

**MINUTES**  
**Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session**  
**January 5, 2012**  
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

**Members Present:** Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Bill Swift, Tom Rivera, Roberto Casas, May Farr, Chris Massa, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Monica Alonso, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson and Tanya Perry

**Absent:** Michael Hill and Jane Godager

**Guests:** Allan Rawland, CaSonya Thomas, Bridgett Quinn, Beverly Scott, Emanuel Olage, Debi Pasco, and Betty Schneider

**Call to Order**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Orientation Video**

The Commission watched the DBH Transformation video.

**Approval of Executive Minutes and Agenda**

Executive Session minutes dated 11/10/11 were approved as written. The Executive Session agenda for today was approved.

**Chairperson's Report**

**Annual Report**

Karen Cervantes, Mental Health Education Consultant for the PIO Office, presented the draft of the Behavioral Health Commission Annual report. She asked the Commission to review it for any changes, which she would like to have by Monday, January 9, 2012. The changes are as follows:

- On the first page Greg Devereaux is listed as County Executive Officer. It will be changed to the correct title of Chief Executive Officer.
- Chairperson McGee-Stehsel would like the TAY Programs to be added to page 21.
- Commissioners Casas, Wilson, Farr and Rivera will have their pictures added to the report.

**New Commissioner**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel welcomed Commissioner Michael Grabhorn who will represent First District. Michael is a custodian for the Victor Valley High School District. He works with N/A and youth in a 12-step program.

**Commissioners' Report**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel asked each Commissioner to identify the topic they will discuss in the afternoon session.

- Commissioner Wilson stated that the University of Riverside has asked her to culminate a conference for African American Mental Health Week February 13 -17, 2012. UCR will be presented a Proclamation during the event. More details to follow.
- Commissioner Jews requested a presentation by Linda Hart be given to the Behavioral health Commission during the February 2, 2012 meeting. Clerk of the Commission Debi Pasco will speak with Linda Hart for further details.
- Commissioner Farr stated that she has a questionnaire to be completed by the Commission and submitted to and CALMHB/C. Director Rawland suggested that Deputy Director Sarah Eberhardt-Rios assist with the questionnaire.

## Directors Report

### Program Dispatch

Director Rawland spoke briefly of the first edition of the DBH Program Dispatch reports which will be finalized soon. Program Dispatch contains program background information, data and outcomes and are designed as community education documents. The cover letter is being finalized. The Commission will receive them at the February meeting.

### Calendar

Director Rawland shared the new DBH 2012/2013 calendar with the Commission.

### Policy Forum

The Mental Health Directors Policy Forum is February 8 - 9, 2012 in Sacramento. Director Rawland stated the title of the Forum this year is "Changing World Order". Anticipated guests include Governor Brown and Dianne Cummings. Debi will send the info to the Commission.

### Dr. Akin Merino

Director Rawland announced that Dr. Akin Merino will be appointed on January 10, 2012, to the Commission representing the Fourth District.

### State Budget

The Governor's Budget will be released January 10, 2012. Director Rawland is hoping that it will give direction in the reorganization of policy regarding dismantling of the State Drug and Alcohol Department and State Department of Mental Health. The budget will address a \$15 billion projection shortfall in the state general fund. The big issue has to do with realignment 2011 which will become a ballot measure.

### AB109

We continue to work with Re-entry partners, with Probation being the lead agency. Leases have been signed for three drop-in centers. DBH has received over 30 referrals from CDR for people with mental illness. Statistics state 15 percent of the populations have mental health issues.

### MHSA Funds

This year we will have fewer funds than we received three or four years ago, but more than we anticipated which means that prudent reserves will not be touched in 2013.

### County Budget

The County Administration is working closely with Employees Association regarding the county budget.

### Low Income Health Plan/ArrowCare

ArrowCare is the early expansion of Health Care Reform for the County. The first group to receive Arrowcare is the MIA group. The hope of DBH is to have 2,000 DBH clients and 20,000 overall county clients signed up by the end of this fiscal year.

### Laura's Law

AB1421 – a Major policy issue throughout the state. San Bernardino County will activate a taskforce for Laura Law, which will be a multi-department taskforce with the courts to look at implementation. Susan volunteered to sit on the task force to represent the Commission.

Community Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Director Rawland stated the CPAC minutes will now be added to the binders. Due to MHSA rollover funds, we are activating the PEI Planning Committee and will have a facilitator. Once the programs are approved then the RFP process will begin. Implementation will begin in 2013.

Budget Task flow issue

The State owes DBH \$30 million of Federal money due to the changeover of the billing system for Medicaid and Medi-Cal. The County of San Bernardino is one of three counties trying to find out what the problem is. San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Butte counties are the pilot counties.

New Deputy Director

Assistant Director CaSonya Thomas announced that we have hired a new Deputy Director for 24 Hour Emergency Services. Her name is Sharon Nevins. Sharon comes from Metropolitan State Hospital as Executive Director.

Public Comment

Bridgett Quinn informed Commissioner Grabhorn that she is an AOD Counselor in the High Desert. There is a Coalition meeting on January 27, 2012 at the Church of Nazarene at 10:00 am.

Beverly Scott asked Director Rawland if ARMC takes all forms of insurance including private insurance. Mr. Rawland said they do take insurance but not Managed care or HMO's. Director Rawland will look into it further.

Travel and Attendance

Clerk of the Commission briefly discussed all upcoming travel with the Commission.

State of the County

Debi took names of those who would like to attend the State of the County on February 29, 2012 at 4:30 pm. They are:

- Veatrice Jews
- Bill Swift
- Monica Wilson
- Tanya Perry
- Susan McGee-Stehsel
- May Farr
- Tom Rivera

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

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Betty Schneider  
Recorder

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chairperson

