

MINUTES  
San Bernardino County  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION**  
July 7, 2011 12:00-2:00 pm

**Commissioners Present:**

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

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

**Guests:**

Wayne Henkelmann, Court Mental Health Counselors; Anne-Michelle Ellis, Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation; Gwen Knotts, Jean Kayaro, Alex Avila, Julie Stokes, Knott's Family Agency, Inc; Peggy Rowe, Elaine Miller-Karas, Trauma Resiliency Institute; Gwen Rodgers, EMQ FamiliesFirst; Hanna Keith, Charles Pearson, Community Hospital San Bernardino; Beverly Ary, family member; Faith Ikeda, Linda Ballard, Pathways to Recovery; Linda Hart, African American Mental Health Coalition; Allan Rawland Director, CaSonya Thomas Assistant Director, Kristen Martinez, Elizabeth Espinosa, Jason Hill, Veronica Kelley, Megan Cuy Castellanos, Dennis Terrones, Michelle Dusick, Mariann Ruffolo, Cynthia White, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Cheryl, Emily Jernigan, Susanne Kulesa, Georgina Yoshioka, David Denkers, Sherrie Alexander, Lisa Hamilton, Maria Coronado, Terri Franklin, Andy Gruchy, Michael Schertell, Ron Smith, Zakiya Otis, Gary Atkins, Lisa McGinnis, Isaac Jackson, Doug Fazekas, Larissa Crossno, Jonathan Buffong, and Debi Pasco Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission, DBH

**CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and self introductions followed.

*A motion made by Jane Godager and seconded by Chris Massa: June 2, 2011 Behavioral Health Commission minutes were approved as written. Motion passed; no abstentions.*

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Veronica Kelley, Deputy Director announced the June 2011 award recipient:

**Ray Culberson- Director of Student Services for San Bernardino City Schools**

Ray provides services to families with various social issues including truancy and homelessness. He is a nationally known motivational speaker. Congratulations, Ray!

The July 2011 award recipient:

**Knott's Family Agency and Resource Center**

A cohort of CSUSB Community Nursing students was assigned to the Knotts Family Agency and Resource Center through the efforts of Michelle Dusick and Gwen Knotts. The members of the center and agencies there opened their arms to the group providing access to the community for the purpose of teaching community engagement in a mutually beneficial way to these budding professionals. The culminating result was a collaborative health education fair with over 200 participants and 35 agencies present. There were predictable communication glitches inherent in a service learning situation. The Knotts professionals collaborated regarding communication concerns in a way that was supportive, educational, and specific to the community served. They were able to use particular events to assist the students to bridge the gap between the academic setting and community activity in a way that was protective of vulnerabilities and enhancing for the community, agencies, students and faculty. As a result, the educational fair was a success for all,

our relationships have grown, and new and motivated professionals will serve the community in a culturally competent manner. Thank you to the large number of participants from all of the agencies and the students for being open to new concepts in learning. I want to especially commend the work of Jean Kayano, Alex Avila, and Dr. Lewis King who led the collaborative work WITH me. Congratulations, Knott's Family Agency!

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel announced that all Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) Executive Sessions are open to the public and include time for public comment.

- Program visits
- Activation of committees
- Optimizing conference attendance and travel
- Use of webinars, technology and data
- Behavioral Health Commission Annual Report

The Commission will receive Brown Act training during the 9/1/11 Executive Session meeting.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

#### **First District:**

Commissioner Gabriel Gonzales artwork will be displayed on promotional material for the Southern Region Cultural Competence and Mental Health Summit which will be held on November 2-3, 2011 in Ontario. He attended the California Network of Mental Health Clients Regional Educational Forum on June 8-9, 2011 in Santa Ana.

With the assistance of DBH, Commissioner Bill Swift would like to coordinate a mental health fair in the high desert. He has concerns regarding the transition of Alcohol and Drug Services to the Department of Health Care Services. Veronica Kelley, Deputy Director, will attend the next First DAC meeting to discuss.

Commissioner David Ford announced that over the last year personal and family events have kept him from accomplishing his duties as member of the Behavioral Health Commission. Since his appointment in 2008, he has participated in many county and state events. He is honored and proud to have worked with members of the County of San Bernardino Behavioral Health Commission and the Department of Behavioral Health and cherishes the relationships he has made. At this time, he has decided to resign from the Commission and allow others to serve and provide support to the residents of the First District. He knows that this Commission will continue to shine!

Director Rawland appreciates Commissioner Ford's leadership, and his reorganization of meeting facilitation to a more structured manner. This is an outstanding Commission that is very active in the community!

#### **Second District:**

Commissioner Monica Alonso attended the recent 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> DAC meeting, where discussion included the budget and Full Service Partnership Program. Amazing Place members are becoming more involved in the decision making process of their treatment and taking more responsibility for their recovery. She is working on increasing consumer attendance at DAC meetings.

#### **Third District:**

Commissioner Chris Massa will attend the NAMI California conference in Sacramento in August. He has also been participating on the Behavioral Health Commission Annual Report Taskforce.

Secretary Tanya Perry stated that the Big Bear Mental Health Alliance (BBHMA) participated in the Lion's Club Health Fair in Big Bear. They distributed 150 pairs of eyeglasses to those in need.

**Fifth District:**

Commissioner Veatrice Jews stated that the 6/27/11 Fifth District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting had continued discussion of community assistance with Request for Proposals (RFP) and funding.

Commissioner Jane Godager attended the DBH State of the Department event on 6/27/11, as well as the Fifth DAC meeting on the same evening at the New Hope Family Life Center in San Bernardino.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Rawland announced that Behavioral Health Commission agendas and minutes are posted on the BHC website [www.sbcounty.gov/bhcommission](http://www.sbcounty.gov/bhcommission).

He commended Lynn Neuenswander, Kristen Martinez and PIO staff for another job well done at the State of the Department!

Director Rawland distributed copies of the new San Bernardino County Vision Statement, which is also available on the County website [www.SBCounty.gov](http://www.SBCounty.gov).

**Health Care Reform**

Arrowcare is the County's new Low-Income Health Program designed to provide expanded medical coverage to individuals receiving services within DBH, ARMC and Public Health. Individuals who may qualify:

- Citizens residing in San Bernardino County between the ages of 19-64.
- Individuals not currently receiving Medi-Cal.
- Individuals who have an income at or below 100% of the federal poverty level.
- Individuals who are ineligible for Child Health Insurance.
- Those who are not currently pregnant.

**California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)**

The Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Projects Workplans have been developed and in the process of implementation:

- Stigma and Discrimination Reduction
- Suicide Prevention
- Student Mental Health Initiative

**FY 2010-2011 Federal, State and County Budget**

State – The Governor's Budget is having statewide impacts

- With the implementation of AB100, there is a one-time only shift of \$861 million of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds to cover Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (formerly known as AB3632) and Managed Care. The 2011 Public Safety Realignment will address future allocations.
- The State will swap the 1991 Realignment to the new 2011 Public Safety Realignment; this funding comes from sales tax, vehicle license fees, personal income and federal Medicaid. Alcohol and Drug Programs will now be included in 2011 Public Safety Realignment.
- Dissolve Department of Mental Health into CA Health and Human Services Agency.
- In FY 11-12, Medi-Cal mental health services and EPSDT will shift to State Department of Health Care Services.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Office of Innovation Progress Report

Isaac Jackson, Program Specialist II for Innovation provided a project update.

- Online Diverse Community Experience: Social Networking in English and Spanish on Facebook.
- Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation – Cultural appropriate collaborative model of interventions and services for diverse children to reduce the number of those exploited and drawn into prostitution.
- Community Resiliency Model (CRM) - The Train-the-Trainer component of CRM expands the capacity of local communities to treat their own people affected by trauma.
- Holistic Campus – increases access to underserved groups
- Interagency Youth Resiliency Team – Program that empower youth who are dependents of San Bernardino County Children and Family Services Foster Care program, and Wards of the Court supervised by the San Bernardino County Probation Department.
- Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Behavioral Health Hostel - Crisis Stabilization Program, for ages 18-25, that is peer designed and supported.

Director Rawland suggested that Mr. Jackson provide the Commissioners with a written description of each Innovation Projects.

Upcoming special presentations to the Behavioral Health Commission include:

- 9/1/11: EMQ FamiliesFirst Children's Intensive Services Program by Gwendolyn Rodgers, Community Development Specialist
- 10/6/11: Alcohol and Drug Services County Demographics by Gary Atkins, Program Manager II, DBH
- 11/3/11: San Bernardino County Request for Proposal Process by Natalie Kessee, Contract Manager, DBH
- 12/1/11: "DARK" for Behavioral Health Commission Holiday Tea and Awards Ceremony; 2-4pm

## OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

Maria Coronado, Program Manager II, announced that 8 Cal State Nursing students recently finished an 8 week practicum with DBH Adult System of Care. The students had the opportunity to engage with clients during their visits to contract agencies, clubhouses, outpatient clinics and residential facilities. It was a mutual learning exchange between client and student.

Lynn Neuenswander, DBH Public Information Officer acknowledged André, Information Technology staff, and TAY partners for their assistance with the State of the Department event.

Linda Hart, stated that the African American Mental Health Coalition (AAMHC) had the opportunity to present at the Cultural Competency (CC) and Mental Health Summit hosted by Santa Clara County, which had presenter representation from the Native American, African American, and Asian Pacific Islander communities. The AAMHC would also like to participate in the Southern Region CC Summit in November, and continue to have stakeholder involvement.

Veronica Kelley announced that San Bernardino County is hosting the Cultural Competency and Mental Health Summit which will be held November 2-3 at the Ontario Convention Center; "***Honoring Our Promises: Sharing Effective Community Practices to Impact Regional Learning***".

## ADJOURNMENT

Being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chairperson

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Debi Pasco  
Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission