

**MINUTES**  
**County of San Bernardino**  
**Behavioral Health Commission**  
**Executive Session**  
**April 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Akin Merino, Carol Grisotti, Christopher Massa, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Alonso, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

**Excused Absences:** Jane Ann Godager

**Guests:** CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez, Cheyenne Engbird, David Deckers, Krystal Daniels, Lupita Mendez, Maria Elena Valenzuela

**CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Susan Mc-Gee Stehsel called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., self-introductions followed.

**MOTION**

**APPROVED – March 6, 2014 Executive Session minutes**

Motion/Second: May Farr/Chris Massa

AYES: Akin Merino, Sr. Carol Therese Grisotti, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Alonso, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel discussed items on calendar of events. Susan reminded Commissioners of the upcoming online and in-person Ethics training. The Healthy San Bernardino County website [www.healthysanbernardinocounty.org](http://www.healthysanbernardinocounty.org) is the source of information for community health in the County, and healthy communities in general. Viewers can compare non-biased information about issues and improvements in San Bernardino County and other California communities. Susan would like more information concerning patients' transition from inpatient to outpatient services and vice-versa.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioners gave a summary of their commission reports they would provide during the General Session.

Commissioner Akin Merino requested to add Education Wellness Conference on May 17, 2014 to BHC Calendar of Events.

Commissioner Carol Grisotti was impressed with Deputy Director Sarah Eberhardt-Rios' presentation at the Family Resource Center of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Integrated Plan. Sarah's presentation was informative and easy to follow.

Commissioner May Farr requested to add the "Grand Opening of the Desert/Mountain Children's Center", May 15, 2014, 3-6 pm, 42007 Fox Farm Road, Suite 2A, Big Bear Lake, CA, 92315 to the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) calendar of events.

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn requested to add the event "Bikers against Child Abuse", April 16, 2014, to the BHC calendar of events.

Commissioner Troy Mondragon will share contact information for homeless males in San Bernardino County with Commissioner Merino.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lupita Mendez announced the opening of the Holistic Campus, Inspire Multi-Cultural Center (IMC), on March 28, 2014 was a success. DBH Director CaSonya Thomas attended the campus opening located in San Bernardino at 766 North Waterman. Some classes offered include English as a Second Language (ESL), counseling, family therapy, art, and nutrition.

Maria Elena Valenzuela and Krystal Daniels, graduate students at Cal State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) described the CSUSB Counseling Clinic at Kucera Middle School. Students pursuing a master's degree in counseling offer their services to the students and families of Kucera. The school is located at 2140 W. Buena Vista Drive, Rialto, CA 92377. Dr. Sue Brotherton, Ph.D., LPC, provides supervision of all cases and students. For further information, contact Ms. Monique Conway, Kucera School Principal at 909 421-7662 or CSUSB Professor Dr. Sue Brotherton at [doctorb98@msn.com](mailto:doctorb98@msn.com).

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

CaSonya Thomas discussed the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) budget priorities as outlined in the report dated March 18, 2014, from Robert E. Oaks, Executive Director of CMHDA. Counties remain committed to provide medically necessary services to their Medi-Cal clients. Under the new fiscal realignment, counties have new funding responsibilities and budget priorities.

CaSonya shared the report from Cultural Competency Officer, Imo Momoh on the funding of Community Liaison positions. Currently, Community Liaison positions are contractually funded positions. In an effort to sustain the roles and responsibilities performed under these positions, Mr. Momoh has requested the change to permanent positions.

The public posting of the Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Integration Plan for FY 14/15-16/17 will be posted for review and comment from April 7, 2014 through May 7, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Today's meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chair

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Esmeralda Sanchez, OAI  
Recorder