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Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session
May 3, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Members Present: Gabriel Gonzales, Roberto Casas, May Farr, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Michael Grabhorn, , Bill Swift, Jane Godager Michael Hill, and Monica Alonso

Excused Absence: Tom Rivera, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews, Akin Merino, and Chris Massa

Guests: Jackie Evans, Julie Hadiburgh, Paul Terrazas, Nancy Finneran, Beverly Scott, Dianna Cushing-Ogan, Director CaSonya Thomas, Betty Schneider, and Debi Pasco

Call to Order
Chairperson McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Introductions followed.

Approval of Executive Minutes and Agenda
Executive Session minutes dated 04/05/12 were approved as written. The Executive Session agenda for today was approved.

Chairperson's Report
August 2012 BHC Meeting
Discussion included whether to go DARK in August, conduct mandatory Ethics training or hold a training/workshop. Most agreed if there is training in August, it should be optional. It was decided. All agreed the Ethics training will be held June 7, 2012, from 8–10am prior to the Executive meeting. Debi Pasco will send the Ethics training to the Commission for those who wish to complete online. Jane Godager, Michael Grabhorn, and Roberto Casas have already completed their ethics training requirement for this year.

Upcoming Travel
Debi Pasco received names of those wishing to participate in upcoming conference opportunities. She reminded Commissioners that all out of county travel requiring reimbursement by the county needs Board of Supervisor approval, which takes approximately 60 days advance notice.

Commissioner Reports
Chairperson McGee-Stehsel asked the Commissioners to list the topics they will discuss in the afternoon session.

Public Comment
Beverly Scott asked if the DAC meetings will be coming to the Yucca Valley area. Clerk of the Commission Debi Pasco said she would look into it and let Beverly know.

Dianna Cushing-Ogan asked Commissioner Farr what the current research is focused on in regards to the Bio Feedback. Commissioner Farr gave Dianna contact information for Connie J. Reynolds, who works at Cal State with the Department of Education.

Directors Report

CA Dual Eligibles Demonstration
Director Thomas provided an update on the Governor's proposal of the Dual Eligible Demonstration project. The four pilot counties selected to participate in a series of stakeholder work groups to develop policy recommendations are San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, and San Mateo. The Governor will ask voters to approve six more counties to make ten. San Bernardino County would be among those.

Legislative Update
Director Thomas asked the Commission to let her know if there is a particular Bill they have interest in to let her know and she will research and track it.

- SB 1136 (Steinberg) Health, a ballot initiative approved by California voters in 2004, has been set for Hearing in Senate Health Committee on 4/25/12. California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) believes that, with a few important exceptions, SB 1136 clarifies and streamlines administrative requirements in the MHSA, consistent with the state budget adopted last year, as well as with the 2011 Realignment.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Postings

Director Thomas shared a memo to the BoS regarding posting of the MHSA Fiscal Year 2012/13. The Plan Update will be available for public review and comment on the County Intranet and Internet sites from May 1-31. A Public Hearing will take place June 2012 at the Behavioral Health Commission meeting for a formal review of the community planning process and substantive changes.

The MHSA permanent housing project proposal for Horizons at Yucaipa was reviewed and approved by the San Bernardino County Executive Housing Committee on April 3, 2012. The project was posted for 30 day public review and comment on April 16, 2012. The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) and the State Department of Mental Health have jointly allocated approximately $20 million in funds to DBH for the MHSA Housing Program. Horizons at Yucaipa will provide 77 units of affordable housing to be constructed in Yucaipa. Ten of those one-bedroom units will be designated for the MHSA Housing Program as permanent supportive housing for eligible seniors with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The remaining units will be designated as affordable housing for seniors. The project is scheduled to be reviewed by the members of the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 2012.

ArrowCare

Director Thomas briefly discussed the ArrowCare Newsletter stating that we now have over 5,000 enrollees.

Alcohol and Drug Programs

Director Thomas shared with the Commission a Record of Action from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors dated April 10, 2012: "Interim Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment of: 1. Alcohol and Drug Free Facilities (AKA Sober Living Facilities); and 2, Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facilities Treating Seven or More Persons, Both Subject to Reasonable Accommodation, and To Allow Time for Consideration of Appropriate Amendments to the County Development Code." State-Licensed Alcohol/Drug Treatment Facilities, with six or fewer residents, are considered a permitted residential use under state law and the county cannot require a use permit for this type of facility in a single family residential district. Facilities treating seven or more persons are reasonably regulated so they blend in with, and not take over, single family neighborhoods. The attached urgency ordinance will place a 45-day moratorium on the establishment of new Sober Living Facilities of any size and Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities treating seven or more persons. After the 45- day moratorium, the Board of Supervisors may, after notice and hearing, extend the urgency ordinance for an initial period of time up to 10 months and 15 days. Thereafter, another public hearing, an additional one year extension is permitted.

Director Thomas shared a letter addressed to Veronica Kelley Deputy Director from the State Department of Alcohol and Drugs. The letter states that they are pleased to announce that San Bernardino County has been chosen to receive a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant. It is a federal grant designed to help states and communities further data-driven planning, implement evidence based- strategies and reach desired outcomes quickly. The term of the grant is April 1, 2012 to September 28, 2015. The grant is funded for $380,000 ($95,000) per year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

Betty Schneider Recorder	Susan McGee-Stehsel Chairperson