MINUTES
San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
November 7, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Members Present: Christopher Massa, Gabriel Gonzales, May Farr, Monica Alonso, Monica Wilson, Roberto Casas, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Excused Absences: Akin Merino, Bill Swift, Jane Ann Godager, Michael Grabhorn

Guests: CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez, Beverly Scott, Ben Jauregui, Jaime Gonzales, Joshua Taylor

CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Susan Mc-Gee Stehsel called meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., self-introductions followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Farr and seconded by Commissioner Massa: The 10/03/13 Executive Session minutes were approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel reported her employer CalState University has proposed to contract with Victor Community Support Services Holistic Campus. If the University develops into a referral service, there should be no conflict of interest in her association with the Department of Behavioral Health as a member of the Behavioral Health Commission. She will keep the Department of Behavioral Health and the Commission posted.

Chair discussed the Annual report. Chair McGee-Stehsel felt the report should include an explanation of the statistical information and reference citations.

Commissioners discussed 2014 slate of officers; Chair, Michael Grabhorn; Vice-Chair Monica Wilson, Monica Alonso; Secretary, Akin Merino, Christopher Massa; Treasurer Veatrice Jews. As members of the Nominating Committee, Monica Alonso and Christopher Massa recused themselves from the slate of officers.

Due to the holidays, an alternate January meeting date was discussed; Monday, January 6, 2014. This will be voted upon in the afternoon session.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioners provided a brief description of the reports they will give during the afternoon Behavioral Health Commission meeting.

In remembrance of Cindi Messer, Peer and Family Advocate, a moment of silence was observed.

SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Inland Empire Health Plan representatives Ben Jauregui and Jaime Gonzales reported the Inland Empire Health Plan trains disabled veteran mentors in dealing with the post-traumatic stress disabilities of veterans and the disabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott commented on what she believed to be artificially low employment goals of the disabled work force as reported by the Department of Rehabilitation. Ms. Scott will attend a mental health conference at UC San Diego December. Chair McGee-Stehsel requested meeting information be passed to Clerk of the Commission, Debi Pasco.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Thomas discussed executive staff changes at ARMC. Effective 11/15/13 Patrick Petri ARMC, CEO will return to the public sector.

Director Thomas thanked Commissioner Mondragon for his motivating speech at the NAMI Walk.

Director Thomas discussed the onsite review results of the Department of Health Care Services. The purpose of the review was to verify that services were provided in compliance with chapter 11 and the provisions of the approved federal waiver for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Consolidation. Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Deputy Director was available to answer any questions.

The Board of Supervisors approved the Department of Behavioral Health Information Management and Billing System. DBH users chose the new billing system name of SABER, San Bernardino Accessible Billing and Electronic Records.

The High Desert Community Walk-In Center closed temporarily during a plumbing emergency. A group of triage staff remained on site to evaluate and direct incoming clients. DBH provided transportation to other centers as necessary.

11:40 a.m: Adjournment

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair

Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIII
Recorder