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Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session
October 6, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Members Present: Susan McGee-Stehsel, Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Bill Swift, Monica Alonso, Jane Godager, Tom Rivera, Roberto Casas, May Farr, Monica Wilson and Chris Massa

Absent: Michael Hill, Jane Mercer and Tanya Perry

Guests: Bridgett Quinn, Beverly Scott, Allan Rawland, Debi Pasco, and Betty Schneider

Call to Order
Chairperson McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Approval of Executive Minutes and Agenda
Executive Session minutes of 9/1/11 were approved as written. The Executive Session agenda for today was approved.

Chairperson's Report
Chairperson McGee-Stehsel:

- Reminded each Commissioner they were allowed one minute per report unless extra time is allowed.
- Requested a list of past standing Commission committees to be discussed at the November Executive Session.
- Requested we provide program visit guidelines to be discussed at the next meeting. It was suggested the visits are according to your district, but you can also visit outside of your district.
- Reminded each Commissioner to identify the topic they will discuss in the afternoon session on the half page form.

Public Comment
There were no public comments at this time.

Travel and Attendance
Commissioner Jews gave a brief description of the upcoming "9th Annual Community Empowerment Festival." It will be held on October 22, 2011 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the New Hope Family Life Center, which is located at 1505 W. Highland Ave in San Bernardino.

Commissioner Jews also spoke about the presentation from Gloria Morrow, "A Case for Including Spirituality as an Essential Promoting Culturally Responsive Practices in Behavioral Health Settings." The presentation will be held at the Doubletree Inn by Hilton – 555 W. Foothill Blvd, Claremont, Ca on Friday October 7, 2011.

Directors Report

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Director Rawland discussed a news release regarding the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approval of the plan to implement a new state requirement that gives counties responsibility for thousands of state prison parolees as well as those who have committed "low-level" crimes in the future who will serve time in county jail instead of state prison.

Federal, State and County Budget

Director Rawland stated there is still a gap in the State and County general fund. The FY 2011-12 state budget authorized the transfer of all Medi-Cal functions to the California Department of Health Care Services. The final plan goes to the Legislative in the near future. The Governor has also proposed to eliminate the California Department of Mental Health and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Services to create a new Department of State Hospitals. DMH is asking for input from the community mental health stakeholders about the future of these programs. CMHDA did make recommendations in the following ways:

- Identify the state entities that might be best positioned to perform specific DMH functions.
- Identify opportunities for improvement in the future administration of each function.

EQRO

The Director announced the annual California External Quality Review (CAEQRO) will be October 19 – 21, 2011. He invited the Commission to take part in the Entrance and Exit Interviews.

PEI Statewide Projects

Director Rawland stated the taskforce for PEI Statewide Projects is being activated to review ideas. There are unexpended funds through PEI to expand programs. One idea that needs to be discussed is treatment with alcohol and drug problems in the schools.

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

Betty Schneider Recorder	Susan McGee-Stehsel Chairperson