

MINUTES
Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session
February 2, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Members Present: Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Bill Swift, Michael Hill, Roberto Casas, May Farr, Chris Massa, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Akin Merino and Tanya Perry

Excused Absence: Monica Alonso, Jane Godager and Tom Rivera

Guests: Bridgett Quinn, Beverly Scott, Sheryl Ortiz, CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, and Betty Schneider

Call to Order

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Self Introductions followed.

Approval of Executive Minutes and Agenda

Executive Session minutes dated 01/05/12 were approved as written. The Executive Session agenda for today was approved.

Chairperson's Report

Welcome Dr. Merino

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel welcomed Dr. Akin Merino as the newest member of the Commission, representing the Fourth District. Dr. Merino stated that she is the Department Chair at Argosy University for the Clinical and Psychology Program. Her interest is in research and the family unit. She also presents faith based interventions. Dr. Merino is the Executive Director of Center of Refuge Counseling Services in Yucaipa.

Program Visits

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel stated that part of our mandate as commissioners is to represent the community and to help liaison between the Board of Supervisors and DBH. In order to do this we need to organize ourselves to visit Behavioral Health County and Contract facilities. Due to redistricting, Clerk of the Commission, Debi Pasco will provide updated program visit documents at the March meeting.

DAC Meetings

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel would like to see others from various agencies in the community join the DAC meetings to present their concerns to the Commission. We are working to improve our attendance at the DAC meetings. Chairperson McGee-Stehsel also stated that there should be more education related groups to join the DAC's. Beverly Scott inquired as to why SELPA is not involved with Morongo Basin Schools. Chairperson McGee-Stehsel asked Commissioner Massa to make sure that when they have their meeting in Morongo to invite staff from Morongo School District.

Standing Committees

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel asked if anyone is interested to join a committee they are not already on. Deputy Director Veronica Kelley will be arranging a taskforce for the Alcohol and Drug Services Committee. This taskforce will define what the charter, mission and purpose of this committee and to outline bylaws for the Commissioners to evaluate. The taskforce will include

Commissioner's Swift and Grabhorn and three members of ACBO and some internal staff. Chairperson McGee-Stehsel asked Assistant Director Thomas if it was possible to join the next WET meeting instead of forming another committee. Assistant Director Thomas will look into it. Commissioners Susan, May, Dr. Merino, CaSonya and Chris are interested in attending.

Schedule of Presentations

Clerk of the Commission Debi Pasco briefly went over the next few presentations which are scheduled thru April. She asked the Commission to list presentations in order of preference how they would like them listed in the next coming months so she can schedule them. Please submit to Debi Pasco prior to leaving the meeting.

Diversion Program

Assistant Director CaSonya Thomas mentioned that we have a Diversion Program that is run by Paula Rutten, Program Manager at the Behavioral Health Unit at ARMC.

Commissioners' Report

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

Assistant Director Report

Budget

The Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 was released five days earlier than planned. Both CMHDA and other social services groups have been analyzing the budget to see the impact.

Funding

Assistant Director Thomas shared the proposed 2011 budget Realignment Funding Structure. Managed Care has increased slightly for FY 2012-13. EPSDT shows a reduction which still needs clarification because this reduction is due to Healthy Families conversion.

State Reorganization

The state is creating a new office of Health Equity, where they will shift the office of Multicultural and Ethnic Services and align with other disparity focus program.

Coordinated Care for Dual Eligible's

The California Department of Healthcare Services is pursuing a demonstration project. California is seeking four counties to pilot a program that will transition California into a dual choice for individuals who have Medi-Medi into a Managed Care Program. The County of San Bernardino has approximately 54,000 Medi-Medi patients. Some of those will be assigned to either IEHP or Molina. Assistant Director Thomas suggested we have a presentation in the near future regarding this subject to provide more info.

DMH Information Notice

Assistant Director Thomas briefly discussed DMH Information Notice 11-15. The subject: "Calculation of Reversion of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation (INN) Component Funds." CaSonya also shared the release of the MHSA Interim Issue Resolution Process which gives us guidelines and principles. The issue should be addressed at the local level. If the filer is not satisfied with the action at the local level then it would be referred to the local mental Health Boards for resolution.

Travel and Attendance

Clerk of the Commission briefly discussed all upcoming travel with the Commission. Those attending the 19th Annual Black History Month Celebration are:

1. Susan McGee-Stehsel
2. Veatrice Jews
3. Dr. Monica Wilson
4. Dr. Akin Merino
5. May Farr
6. Chris Massa

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Betty Schneider
Recorder

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chairperson