

**MINUTES**  
**San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Commission**  
**Executive Session**  
**September 5, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Akin Merino, Bill Swift, Christopher Massa, Gabriel Gonzales, Jane Ann Godager, May Farr, Monica Alonso, Monica Wilson, Roberto Casas, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

**Excused Absence:** Michael Grabhorn

**Guests:** Beverly Scott, CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez, Jana Trew, Jerry Dowdall, Mariann Ruffolo, Christina Glassco, Eric Murillo-Angelo

**CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

**10:05 am**

Approve Executive Session Minutes from July 1, 2013. M/S/C to approve the minutes as provided.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioners provided a brief description of the reports they will give during the afternoon commission session.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

CaSonya Thomas

An open house was held for the new Crisis Walk-In Center in Morongo Basin on September 3, 2013; attendance included members of the community, city council members, law enforcement and other partners from the local area.

CaSonya met with Dr. Wright from United Advocate for Children and Family to discuss mental health in the faith based community.

Due to questions regarding Project Hope, an update will be provided during the October Executive Session.

In August of 2012, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee authorized an outcome and performance review of county Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs; The County of San Bernardino along with three other counties including Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Santa Clara, were randomly selected. The review for San Bernardino County DBH, conducted February 2013 through July 2013, had no findings for DBH. Specifically, the audit recognized DBH:

- County expenditures supported program provider contracts and program descriptions in the county plans.
- Complied with state regulations requiring specific groups of stakeholders and community representatives be included.

- Demonstrated specific program outcomes were used to improve its mental health delivery system.
- Reviewed its Community Support provider contracts to strengthen the inclusion of desired goals.

**Chair Comments**

Susan McGee-Stehsel stated the BHC could be very proud of the leadership and contributions by Director Thomas. She suggested now would be a good time to review BHC goals. Please add to the October Executive Agenda.

**11:45 a.m:** Adjournment

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chair

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Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIll  
Recorder