

County of San Bernardino
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
March 5, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Catherine Inscore, Christopher Massa, David Miller, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Excused Absences: Akin Merino, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel

Guests: CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

Secretary May Farr called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Self-introductions followed.

Approve Executive Session Minutes from February 5, 2015

Approved

Motion/Second: Ed O'Brien / Troy Mondragon

Ayes: Catherine Inscore, Christopher Massa, David Miller, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Abstentions: None

Objections: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel absent. Secretary May Farr chaired proceedings.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioners gave a brief summary of their reports for the afternoon session.

As a new Commissioner, Ed O'Brien is trying to understand the pathways a client would take to access the many services provided at DBH. Director Thomas suggested this would be a good exercise for the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings. We will advise Deputy Director Andy Gruchy and Program Manager David Denkers of the request.

No other actions were taken.

PRESENTATIONS

Program visit orientation: Veronica Kelley

To ensure we provide you the support you need to accomplish your duties, Debi will assist in coordinating quarterly program visits. We do not want to pull attention from clients. A manager will be available to answer questions. Notification will be sent to all county and contract providers of impending visits.

Should you be asked to provide a presentation about DBH services, that is something we would do. Please contact Debi for coordination.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director CaSonya Thomas discussed the cheek swab (pharmacogenomics) testing research conducted by Dr. Morgan. At this time, this form of testing is only reimbursed by Medicare and Medi-Medi. She suggested an upcoming presentation. Commissioner Michael Grabhorn would like a presentation on pharmacogenomic testing.

The Board of Supervisors have approved a \$3.9 million grant for a crisis residential program that will be located on Gilbert St. in San Bernardino. We will apply for additional funding for a crisis residential program in the High Desert.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT: Today's meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair

Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIII
Recorder