

**MINUTES**  
**Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session**  
**July 7, 2011**  
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chris Massa, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Bill Swift, Monica Alonso, Jane Godager, Tanya Perry and David Ford

**Absent:** Tom Rivera, May Farr, Michael Hill, Monica Wilson, Roberto Casas and Jane Mercer

**Guests:** Rebecca Garay, Allan Rawland, CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, and Betty Schneider

**Call to Order**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel called the Executive Session to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Approval of June 2, 2011 Minutes**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the June 2, 2011 minutes and this month's agenda could not be approved.

**Commissioners' Report**

It was decided that since the public will now attend the meetings, a public comment section will be added to the agenda

**Public Comment**

No comments were made at this time

**Brown Act**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel announced that due to the Brown Act requirements, the public will now be invited to the Executive Session. Chairperson McGee-Stehsel requested the Commissioners receive Brown Act training the Executive session on September 1, 2011. Clerk of the Commission Debi Pasco, will follow up with County Counsel to arrange it.

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel stated the Commission needs to start thinking about:

- Committees to be involved on
- Program visits

**Educational Presentation Review**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel stated that due the Commissioners budget, there should to be a plan in place regarding who should attend trainings, specifically out of county, overnight travel. Chairperson McGee-Stehsel asked Clerk of the Commission Debi Pasco, to compile a list of future trainings and or meetings to be added to the October meeting's agenda for discussion.

**CALMBH/Cs**

Clerk of the Commission Debi Pasco mentioned a Webinar that was held on Saturday June 25, 2011, which was presented by CIMH (California Institute of Mental health). Chairperson McGee-Stehsel mentioned they also discussed the use of technology. She was wondering if there may be a way to use technology in DBH to get word out about the commission meetings.

**Directors Report**

Director Rawland distributed a memo regarding the budget and its impact.

## AB3632

Director Rawland announced that that AB3632 has been repealed. Under Federal law, the responsibilities now lie with the schools. Since the schools are getting AB3632 back, there has been more money allocated to provide the services. Director Rawland mentioned that statewide, we do have \$98 million of MHSA money for next year that school districts have to develop a contract with the counties.

## Retirement

Director Rawland announced that he will be here until April 2012. He also mentioned that he may still do some work for the JPA (Joint Powers Authority).

## David Ford

Commissioner David Ford thanked all the Commissioners for their service and announced that this would be his last meeting due to family and work issues.

## Commissioners Reports

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel announced that the Commissioners and DAC reports will be given in the public session.

## Annual Report

The Behavioral Health Commission Annual Report was discussed.

If the Commission has anything to add to the "major objectives" page, please let Debi know. She also needs their blurbs of two or three sentences to insert under their pictures. Each blurb should contain their interests in Behavioral Health. It was also suggested to add:

- the appointment dates of each Commissioner
- the Community calendar be added to the report with a link for access.
- the MHSA presentations/new business items be added to the presentation page. All agreed.
- that we were recognized by the California Mental Health Planning council for compliance of ethnicity and diversity of commission on March 21, 2011.
- the Cultural Competency Recognition in the section of Major Objectives of which the objective is "Promoting a High Level of Cultural Competency Awareness"
- Statewide meetings and trainings the commissioners have attended and list on its own page under Statewide Activities

A discussion was had regarding the goals page. Commissioner Godager suggested the following statement to be listed in the Goals section; "Continue to Reach out, Increase and maintain community participation in the DAC meeting for the purpose of Behavioral Health Program Planning, Development and Improvement." Another goal Director Rawland suggested is "To Increase Awareness and Knowledge of Data and Technology to Reach Out and Meet the Needs of the Community." Allan suggested another goal be added regarding the Substance Abuse taskforce.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Betty Schneider  
Recorder

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chairperson