

County of El Dorado

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Minutes

Behavioral Health Commission

Dr. Richard Lynn, Chair - Term Expiration 12/03/2021

*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner - Term Expiration
01/01/2023*

*Wendy Thomas, Board of Supervisors Representative - Term
Expiration 01/01/2022*

Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary - Term Expiration 10/11/2024

Norma Santiago, Commissioner - Term Expiration 10/26/2024

Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 01/01/2022

Vacant (10), Commissioner

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

5:00 PM

Meeting Locations (in person and connected via
tele/video-conferencing):

- Health and Human Service Agency, 3057 Briw Road, Sierra Room, Placerville, CA
 - Mental Health Office, 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Suite 103, South Lake Tahoe, CA
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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING

5:00 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Staff Present:

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Amy Haynes, Ren Strong, Meredith Zanardi, Moriah Weldy, Paula Frantz

Public Attendees:

Craig Lomax, Anne Cardosa, Debbie Reischel-Cree, Chris Stedeford, Diane Rabinowitz, Lisa Rodriguez

Present: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 1 - Norma Santiago

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Lynn requested that the meeting last no more than 90 minutes.

Commissioner Lynn made a motion to adopt the Agenda; Supervisor Thomas provided a second.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Yes: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 1 - Norma Santiago

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Lomax thanked the Behavioral Health Commission for their time and work and the opportunity to speak. Craig requested that an update be provided regarding the status of the Draft Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan. Craig provided a written statement that is attached.

Additional Public Comment:

Anne Cardosa of Our Healing Forrest, introduced herself and her program model of outdoor therapy and the desire to implement a new program that will focus on coaching parents to be better parents.

No further public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Lynn acknowledged the public request to have an update on the Suicide Prevention Plan.

STAFF COMMENT:

Behavioral Health Director Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken announced the passing of Commissioner Henry Sandigo to the Commission and public attendees and expressed condolences to his family and friends.

1. 21-1850

Review and Approval of October 20, 2021 Behavioral Health Commission Minutes (5 minutes)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Supervisor Thomas made a motion to approve to adopt the Minutes; Commissioner Thornburgh provided a second.

Yes: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 1 - Norma Santiago

- 2. **21-1851** Discussion and Approval of the meeting format (Virtual/Hybrid/In-person) for the December 15, 2021 meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission (5 minute)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Lynn prefers a hybrid or virtual format.

Supervisor Thomas brought to attention that the Board of Supervisors addresses this topic as a Consent Item at the beginning of each regular meeting.

STAFF COMMENT:

Paula Frantz provided clarification; the State allows the extension of the hybrid-meeting format due to the Public Health Emergency when the Commission maintains that meeting in person could present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and that the Behavioral Health Commission is committed to preserving public access to meetings. For virtual and hybrid meetings this must include that all equipment and conferencing tools are functional.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Supervisor Thomas made a motion to maintain the virtual meeting format for December 2021 through March 2022 meetings; Commissioner Lynn provided a second.

Further Commissioner Comment: None

Yes: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 1 - Norma Santiago

5:21 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn, Wendy Thomas and Norma Santiago

- 3. **21-1852** Commissioner Lynn requests that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Debra Thornburgh be re-appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission (5 minutes)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Commissioner Santiago made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Thornburgh as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission; Supervisor Thomas provided a second.

Yes: 6 - Stephen Clavere, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn, Wendy Thomas and Norma Santiago

- 4. 21-1854** Commissioner Lynn requests that the Behavioral Health Commission appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for the 2022 Slate of Officers; vote to be held at January meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission (10 minutes)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Lynn takes himself out of the running to serve as an officer, but he is willing to serve on the nominating Ad Hoc Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Further Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Lynn names himself and would like a West Slope member on the Committee.

Commissioner Santiago suggests that Commissioner Thornburgh be the representative from the West Slope.

Commissioner Thornburgh agrees to service on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Lynn appoints himself and Commissioner Thornburgh to the Ad Hoc Committee.

- 5. 21-1855** Discussion regarding completion of the 2021 Data Notebook and Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee (10 minutes)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Santiago is willing to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Additional Commission Comment: Supervisor Thomas asks for clarification about the Data Notebook and the process.

Commissioner Clavere explained the process.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Lynn appoints Supervisor Thomas and Commissioner Santiago to the Ad Hoc Committee.

6. 21-1856 Continued discussion and approval of MHSA CPPP outreach strategy (15 minutes)

Meredith Zanardi, MHSA Coordinator presented a written plan detailing the MHSA CPPP outreach strategy.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Clavere asked for clarification about one meeting time that is reflected in the plan at 9:30 PM.

STAFF COMMENT: Meredith Zanardi acknowledged that this was an error, and that the public meeting time is scheduled at 9:30 AM.

Additional Commissioner Comment: Supervisor Thomas expressed appreciation for staff taking suggestion and putting a detailed plan in writing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Further Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Clavere would like an update on the process at the January 2022 meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission.

Supervisor Thomas made a motion to approve the MHSA CPPP; Commissioner Santiago provided a second.

Yes: 6 - Stephen Clavere, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Richard Lynn, Wendy Thomas and Norma Santiago

7. 21-1690 Presentation of the impacts of the Caldor Fire on Behavioral Health by Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Behavioral Health Director (15 minutes)

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken provided a presentation, specifically highlighting the exemplary service provided by Behavioral Health and Provider Staff throughout the Caldor Fire incident, and provided information about the work that is being continued by Behavioral Health Division to support evacuees and the community.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Supervisor Thomas thanked staff for sharing, and acknowledged that often times the staff story is not shared.

Additional Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Santiago expressed appreciation of the concept of a single point of contact for the community and residents to get information and access to resources.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Further Commissioner Comment: None

- 8. 21-1857 Review/Discussion/Questions of the Behavioral Health Director's Report (15 minutes)

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken presented the Behavioral Health Director's Report; called attention to ARPA funding; the recent closure of Silver Ridge ARF and the work of Amy Haynes, Deputy Director, to locate a new vendor and establish this new contract to replace Silver Ridge; and provide an update on the staff vacancies, especially in South Lake Tahoe.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Santiago suggested that the Division try to recruit at college career fairs.

Public Comment: None

Further Commissioner Comment: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

NONE

DETERMINE NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on December 15, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNED: 6:38 PM

