

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

Members Present: Akin Merino, Ed O'Brien, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Excused Absences: Christopher Massa, David Miller, Jane Ann Godager, Monica Wilson,

Guests: CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez, Beverly Scott

CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approve Executive Session Minutes from November 6, 2014

Approved

Motion/Second: May Farr/Veatrice Jews

Ayes: Akin Merino, Ed O'Brien, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Abstentions: None

Objections: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel would like to offer the students at Cal State University the opportunity to volunteer for the 2015 Point in Time Count. Susan asked if there was any collaboration between San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in the low desert. Director Thomas confirmed both counties are working to address the healthcare needs of the area. She attended the Nursing Odyssey Conference November 13 & 14, 2014.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

Commissioner Merino regrets she must withdraw her candidacy for Behavioral Health Commission Secretary. Cal State University, National University and Argosy University will host a Student Mental Health Conference on May 30, 2015. She continues to work with the homeless populations in San Bernardino and Palm Springs.

Commissioner Farr will discuss her attendance at several meetings:

- Behavioral Health Commission Holiday Tea
- Retirement function for Board of Supervisor Gary Ovitt
- DAC Meeting for District 2 and 4
- Board of Supervisors Oath of Office Ceremony for Janice Rutherford and Supervisor Curt Hagman
- Annual Townhouse meeting
- Wellness Triathlon talent show
- Clubhouse holiday party

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn will discuss his attendance at various events:

- Program visit to the 90-Day Residential Recovery Center at St. John of God
- DAC meeting
- Met with Behavioral Health Deputy Director Andy Gruchy, local hospitals and law enforcement to discuss a crisis intervention drop in center in Victorville.

Commissioner Troy Mondragon will discuss his attendance at the 4-day Crisis Intervention Training.

Commissioner Jews will discuss her attendance to the Behavioral Health Commission Holiday Tea and the Cultural Competency Christmas Luncheon. Andre Bossieux, Behavioral Health Transitional Youth Program Manager II, will receive an award from the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches on January 19, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioners interviewed a potential applicant for the Behavioral Health Commission Third District, Katherine Inscore. It was determined a letter of recommendation will be submitted to Supervisor James Ramos

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director CaSonya Thomas congratulated members of the Behavioral Health Commission for hosting "the best Holiday Tea ever". Director Thomas discussed the difficulty in retaining qualified medical doctors in this competitive environment. She has submitted a proposal to the Board of Supervisors to implement a structure of salary ranges dependent on experience and complexity of cases for Behavioral Health psychiatrists.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott inquired about Inland Empire Health Plan's use of a swab of saliva to predict how patients will react to psychotropic drugs. Director Thomas stated the Department of Behavioral Health does not currently offer this service. There is currently no infrastructure to accommodate the testing requirements.

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

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair

Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIll
Recorder