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Alonso, Monica Wilson, Roberto Casas, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Veatrice Jews, William Swift

Excused Absence:

Guests: Beverly Scott, CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez, Jose Solorzar, Mimi Swift, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios

CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS

10:08 am

Approve Executive Session Minutes from April 04, 2013. M/S/C to approve the minutes as provided.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Due to July 4th holiday, it was agreed the July meeting would be moved to Monday, July 1. This action to be added to the June agenda for approval.

Consumer commissioner role was discussed (in response to question by Commissioner Alonso). Practical applications of commissioner roles to be discussed in future meetings.

Susan gave a presentation at the CA Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) meeting on Behavioral Health Commission activities in San Bernardino County.

Travel and attendance to upcoming meeting and events was discussed.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

May Farr attended the State of the County Event, the Focus Group Room and Board Coalition focus group, District Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings 2/4 and 5, the CMHPC meeting, Cambodian New Year event, and the Grand Opening of the Family Services Pavilion in Riverside. May also reported the CMHPC will be working on a workbook with an emphasis on data. The CA Institute of Mental Health (CiMH) would like feedback regarding future mental health board and commission trainings.

Veatrice Jews attended the 5th District DAC meeting MHS Annual Update presentation – Participants had questions regarding presentation.

Monica Wilson attended the State of the County. She also hosted the Inland Empire Psychology Student Conference with Dr. Akin Merino. Monica gave two workshops at the Stop the Pain – Youth Bullying Prevention Conference. She also participated in the CMHPC meeting held in Ontario.

Akin Merino attended the MHS Annual Update stakeholder meeting and the Research Consortium on mental health.

Robert Casas attended Chino's Family Fun Night for Children with Autism, and gave presentation on Teacher Bullying at Concordia University.

Michael Grabhorn attended seminar on teenage suicide prevention. He participated on the Mental Health Boards and Commissions training webinar. Attended presentation by Gang and Drug Taskforce on education in the juvenile justice system where a CASA representative of advocates for foster children gave presentation. Met with Board Supervisor Robert Lovingood, First District. Participated in Walk to Raise Awareness of Child Abuse. Gave update on synthetic drug coalition ordinance.

William Swift attended the State of County event and the MHSA Annual Update presentation. He also assisted consumer with obtaining services from Public Health in the High Desert.

Gabriel Gonzales will be participating in the Meet the Artist day at the Government Center and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chris Massa has been busy with school.

Monica Alonso reported Amazing Place Clubhouse had presentation on how to interact with law enforcement. Monica asked who provides oversight of room and board facilities. CaSonya Thomas will follow up regarding her concerns. Monica asked for status of Project Hope vouchers. CaSonya Thomas will request an update.

Jane Godager requested information on in-patient resources for juveniles in need of alcohol and drug services. After discussion, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios offered to forward information of the different systems of care to Debi for the commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott asked whether DBH has Alcohol and Drug Services inpatient services for juveniles. Director Thomas responded that inpatient services for juveniles are provided through Canyon Ridge hospital or Loma Linda. The Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Center provides short term crisis residential services for youth. Director Thomas will work with staff to provide an upcoming presentation to the Commission on intensive services for children and youth.

DIRECTORS REPORT

CaSonya gave a brief update of Morongo Basin transition of services.

CaSonya reported on the Fact Sheet from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The policy is science based and reveals that addiction is a chronic disease of the brain that can be prevented and treated. The strategies revealed in the policy are currently being employed by San Bernardino County.

BHC Budget – DAC refreshments. There is a need to discuss logistics of commission request for refreshments at DAC meetings. Who will purchase and deliver refreshments to meetings? Due to time constraints, this item will be continued to next meeting.

11:53 a.m: Adjournment

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair

Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIII
Recorder