MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION
November 10, 2011 12:00-2:00 pm

Commissioners Present:
Bill Swift, Chris Massa, Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Michael Hill, Tanya Perry, Roberto Casas, Tom Rivera, and May Farr

Excused Absent: Susan McGee-Stehsel, Monica Wilson, Jane Godager and Monica Alonso

Guests:
George Watson, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Neil Derry; Susan Petty, Clubhouse; Faith Ikeda, Matthew Parra, Pathways to Recovery; Beverly Scott, family member; Judy Cipriani, College Community Services in Trona; Rodolfo Pinon, Casa De San Bernardino; Patricia Ike, Reach Out; Dr. Akin Merino, CaSonya Thomas, Vivien Limon, Michael Oliver, Jason Hill, Jonathan Buffong; Veronica Kelley, Michelle Dusick, Larisa Crossno; Edwin Lemus, Georgina Yoshioka, Jerry Dowdall, Mariann Ruffolo, Crista Wentworth, Marilyn Ashton, Alfredo Jauregui, Jennifer Gonzalez, David Denkers, Paula Rutten, Rebecca Gehlke-Baez, Natalie Kessee, André Bossieux, Tanya Bratton, Gary Atkins, Gary Atkins, Tim Jackson, Dr. Jatin Dalal; Melinda Ancrum, DBH. Minutes recorded by Debi Pasco, Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission.

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Secretary Tanya Perry called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Casas led the Pledge of Allegiance and self introductions followed.

A motion made by May Farr and seconded by Chris Massa: October 6, 2011 Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) minutes were approved as written. *Motion passed; no abstentions.*

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – OCTOBER 2011

Deferred from October meeting - John Mendoza, Clinical Therapist I, Upland Clinic was unable to attend today's meeting. Veronica Kelley read his nomination:

> "John has been actively involved in the Cultural Competency Advisory Spirituality Sub-committee. He assists in leading a Spirituality Support group training by facilitating the break out group portion of the training. He also acts as a resource person for the new Spirituality Support Group facilitators. He actively finds new research and resources and shares with the Spirituality Sub-Committee.

Congratulations Mr. Mendoza!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

First District:
Commissioner Bill Swift thanked Veronica Kelley for assisting DBH staff and services to be more culturally sensitive.

Second District:
Commissioner May Farr stated that Dr. Ann Arneill-Py, Executive Officer of the CA Mental Health Planning Council has retired. The Annual Cultural Competence and Mental Health Southern Region Summit, sponsored by San Bernardino County, was held on November 2-3 at the Ontario Convention Center. She has also attended the Coalition against Sexual Exploitation screenings; the statistics are very eye opening.

Third District:
Commissioner Tom Rivera stated that the Cultural Competence Summit workshops were excellent!

Commissioner Chris Massa attended the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Hilton and participated in the NAMI Walk. On 10/31/11, he attended a "Get Motivated" seminar; speakers included Colin Powell, Laura Bush, Bill Cosby, and Joe Montana discussing life experiences and goals. During the Cultural Competence Summit he attended a Clubhouse workshop facilitated by Bob Sudol, retired DBH Clubhouse Supervisor and David Miller, DBH Peer and Family Advocate.

Secretary Tanya Perry attended the Loma Linda Seeds of Hope fundraiser for behavioral health innovative programs.

Fourth District:
Commissioner Roberto Casas attended a NAMI meeting in Chino at Canyon Ridge Hospital as well as the District Advisory Committee meeting. Dr. Casas also attended the Yucaipa Center of Refuge Counseling Services Open House. The center is very effective in providing services in that area.

Fifth District:
Treasurer Veatrice Jews served as session moderator for the African American faith based workshop at the Cultural Competence Summit. On 10/8/11, Dr. V. Dianne Woods provided an update of the African American Population Report and State Strategic Plan, a part of the Department of Mental Health CA Reducing Disparities Project. The African American Mental Health Coalition is sponsoring the 2nd Mental Health Symposium at Cal State University on 2/10/12; admission is free.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT
In the absence of Director Rawland, Assistant Director CaSonya Thomas introduced George Watson, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Neil Derry, who will serve as the Supervisor's delegate on the Behavioral Health Commission. Ms. Thomas stated that the Cultural Competence Mental Health Summit was a huge success and rich in diversity. She recognized Veronica Kelley, Maribel Gutierrez, Jennifer Gonzalez and staff for a job well done! She also thanked the consumers and staff for participating in the NAMI Walk.

The new redistricting of the County of San Bernardino by the Board of Supervisor was effective 10/27/11. Perhaps the biggest change is that Barstow is now a part of the Third District rather than the First District.

The Countywide Vision Statement was adopted on 6/30/11. Community discussions will be held in the coming months to discuss innovative ideas to achieve the Countywide Vision. Participants will include volunteers from a wide spectrum of industries. The Behavioral Health

Commission received a letter from Supervisor Josie Gonzales inviting them to affirm their support by formally adopting the Countywide Vision. This item will be added to the January 2012 agenda.

Budget:

- Federal - "Super committee" has not yet resolved the debt ceiling.
- State – Tier cuts will impact education and in-home services; Medi-Cal budget reductions
- County – working on reducing budget gap.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Procurement Overview

Natalie Kessee, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Contract Manager discussed the county procurement process, solicitation from community providers for specific needed services, and the types of procurement. An independent set of panelists are chosen to evaluate and review the submitted proposals.

- Program Component is 60% of final score
- Financial Component is 35% of final score
- Local Preference is 5% of final score

Contract Award is based on application(s) that best meets the service need. CaSonya Thomas stated that DBH provides community based organizations (CBO) with technical assistance, through the ASPIRE program, to build administrative and fiscal understanding of the procurement process, at the same time formulating collaborations. There is evidence that ASPIRE is working

Commissioner Roberto Casas urged CBO's to partner and align with schools and other organizations to strengthen competiveness.

DBH Housing and Employment Program

Doug Fazekas, Housing Manager DBH Housing & Employment Program stated that employment services are provided to consumers who receive services in:

- DBH outpatient clinics
- MHSA Full Service Partnership
- DBH housing program

Clients receive pre-employment assistance in job training and job search. DBH has a contract with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to assist clients in obtaining and maintaining employment. Once employed, eligible clients are offered housing assistance through the DBH Housing Program, which requires participants have a stable income from employment, SSI or SSDI.

Beverly Scott was disappointed with service provided to her son by DOR. Employment services need more attention.

Upcoming special presentations to the Behavioral Health Commission include:

- 12/1/11: **"DARK"** for Behavioral Health Commission Holiday Tea and Awards Ceremony;
- 1/5/12:Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention Projects by Michelle Dusick, Program Manager, DBH
- 2/2/12: Public Safety Realignment (AB-109)

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Tanya Perry presented the 2012 Slate of Officers:

- Chair – Susan McGee-Stehsel, Veatrice Jews declined nomination for Chair
- Vice Chair – Monica Wilson, Roberto Casas, Tanya Perry
- Secretary – Tanya Perry, May Farr
- Treasurer – Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Monica Wilson

Passed; no abstentions. Election of Officers will be held at the January 2012 meeting.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES/OTHER REPORTS

Dr. Akin Merino, Executive Director of the Center of Refuge Counseling Center, announced the grand opening was held on 11/1/11. The center is located at 32387 Yucaipa Blvd. in Yucaipa.

Michelle Dusick, DBH Program Manager I, announced that Request for Qualifications is out for DBH Mental Health Education Consultant.

Maribel Gutierrez, DBH Social Worker II, announced the recent opening of the Mexican Consulate Health Window.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel	*Debi Pasco*
Chairperson	Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission