

**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
1<sup>st</sup> District Advisory Committee Meeting**

<b>Date:</b>	December 16, 2009
<b>Location:</b>	12625 Hesperia Road, A-11, Victorville
<b>Chair/Recorder</b>	Bill Swift/Chris Croteau

**Present:** Bill Swift, Gary Atkins, David Denkers, Cindy Harvey, (for additional attendees see sign-in sheet).

**Absent:** David Ford, Gabriel Gonzales

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Person
<b>Opening Remarks</b>		
	Bill Swift welcomed attendees to the meeting and distributed a flyer for a Community Resource Fair on January 22, 2010.	
<b>Old Business</b>		
Education of School District Staff	<p>Bill reported on the meeting he attended with HD-CCRT Clinic Supervisor Cindy Harvey, Debbie Reno-Smith, Executive Director, Victor Community, NAMI, and SELPA. Bill advised SELPA of the alternative services (instead of calling law enforcement) for intervention or if the child might re-escalate after-hours then to give the child phone numbers of whom they can call (i.e. CWIC, CCRT, FICS). Bill went on to say Ron Powell has programs working within the schools overseen by Jenae Tucker, Director of Desert-Mountain SELPA.</p> <p>Cindy Harvey stated Ron Powell recommended attending the Steering Committee (a meeting of all the Special Education Directors from each school district) that would provide a comprehensive assembly of contacts for the school districts.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>		

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<b>Standing Business</b>		
Deputy Director Gary Atkins' Updates	<p>Gary advised the Governor's budget will be out early according to sources. The budget is reported to contain significant cuts (again) in mental health and alcohol-drug programs.</p> <p>The MHSAs funds have allowed DBH to provide services despite mental health funding cuts. With staff reductions and increase demand for services, administration is exploring options including integration of MHSAs programs (i.e. CCRT) into the outpatient system, as DBH is mandated to still treat the seriously mentally ill and individuals in crisis. Gary added it is anticipated the funds for alcohol-drug programs will be cut further.</p> <p>Gary said the condensed version is we are going to be very broke and will need to be very creative on how we spend the funds.</p> <p>In response to a question, Gary advised of the benefits of integrating MHSAs programs into clinics, however, until the Governor's budget is presented and financial impact calculated, these are just options being considered.</p> <p>Gary provided information regarding DBH's program Workforce Education and Training (WET) and recommended the trainings available to everyone. Workforce Education and Training is located at 1950 S. Sunwest Lane, Suite 200, San Bernardino, Ca 92408 and the phone number is (800) 722-9866. Bill advised the Mental Health Commission Meeting for January would be held at that facility.</p>	

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Swift  
Bill Swift, Chairperson

Chris Croteau, Recorder  
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