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Behavioral Health Commission

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION AGENDA APRIL 5, 2012

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ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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District 1

Michael Grabhorn
Gabriel Gonzales
William Swift

12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INTRODUCTIONS

Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

District 2

May Farr
Michael Hill
Monica Alonso

12:10– 12:15 p.m.

Tab 2: APPROVAL OF THIS AGENDA
Tab 2a: APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2012 MINUTES

Members of the Commission

District 3

Christopher Massa
V. ANT, Secretary
T. Rivera

12:15 – 12:20 p.m.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Hanh Truong, Psy.D.
Cultural Competency Officer

District 4

Akin Merino
Roberto Casas
Monica Wilson, Vice Chair

12:20 – 12:30

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Three minute time limit)

12:30 – 12:35 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

12:35 – 12:50 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Members of the Commission

District 5

Jane Ann Godager
Veatrice Jews, Treasurer
Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

12:50 – 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

• Federal, State, County Budget and Other Policy Issues

CaSonya Thomas, Director

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Tab 3: Clubhouse Update

Kristen Martinez
Clubhouse Coordinator, DBH

Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Neil Derry
Third District, Represented by
George Watson, Chief of Staff

1:30 – 1:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSION

Tab 4: Approve the Formation of an Alcohol and Other Drug
(AOD) Taskforce

Tab 5: Election of Behavioral Health Commission Secretary

Members of the Commission

Clerk of the Commission

Debi Pasco
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1:50-2:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan McGee-Stehsel, Chair

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GREGORY C. DEVEREAUX
Chief Executive Officer

Board of Supervisors
BRAD MITZELFELT, VICE-CHAIRMAN...First District
NEIL DERRY.....Third District
JANICE RUTHERFORD.....Second District
GARY C. OVITT.....Fourth District
JOSIE GONZALES, CHAIR.....Fifth District

MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION
March 1, 2012: 12:00-2:00 pm

Commissioners Present:

Tanya Perry, May Farr, Monica Alonso, Gabriel Gonzales, Roberto Casas, Veatrice Jews, Mike Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Akin Merino, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Tom Rivera, Chris Massa

Excused Absent: Bill Swift, Jane Godager and Michael Hill

Guests:

Dr. Cheryl Pfent, Mental Health Systems; Gabriel Uribe, Ben Jaureui, IEHP; Lupita Mendez, Alex Fajardo, Rosa Perez, Angela Valencia, El Sol Neighborhood Education Center; Wayne Henkelmann, Court Mental Health Counselors; Gwen Rodgers, EMQ FamiliesFirst; Lovetta Kelly, Pierra Hardrick, Center of Refuge; Linda Hart, African American Mental Health Coalition; Lorie Eklund, Faith Ikeda, Susan Petty, Renee Compton, Dawn Griffen, Michael Moreno, Katie Todd, Pathways to Recovery; Sarah Petrone, West End Family Counseling; Eileen Hofer, Lindsay Hubby, Lutheran Social Services; Frankie Ortega, Big Bear Recovery Services, Michelle Dusick, Andy Gruchy, Sherwin Farr, Linda Porter, Mariann Ruffolo, Georgina Yoshioka, Sherrie Alexander, Michael Oliver, Maria Coronado, David Denkers, Douglas Fazekas, Susanne Kulesa, Rebecca Aguilar, Terri Franklin, Michael Schertell, Ron Smith, Gary Atkins, Tim Jackson, Doris Turner, Nancy Olsen, Cynthia White, Sonia Rubio; Carolina Mendoza, Veronica Kelley, Lynn Neuenswander, Karen Cervantes, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Edwin Lemus, Larissa Crossno, Laurretta Ross, Jason Hill, Rebecca Gehlke-Baez Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). Minutes recorded by Debi Pasco, Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission.

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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

A motion made by Chris Massa and seconded by Roberto Casas: The 2/2/12 Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) minutes were approved as written. Motion passed; no abstentions.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – MARCH 2012

Veronica Kelley, Deputy Director introduced Dr. Hanh Truong as DBH's new Cultural Competency Officer, who will carry on the tradition of presenting the Cultural Competency Award of Excellence at the Behavioral Health Commission meetings. The March Award of Excellence was presented to Tim Jackson, Peer & Family Advocate II.

Nomination: "Please consider Tim Jackson for the Cultural Competency Excellent Award. Tim demonstrates cultural competence in his work with the clubhouse; he keeps clubhouse members informed of the many cultural events they can be involved in and also drives clubhouse members on his days off or after hours so the members can actively participate. He also Chairs the CCAC Native American Sub-Committee and is actively involved in the coordination of the Native American Sub-Committee events."

Mr. Jackson enjoys watching people grow through their recovery. He is thankful for today's honor. Director Rawland acknowledges Tim for paying back by mentoring others. CONGRATULATIONS TIM!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel announced the items discussed during BHC Executive Session:

- The BHC will focus on visiting county and contract agency programs within their respective Districts looking for best practices.
- Due to the retirement of Allan Rawland, Linda Haugan, Assistant Executive Officer, Human Services met with the BHC during closed session to review and discuss the application of CaSonya Thomas. In an 8-1 vote, the BHC provided their approval to recommend the appointment of Ms. Thomas as DBH Director to the Board of Supervisors.
- The February Fifth District Advisory Committee was a working meeting to explore Prevention and Early Intervention concepts. Susan thanked Michelle Dusick and Max Friend for facilitating.
- Susan and the Cal State nursing students have enjoyed collaborating with El Sol Neighborhood and the Promotoras for a health fair on 3/18/12.
- The 2/10/12 African American Mental Health Coalition Symposium in honor of African American Mental Health week, was a huge success.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

First District:

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn visited the Lisa Project: A Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Exhibit on display in Victorville. Mike congratulated Tim Jackson on his award; "It's all about saving one person at a time."

Commissioner Gabriel Gonzales has completed three new pieces of art. He has also been working with his church group delivering food baskets to the homeless in the community.

Second District:

Commissioner May Farr attended the CA Mental Health Planning Council and the CA Local Mental Health Boards/Commission quarterly statewide meeting. Discussions topics included:

- Laura's Law
- Suicide Prevention
- The Soldiers Project- free, confidential psychological counseling for military service members and families.

May is actively involved in CASE- drug trafficking is no longer the number one problem. Presently, 27 million children are sexually exploited or sold into modern day slavery.

Third District:

Commissioner Chris Massa attended the 19th Annual Black History Month celebration on 2/24/12, sponsored by the San Bernardino County African American Association of Employees, of which CaSonya Thomas President.

Secretary Tanya Perry stated that the Big Bear Mental Health Alliance is working toward improving community services. Today is her last BHC meeting. She has decided to resign in order actively advocate for services in her community. The BHC presented Commissioner Perry a plaque acknowledging her dedicated service since 2006. Director Rawland stated that her leadership will continue.

Fourth District:

Commissioner Akin Merino mentioned that student interns at Argosy University are willing to participate in community activities.

Commissioner Roberto Casas welcomed Dr. Merino to the Commission. He also commended Commissioner Monica Alonso's mother for supporting her daughter by attending today's meeting. As a member of the City of Chino Commission, Dr. Casas finds it difficult to decide which community block grant programs to maintain due to federal money cuts. The Governor is proposing several tax initiatives, which if not passed will seriously affect education. He has concerns with AB-39, which will impact special education funding. The Second/Fourth District Advisory Committee will be held at the Chino Valley School District on 2/23/12.

Fifth District:

Treasurer Veatrice Jews announced that the African American Mental Health Coalition is sponsoring their 2nd Mental Health Symposium on 2/10/12 at Cal State University San Bernardino. The 5th District Advisory Committee meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month at New Hope Family Life Center in San Bernardino.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director CaSonya Thomas announced the appointment of Sharon Nevins as DBH Deputy Director of 24 Hour and Emergency Services. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge with 20 years of experience in the field of behavioral health and administration. We look forward to her many contributions.

Due to \$5 million of unspent MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds, DBH will begin the stakeholder process to look at program needs and/or expansion. Michelle Dusick, PEI Coordinator stated that with the assistance of a professional facilitator, the community will prioritize programs. During the month of February, thirteen community meetings, including Spanish language sessions, will be held throughout San Bernardino County (SBC). On 2/29/12 a community meeting will be held via WebEx, where stakeholders in outlying locations, such as Morongo Basin, can gather to participate and provide feedback

Budget and other Policy Issues:

State:

- Due to the elimination of CA Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Alcohol and Drug Programs, their functions have been reassigned to other agencies. On 2/21/12, a Hearing of the Assembly & Senate Health Committees will meet to discuss restructuring the behavioral health system. The CA Mental Health Directors Association and County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association will attend to provide feedback. If participation at the local level is available we will get the information out to you.
- We anticipate reductions in the Governor's May Revise.
- DMH has released an MHSA Local Issue Resolution Process to stakeholders to resolve issues regarding access to services and MHSA requirements. Issues should initially be addressed at the local level; however if not resolved to Filer's satisfaction issues may be submitted to DMH in writing, by email or by phone. If the Filer disagrees with DMH's determination they will be urged to seek remedy through local county mental health board.
- SB-208 seeks counties to participate in dual eligible (Medi/Medi) pilot project. Further analysis will determine if SBC will participate. Applications are due by 2/24/12.

DBH Program Dispatches are marketing tools used to show that MHSA is making a difference.

We have received final results of the External Quality Review Organization site visit conducted in October 2011:

- Acknowledged for consumer and Behavioral Health Commission involvement
- Areas of improvement: Technology

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Public Safety Realignment Act

Georgina Yoshioka, Program Manager II stated that AB 109 was signed by Governor Brown on 4/5/11 to reduce state's cost of incarcerating felons and parolees by shifting responsibility to the counties and the courts. Since 10/1/11, 3,000 non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders have been released in SBC and placed on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS).

- Probation is the lead agency partnering with DBH, other county departments and local agencies.
- Upon release PRCS are provided 30 days of medication and are to report to Probation within 48 hours.
- Three Day Reporting Centers (DRC) are being established; one in San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville. Date of operation is scheduled March 2012. Services will include: mental health and alcohol/drug, physical health, education, vocational training, transitional assistance, child support, aging and adult services.

Questions included:

- Commissioner Casas inquired about individuals not able to stand trial. *Response: Not eligible*
- Commissioner McGee-Stehsel was concerned that social workers were assessing individuals for physical health needs. *Clarification: Direct referral to Public Health Nurse Practitioner.*
- Guest asked how successful do you think this can be. *Response: This is definitely a challenge for counties to implement. Chances are if we don't link them to resources as soon as possible, they will fail. AB 109 came down fast and furious from the state; it is not our choice, but it will not go away.*

Breaking the Secret

Commissioner Veatrice Jews stated that four years ago the African American Mental Health Coalition (AAMHC) was formed. Linda Hart sought assistance from Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, which ultimately led to the passing of ACR 150 last year, recognizing the 2nd week of February as African American Mental Health Awareness Week. Veatrice introduced Calvin Holder, member of the AME Church who performed a passionate mime from the spirit. Linda Hart announced the AAMHC is hosting a Mental Health Symposium focusing on suicide at Cal State San Bernardino on 2/10/12. Linda will attend a hearing in Sacramento with Dr. Diane Woods to ensure funding is continued.

Upcoming special presentations to the Behavioral Health Commission include:

- 3/1/12: Peer Driven Room and Board Advisory Coalition and Big Bear Mental Health Alliance
- 4/5/12: Clubhouse Update

OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

- Anthony Brazier of Foothill AIDS Project would like to present at a future Behavioral Health Commission meeting. His clients face stigma and are in need of behavioral health services.
- Lynn Neuenswander announced the Co-location Grand Opening on 3/7/12. BHRC will become a one stop health center with services including, Westside Health Clinic, WIC, and behavioral health services.
- Veronica Kelley announced African American Mental Health celebrations throughout the month.
- Debi Pasco invited everyone to attend Director Rawland's retirement event on 2/27/12.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chairperson

Debi Pasco
Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission