MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION
June 2, 2011
12:00-2:00 pm

Commissioners Present:
Bill Swift, Chris Massa, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Gabriel Gonzales, May Farr, Veatrice Jews, Monica Alonso, Roberto Casas, Monica Wilson, Tanya Perry, Jane Mercer, and Talli Simmons on behalf of Supervisor Neil Derry.

Excused Absent: David Ford, Jane Godager, Tom Rivera, Michael Hill
Guests:
Dianna Lee, Field Representative for Supervisor Janice Rutherford; Gwen Rodgers, EMQ FamiliesFirst; Katja-Larissa Guinn, Pacific Clinics Rancho TAY; Rodolfo Pinon, Casa de San Bernardino; Hanna Keith, Charles Pearson, Community Hospital San Bernardino; Linda Ballard, Pathways to Recovery; Gary Lawrence, Teegan Henderson, Josh Leslie, Candy Ann Clovis, TAY Partners; Allan Rawland Director, CaSonya Thomas Assistant Director, Andy Gruchy, Michael Oliver, David Denkers, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Lisa McGinnis, Angela Coate, Mariann Ruffolo, Sherrie Alexander, Larissa Crossno, Mark Thomas, Jennifer Gonzalez; Anthony Castro, Jonathan Buffong, Cynthia Curbow, Gary Atkins, Isaac Jackson, Lauretta Ross, Doris Turner, Michael Schertell, Doug Fazekas, Maria Coronado, Terri Franklin, Gary Bastajian, Susanne Kulesa, Christina Entz, Dr. Dalal, Tim Hougen, and Debi Pasco Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission, DBH

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and self introductions followed.

Talli Simmons requested to be added to the agenda for a brief presentation. *A motion made by Chris Massa and seconded by Tanya Perry: Motion passed; no abstentions.*

A motion made by Jane Godager and seconded by May Farr: April 2011 Behavioral Health Commission minutes were approved as written. Motion passed; no abstentions.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Jennifer Gonzalez announced this item will be postponed until the 7/7/11 meeting to allow for attendance of recipient.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
Talli Simmons, on behalf of Supervisor Neil Derry, presented Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel with a certificate of recognition for providing a voice to empower, advocate and educate on behalf of behavioral health issues in the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments provided

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel thanked the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for sponsoring such a wonderful Evening with the Stars on May 18th. Guest speaker, Wambui Bahati, shared her inspirational story of wellness, recovery and resilience. Susan will delay her 5th District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting update until Commissioner Veatrice Jews returns.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

First District:

Commissioner Gabriel Gonzales was honored to share his behavioral health journey at the Cal State nursing student/consumer forum scheduled directly after the May 5th Behavioral Health Commission meeting. He also received a call from Alice Washington from the CA Institute of Mental Health requesting to use his artwork at an upcoming state symposium. Someone recently described his artwork as "bone chilling".

Commissioner Bill Swift and his wife enjoyed the good company, and excellent speaker presentation at the Evening with the Stars.

Second District:

Commissioner May Farr announced that over 70 consumers were sponsored to attend Evening with the Stars. She recently attended the graduations of two of our juvenile justice programs. It is heartwarming to see success shine in the faces of our youth and their families! An Asian American celebration was held at BHRC on 5/10/11 and was filmed by a Vietnamese radio station. May also attended the Stomp Out Stigma pep rally at the County Government Center on 5/17/11. Riverside County Mental Health is conducting an anti-stigma and discrimination campaign with mass advertisement. Director Rawland stated that San Bernardino County will be involved in similar campaigns with the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Projects.

Third District:

Commissioner Chris Massa looks forward to attending the California Network of Mental Health Clients Conference on June 9th in Santa Ana. He also finds it beneficial to participate in Susan's McGee-Stehsel's nursing student forum as they will work with consumers shortly.

Secretary Tanya Perry congratulated Susan as an award recipient at the incredibly moving Evening with the Stars event.

Fourth District:

Vice Chairperson Monica Wilson stated that attending Evening with the Stars was the best experience in her 18 years of advocacy. André, you are the top D.J.!

