

County of San Bernardino
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
April 2, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Akin Merino, Catherine Inscore, Christopher Massa, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Excused Absences: David Miller

Guests: CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Esmeralda Sanchez, Beverly Scott, Maria G Mora, Yolanda Johnson

CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approve Executive Session Minutes from March 5, 2015.

Approved

Motion/Second: Chris Massa / Catherine Inscore

Ayes: Akin Merino, Christopher Massa, Ed O'Brien, Jane Ann Godager, May Farr, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews

Abstentions: Susan McGee-Stehsel

Objections: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel and Commissioners approved the draft 2012-2014 Commission Report with the provision to add information of alumni commissioners' active during reporting period.

Commissioners discussed their availability to attend various behavioral health events throughout the county.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

Commissioner Grabhorn attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Family Services Victorville, CA. As a member of the High Desert Community Coalition, Michael wrote an article for the Daily Press addressing the use of synthetic drugs.

Beginning in May Commissioner Mondragon will be a member of the Family Service Association Community Advisory Board.

New Commissioner Jennifer Spence-Carpenter brings 17 years of counseling and grant writing experience to the Commission.

Commissioner Inscore inquired if there were project grants available to assist in helping the homeless.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director CaSonya Thomas discussed the evaluation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) by the Steinberg Institute for Advancing Behavioral Health Policy & Leadership and the County Behavioral Health Director's Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott thanked Commissioner O'Brien for information on the expungement process. San Diego County Behavioral Health will provide services for private grants for enhanced rehabilitation services.

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

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair

Esmeralda Sanchez, OAIll
Recorder