

San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
April 7, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Michael Grabhorn, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Monica Wilson, Ed O'Brien, David Caine, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Christopher Massa, Jane Ann Godager

Excused Absences: Catherine Inscore, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter

Absent: Akin Merino

Guests: CaSonya Thomas, Debi Pasco, Jessica Guzman

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monica Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and self-introductions followed.

Tab 1: Review Minutes from March 3, 2016

APPROVED

Motion/Second: May Farr/Jane Ann Godager

AYES: Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Ed O'Brien, David Caine, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Christopher Massa, Jane Ann Godager

ABSTAIN: Susan McGee-Stehsel

ABSENT: Catherine Inscore, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Akin Merino

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Monica Wilson is preparing for May Mental Health Month. In addition, the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) is taking place in April in San Francisco. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the CMHPC on June 20 when they meeting in Ontario. More details to come. She is concerned that the 2nd/4th DAC meetings were rescheduled from monthly to quarterly without consent of the Commissioners.

Tab 2: Travel and Attendance

- Ed O'Brien, May Farr, Christopher Massa, Troy Mondragon, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Jane Ann Godager, and David Caine have requested to attend the Evening with the Stars on 05/25/16
- Veatrice Jews and Susan McGee-Stehsel have requested to attend the NAMI CA Conference August 26-27, 2016

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Ed O'Brien shared that there was an impressive and very informative meeting given by DBH staff presented to the Law Enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Christopher Massa attended the State of the County on 04/06/16.

Commissioner Troy Mondragon has been working with TAY for a wellness event that will be held on July 13, Healthy Mind and Healthy Body. He is also working with Cal State University on the parade of flowers event in celebration of May Mental Health month.

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn shared that within two days of contacting of Tom Hernandez, DBH Homeless Services Manager, several individuals in recovery were placed in housing. Four shops in the High Desert were turned over to the Sherriff's department for selling synthetic drugs under the counter.

Commissioner Veatrice Jews reported that the Premier Program presented at the 5th District Advisory Committee (DAC). They provide residential treatment for adults 18-30 years old. She is working with Kathy Estes, Coordinator of San Bernardino County School Health Programs to address gaps in services to students.

Commissioner David Caine attended a meeting in Twin Peaks about the Sheriff's HOPE Program, which was very informative. They have placed over 500 people in the past two years. He also shared that Lake Arrowhead has a new sober living residential treatment being built.

Commissioner Susan McGee-Stehsel announced that she is tracking sober living homes. She attended the State of the County and spent some time speaking to Pastor Bryan about students and identifying interests. She looks forward to attending the June CMHPC in Ontario.

Commissioner May Farr attended the Community Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting, which discussed all current MHSA programs and what is still needed.

Tab 3: Strategic Planning Session Continued

Vote – FY 2016-17 BHC Educational presentations

- Workforce Development
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Resources
- Disparities in Care for Persons of Color and Penetration Rates
- Senior Housing
- Intersection of Faith Based Organizations, Community Based organizations and the County system of care, and others.
- Residential Treatment for those with Substance Use Disorders
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP)
- Rural Residents' Access to Care
- Working with School Districts to Address Gaps in Mental Health Services to Students
- Special Populations: Adult, TAY, Children

APPROVED

Motion/Second: Veatrice Jews/ Ed O' Brien

AYES: Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Ed O'Brien, David Caine, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Christopher Massa, Jane Ann Godager, Susan McGee-Stehsel

ABSENT: Catherine Inscore, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Akin Merino

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director CaSonya Thomas stated that a Crisis Services presentation is scheduled for May 5, as a follow up to Beverly Scott's public comment. She will instruct staff to resume 2nd/4th DAC meetings back to their monthly occurrence. As of April 4, Tanya Bratton, Deputy Director, was promoted to Deputy Executive Officer for Human Services. In the interim, Jason Hinkle will oversee DBH Administrative Services. Due to the termination of several contracts, DBH is working with other providers to possibly resume the Community Health Worker Programs.

ADJOURNMENT: Today's meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Monica Wilson
Chair Person

Jessica Guzman, OAI
Recorder