Commissioner Roberto Casas attended the Jason Tennies Memorial Walk for Mental Health in Chino Hills on 5/14/11. Senator Gloria McLeod was in attendance. He also attended the new Chino Police Department groundbreaking ceremony. Commissioners Roberto Casas, Monica Wilson and Jane Mercer have been invited by Supervisor Gary Ovitt to attend a Fourth District Commissioner Meet and Greet on 6/9/11. Commissioner Casas reminded Commissioners to be mindful of Brown Act requirements.

Commissioner Jane Mercer has been busy at the homeless program in Ontario. The agency feeds about 50 people a day, 85 persons have been approved for SSI, and a residential home is up and running.

Fifth District:

Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel thanked the consumers for sharing their stories and assisting nursing students to become better professionals; and Lauretta Ross for coordinating. She then turned the meeting over to Vice Chairperson Wilson, as Susan had to leave shortly.

Commissioner Veatrice Jews and Chairperson Susan McGhee-Stehsel stated that the 5th DAC meeting on 5/24/11 was a lively event. Previously requested data and zip code maps were distributed. There have been continued questions regarding Request for Proposals (RFP).

The Chairperson requested the answers to the following questions be addressed in these minutes as a summary. The answers below were provided by Tanya Bratton, Deputy Director, Administrative Services and Natalie Kessee, Contract Manager on 6/14/11.

1. ***What are the county RFP criteria?***

   Excerpt from County Purchasing Manual – Section 11 Development of RFP

   All requests for proposals shall contain at least the following elements:

   - Timeline outlining the solicitation, review, and award process
   - Requirements statement/statement of work
   - Responsibility criteria
   - Information regarding submission of RFP responses, including the submission deadline. Format and recycling requirements – see County Policy 11-10 (Appendix).
   - Evaluation criteria upon which the proposal will be evaluated (included weighted criteria)
   - Information regarding presentations to be made by each proposer (if applicable)
   - Terms and conditions to which the awarded vendor must agree, including insurance requirements (coordinate with Risk Management as well as County Counsel). See County Policy 11-07 (Appendix).
   - Appeals process
   - The County's right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities or informalities therein

2. ***How can CBO's become successfully involved?***

   These responses are based from the perspective of the Contract Unit once the RFP has been released.

   - Proposers should check on a regular basis the County of San Bernardino Purchasing website for service opportunities.
   - Send persons to the proposer conference that will ultimately write the proposal or have decision making authority regarding the document to ensure the correct or appropriate questions are asked for complete understanding of the services being requested.
   - Ask the contract analyst (up until the deadline) anything that requires clarification – we'll get the answer to you.
   - Submit COMPLETE applications or proposals – ON TIME; including financial records and ALL requested BUDGETS.
   - Answer ALL questions fully don't assume the reader (evaluator) knows you or your organization or your program. Let the reader know why your program best serves the needs of the community as the solicitation so dictates or requests. In truth "toot" your own horn; but offer services the program is requesting – stay on track!
   - If not successful- at the conclusion of the process - request copies of your evaluation sheet to see what the evaluator comments were and/or successful proposals to see what/how other proposers prepared their programs.

3. ***Can DBH use local newspapers to post RFP's?***

   No – It would be cost prohibitive to post an entire RFP in a local newspaper. However, ads are placed in local newspapers identifying the release of RFPs and directs potential proposers to the County of San Bernardino Purchasing website"

4. ***When will a community RFP presentation be held?***

   Natalie Kessee, DBH Contract Manager will provide a special presentation of the county RFP process on Thursday, 11/3/11, during the Behavioral Health Commission meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Rawland congratulated Chairperson McGee-Stehsel, Josh Leslie Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Partner, and Pacific Clinics TAY for their well deserved recognition at Evening with the Stars. He acknowledged Lynn Neuenswander who has made Evening with the Stars a successful event for the past six years, along with the NAMI affiliates in San Bernardino County, Doris Turner, Kathy Ellis, May Farr and Dee Dee Pope. He also acknowledged Oden Industries for sponsoring 17 consumer attendees. Director Rawland thanked Talli Simmons and Dianna Lee for attending on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

