

**San Bernardino County**  
**Behavioral Health Commission**  
**Executive Session**  
**March 3, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Ed O'Brien, David Caine, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews, Catherine Inscore, May Farr, Christopher Massa, Jane Ann Godager, Akin Merino

**Excused Absences:** Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee Stehsel

**Guests:** Debi Pasco, Jessica Guzman, Beverly Scott

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Akin Merino called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and self-introductions followed.

**Tab 1:** Review Minutes from February 4, 2016

**APPROVED**

Motion/Second: May Farr/Christopher Massa

AYES: Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Ed O'Brien, David Caine, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews, Catherine Inscore, May Farr, Christopher Massa, Jane Ann Godager, Akin Merino

ABSENT: Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Susan McGee- Stehsel

**Public Comment:**

Beverly Scott's son has been in the county mental health system for 23 years. She has had no complaints about her son's outpatient treatment. Before Christmas 2015, he had a relapse. She called the Morongo Basin Crisis Walk in Center (CWIC) three times, and there was no answer. Law enforcement was called and the son was taken to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. At the hospital, he became combative and ran into a wall, resulting in stitches to his head. Parents were called to pick him up after three days. He did not receive a discharge plan or a follow-up appointment for mental health or stitches removal. On the drive home, he began acting out causing an unsafe situation. He was paranoid for two weeks and it was a touch and go situation. The system has improved over the years but there are still issues.

Commissioner O'Brien: Due to the legitimate comment from a family member, he requested the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) provide a presentation to the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC), which includes county and contract Community Crisis Response Team & CWIC providers, input from family members to determine where the disconnect lies, and an explanation why the Access, Care and Enhancement (ACE) program was not the warm handoff from the hospital.

The members of the BHC unanimously agreed to have DBH provide a presentation in the near future.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING (Continued from 2/4/16)**

As discussed during the February strategic planning session, Commissioner O'Brien presented his proposal, "Issue: A Gap in Services for Narrow Segment of Incarcerated Mentally Ill" Approximately 12-18 seriously mentally ill individuals with dangerous backgrounds are revolving through homelessness, lack of treatment and prison. Per the proposal these individuals want help; "However, a court must dismiss a violation pending against a person subject to Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) who is not mentally competent to participate in their hearing".

Commissioner O'Brien hopes that the BHC and DBH will accept the proposal and agree to distribute to:

- Board of Supervisors
- County Administration Office
- Legislative Analyst

- County Counsel
- California Mental Health Planning Council
- California Association of Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions
- DBH Exec team

**APPROVED**

Motion/Second: Ed O'Brien/David Caine

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Commissioner Caine is working with The Hazelden Betty Ford clinic to schedule a tour for the commissioners. Please let him know via email if you are interested in going.

Veronica Kelley, Assistant Director, continued the Department of Behavioral Health overview she began during the November 5, 2015 Executive Session meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Today's meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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Akin Merino  
Vice Chair

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Jessica Guzman, OAI  
Recorder