

**MINUTES**  
**Behavioral Health Commission Executive Session**  
**November 1, 2012**  
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Members Present:** Roberto Casas, Gabriel Gonzales, Veatrice Jews, Mike Grabhorn, Chris Massa, May Farr, Susan McGee-Stehsel, , Bill Swift, Akin Merino, and Monica Alonso

**Excused Absence:** Michael Hill, Monica Wilson, Dena Nunez, Jane Godager

**Guests:** Beverly Scott, CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Christine Vega, Lindsey Hubby, Mimi Swift

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She offered condolences on behalf of the Commission and called for prayers for Chris Massa's mother Frances who passed away recently. Introductions followed.

Tab 1: Approve Executive Session Minutes from 10/4/12. M/S/C to approve the minutes as provided.

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Tab 2: Review "New Business-Action Items" for afternoon session.

- Present the Slate of Officers
- CALMHB/C Dues.

Tab 11: Travel and Attendance

- Debi Pasco gave May Farr & Bill Swift their travel packets for the Alcohol & Drug Integration Conference November 7-8. May Farr, Veatrice Jews, Jane Godager & Chris Massa will all attend the Cultural Competency Summit. Monica Wilson is representing the Commission at the Visioning Committee Meeting today.

**District Advisory Committees (DAC) and Program Visit Updates**

- Susan expressed concerns about communicating DAC meeting notices, and said that improvements are in process.
- Unfortunately, Gabriel has been ill and unable to attend First District DAC meetings.
- Chris reported that TEAM House members went to Redlands Clubhouse to create Halloween crafts. TEAM House also attended Pathways to Recover Halloween party.
- Bill went to the First District DAC meeting which started out small, but expanded. They ran over their allotted time, but the discussion was fruitful.
- Roberto was unable to attend Second/Fourth District DAC meeting, but did attend the Grand Opening of the Chino Police Department. It's state of the art and features a fascinating police museum. He will be attending the Native American Conference at the University of Redlands.
- Akin referred to a previous DAC meeting where making the meeting portable was discussed. She's working on this, speaking with churches, etc.
- Veatrice has begun working on the African American Mental Health Coalition to get ready for Awareness Week in February.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Susan McGee-Stehsel announced she must leave the meeting today at 1:40, so will turn the meeting over at that point to Veatrice Jews. Please list reporting topics for afternoon session on half-sheet (submit to Debi Pasco at close of meeting).

May Farr attended the Hispanic Heritage celebration at the TAY Center, and the Loma Linda Seeds of Hope. In addition she attended the Mentally Ill in Law Enforcement (MILES) Conference. She also attended the Profiles in Hope, which is similar to our December Tea where recipients are honored, at the Catalina Jazz Club in Hollywood. May reported on the Mental Health Planning Council, and met June Adcock, their new Executive Director. Nine former committees have been condensed into three--*Advocacy, Continuum System Improvement, and Health Care Reform*. There are nine vacancies, and the descriptions are available on-line.

Monica Alonso reported that Amazing Place is trying to incorporate a Smoking Cessation Group. They held their Halloween Party yesterday with Pathways. Monica participated in the NAMI Walk. She mentioned attendance at the Second/Fourth DAC meeting has increased due to the convenience of place and time.

Michael Grabhorn missed his DAC meeting, but was able to speak to the Gay/Straight Alliance at a high school. In order to address a concern expressed by the students he spoke with, he did some research, and found 16 churches that welcome LGBTQ persons. He said there is an alliance at most high schools, but they apparently do not know about each other, so he encourages networking.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Beverly Scott said she is still focused on employment issues, and encouraged the Commissioners to look at the Johnson & Johnson/Dartmouth website. Michael Grabhorn said the Workability for Special Education students program at the high schools already exists. Tom Hernandez from the DBH Office of Homeless Services has reached out to the County Workforce Development Department, and it's possible they may be available for a presentation to the Commissioners as early as January 2013.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Tab 7: Federal, State, County Budget and Other Policy Issues

Tab 7a: CA Coordinated Care Initiative and Behavioral Health Services:

CaSonya said the intent is to enroll all Medi-Cal beneficiaries into a managed care program, either IEHP or Molina in San Bernardino County. She discussed the three-page Cal-Duals Project FAQ's handout.

Tab 8: Health Care Reform

Tab 8a: Implementation of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act & Other Health Care Reform Activities:

CaSonya discussed this handout from the California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA), which features California Highlights & Recent Updates. The LIHP, ArrowCare, has surpassed enrollment expectations, and there are no plans to cap it.

Tab 8b: Behavioral Health Service Plan Outline: Draft 1115 Waiver provided and discussed. The Needs Assessment will be completed in April 2013.

Tab 9: The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Statewide Suicide Initiative – County of San Bernardino: Will embark on a media campaign to run through February 2013.

Tab 10: CA External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Site Visit – November 14-16, 2012: Are any commissioners available to participate in the review process? Please let Debi know ASAP. Draft schedules covering the three days are included in the Commissioners' binders.

Dr. Casas brought up recent legislation regarding school attendance and review boards (SARB). School districts will be contacting local agencies; the SARB in the West End is active, and Mr. Hubby said the mountains and desert SARBs are also active. He said his agency is represented at those meetings, and they offer services—mostly classes. Most SARB referrals have to do with anger management, drug awareness, etc.

Susan needs a list of people who are on the BHC Education Committee from Debi.

**11:10 a.m:** Adjournment

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Christine Vega  
Recorder

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Susan McGee-Stehsel  
Chair