FY 2010-2011 Federal, State and County Budget

State –

- Starting 7/1/11, DBH will have a managed care reduction totaling $6 million.
- With the implementation of AB100, there will be a one-time only shift of $861 million of MHSA funds to cover EPSDT and managed care; Realignment II will address future allocations.
- AB3632-shifted back to the schools. Mike Schertell has worked closely with the schools and SELPAs to transition services.
- Substance Abuse- $184 million realigned to counties
- Dissolve Department of Mental Health into CA Health and Human Services Agency
- FY 11-12 Medi-Cal will shift to State Department of Health Care Services

MHSA – recently received $1.8 million Capital Funds. San Bernardino County is proud to have captured $350 million MHSA funding over the last 5 years.

Healthcare Reform

San Bernardino County is currently planning for early implementation of the Low Income Health Plan. This item will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval this summer. Commissioner Jane Mercer asked if those individuals currently receiving county MIA will be eligible through LIHP. Director Rawland responded they would be eligible.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program Countywide Update

André Bossieux, Program Manager for TAY acknowledged Larissa Guinn from Rancho TAY for Pacific Clinic's recent recognition at Evening with the Stars. He stated that Supervisor Janice Rutherford has a scheduled visit to the TAY Center on 6/17/11.

André introduced the following TAY Partners, who discussed involvement with the TAY Program:

- Gary Lawrence is graduating this evening from Pacific High School. He is interested in assisting those with disabilities. TAY provides him assistance for college preparation. Gary enjoys participating in several workshops; creative thoughts, budgeting and fitness.
- Candy Ann Clovis participates in dual diagnosis workgroup. She wants to benefit her community. TAY provides her assistance with school, job search, résumé and training to succeed.
- Teigyn Henderson has been with TAY for three years and currently serves as Vice President of the TAY Advisory Board. She runs her own dual diagnosis group. She enjoys helping her peers and sharing experiences. Teigyn's case will be closed at the end of June; however, she has been approved to stay on as a volunteer.
- Josh Leslie, referred to as the "onsite architect" for the renovation of the new One Stop TAY Center provided the Commission with an architectural rendering of the project. Josh has served on the TAY Advisory Board for two years and has been closely involved in the renovation project.

Upon completion of the One Stop TAY Center, André invited the Commission to hold their meeting at the new location. Director Rawland announced that André will soon be inducted into the University of LaVerne Basketball Hall of Fame.

Upcoming special presentations to the Behavioral Health Commission include:

- 7/7/11: MHSA Innovation Projects by Isaac Jackson, Program Specialist II, DBH
- 8/4/11: **"DARK"** for public workshop: San Bernardino County Performance Outcome Data; 1-5pm
- 9/1/11: EMQ FamiliesFirst Children's Intensive Services Program by Gwendolyn Rodgers, Community Development Specialist
- 10/6/11: Alcohol and Drug Services County Demographics by Gary Atkins, Program Manager II
- 11/3/11: San Bernardino County Request for Proposal Process by Natalie Kessee, Contract Manager, DBH
- 12/1/11: **"DARK"** for Behavioral Health Commission Holiday Tea and Awards Ceremony; 2-4pm

NEW BUSINESS

- County of San Bernardino Performance Outcome Data Project – the Behavioral Health Commission is generally **"DARK"** in August; however, the members of the Commission will hold a public workshop on Thursday, 8/4/11 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm, to review and comment on the county's performance outcome data. A report of their findings will be reviewed for approval at the 9/1/11 Behavioral Health Commission meeting, prior to submission to the CA Mental Health Planning Council.
- Agreement with CA Department of Mental Health for State Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Beds – the members of the Commission approved the submission of this agreement for hospital beds and inpatient health care and support services provided to adults and children with psychiatric disabilities, in the amount of $2,581,963, for the period 7/1/10 through 6/30/11.

OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

No outside/other reports provided

ADJOURNMENT

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

Susan McGee-Stehsel	*Debi Pasco*
Chairperson	Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission