

**San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
July 2, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Jane Ann Godager, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, May Farr, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Troy Mondragon

Excused Absences: Catherine Inscore, Michael Grabhorn, Akin Merino, Christopher Massa, Ed O'Brien, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews

Guests: Veronica Kelley, Debi Pasco, Jessica Guzman

CALL TO ORDER and SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Approve Executive Session Minutes from June 4, 2015.

No quorum present; deferred to October 1, 2015

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Susan McGee-Stehsel stated that during the summer she plans to visit Substance Use Disorder facilities in the mountain areas.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioners discussed different events they will be attending.

May Farr would like to attend the 29th Annual Children's Network Conference. She will also be attending the National NAMI Conference in San Francisco.

Catherine Inscore, Veatrice Jews, Troy Mondragon, and Christopher Massa will be attending the NAMI CA 2015 Annual Conference. Debi will notify attendees when travel packets are ready.

Commissioner Troy Mondragon will be involved with training with California Highway Patrol (CHP) in September. Troy is presenting a workshop "Embrace the Change: Effective Youth Advocacy", during the NAMI California Conference on Friday 8/22/15 at 3:30 p.m.

In April 2015, Commissioner Ed O'Brien attended a Mental Health Boards/ Commissions Train the Trainer workshop. He will present what he learned during the 10/01/15 Executive session.

Commissioner David Miller has resigned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Avila, who was invited by May Farr, would like to be put on the mailing list to attend every monthly meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Veronica Kelly stated that San Bernardino County received 44 National Association of Counties (NACo) awards, more than any other county in the nation! Of those 44, the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) had 6:

- Culture-specific Subcommittees
- Homeless Outreach Support Team (HOST)

- Mountain Breeze Villas Housing Project
- Remote Group Supervision for Rural Intern Placements
- Access, Coordination, and Enhancement
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths

On June 4 2015, the Steinberg Institute released a news alert regarding key mental health bills passed by the senate and assembly.

- SB 11 – Sen. Jim Beall – Passed Senate 38-0; Will help protect law enforcement officers as well as the rights and safety of those they encounter.
- SB 614 – Sen. Mark Leno – Passed Senate 40-0; Creates a peer and family support specialist certification program.
- AB 253 – ASM. Roger Hernandez – Passed Assembly 74-0; It strengthens veteran's representation on the Mental Health Services Act Oversight Commission.
- AB 1299 – ASM. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas – Passed Assembly 79-0; A vital bill for foster children and their families. More services will be provided and group homes will be taken out. Contracts will need to be done with the county.

Veronica stated the 1915 b Waiver has been approved, and received a 5-year extension. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) want to make sure the state department is monitoring fraud and compliance. Every county will require a dashboard on their websites. A system will be developed to track and manage time of care, provide grievance reports, and any plans of correction must be posted on websites.

MEASURES TO REDUCE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS

Deputy Director Sharon Nevins stated we are working with law enforcement, having daily briefings with them to avoid hospitalization, and encouraging law enforcement to contact our Community Crisis Response Team. Systems have also been placed in ARMC to avoid hospitalization, such as the Diversion Program, which has been successful in reducing hospitalization, and transportation is provided for patients. Services are provided as well for patients to receive the appropriate care and services. The main goal is to reduce inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, reduce incarceration, and reduce institutionalization.

Program Manager II Paula Rutten briefly talked about how we respond to all hospitals and participate in discharge planning, including some hospitals outside of our county. There is a program called Helping Hearts located in Colton developed to provide long-term facility treatment for individuals who are mentally ill. Mental health programs can be provided for a maximum of 18 months.

ADJOURNMENT: Today's meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chair Person

Jessica Guzman, OAIII
Recorder