

**EL DORADO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH JOINT COMMISSION
Minutes: March 25, 2015**

TIME: 5:00 PM

**PLACE: In person and councils connected via tele/video-conferencing:
Western Slope – Health and Human Services Agency – Sierra Room
3057 Briw Road
Placerville, CA 95667

South Lake Tahoe – Mental Health Office
1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

Guests: Linda Bingham, Adela Breaux, Genelle Cazares, Natalie Collins, Christopher Croft, Amy Jackson, Marie Meagher, Jeanne Nelson, Capt. Jackie Noren, Chris Stedeford, Bob Sullivan, Glen Swedelson

HHSA Staff: Don Ashton, Patricia Charles-Heathers, Sabrina Owen, Brandi Reid, Jamie Samboceti, Jeremy Simmons

Present – 13 Jim Abram, Dan Boals, Denise Burke, Stephen Clavere, Ben Ehrler, Steve Ehrler, Richard Lynn, Bonnie McLane, Jan Melnicoe, Sue Novasel, Lorraine Nordone Pond, David Sterkin, Craig Therkildsen

Absent – 4 Stacy Bolton, Guadalupe Medrano, Maria Quintero, Michael Ranalli

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Replace Discussion / Action Item number 8 (15-0384) with Discussion / Action Item number 2 (15-0124)

Yes: 13 – Abram, Boals, Burke, Clavere, B. Ehrler, S. Ehrler, Lynn, McLane, Melnicoe, Novasel, Pond, Sterkin, Therkildsen

Absent: 3 – Medrano, Quintero, Ranalli

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne Nelson announced that there will be a monthly NAMI family support group starting at the South Lake Tahoe library.

Gwen Swedelson inquired about the status of the Request for Proposals for the PEI Prevention and Early Intervention for Youth in Schools program. Brandi Reid stated that the RFP is being drafted and should be issued within a month.

Due to technical issues with video-conference equipment, additional public comment was allowed later in the meeting:

Several members of the public in South Lake Tahoe expressed concern about the lack of children's mental health services provided in general. Issues such as access to services, more services needed in schools, the need to break down barriers to services, improving the current fragmented process and follow through were raised. It was suggested that these concerns be gathered and brought up more formally as part of the MHSA Community Planning Process.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. 15-0385 Approval of the February 25, 2015 meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, to approve the February 25, 2015 minutes with the following changes:

Correction of the spelling of the last name of Adela Breaux on the guest list

Correction to the motion made on Discussion / Action Item number 8 (15-0194)

Yes: 13 – Abram, Boals, Burke, Clavere, B. Ehrler, S. Ehrler, Lynn, McLane, Melnicoe, Novasel, Pond, Sterkin, Therkildsen

Absent: 3 – Medrano, Quintero, Ranalli

2. 15-0384 Presentation by Telecare on the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Program

Genelle Cazares from Telecare provided an overview of the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) program and answered questions from the Commissioners about services provided, staffing, collaboration with the Mental Health Division, and discharge planning.

3. 15-0379 Committee Reports / Updates

- 1) Jail
- 2) Intake Process
- 3) Children's Services

Commissioner Abram stated that he wants final reports from the committees by the April 22, 2015 Mental Health Commission meeting.

Members of each committee provided an update to the Commission on their findings to date.

4. 15-0380 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Budget Shortfall AdHoc Committee Update / Discussion

Commissioner Abram reported that the anticipated shortfall is not as bad as was previously thought, but will affect future years' funding. The committee will need to make a recommendation to the Mental Health Department on programs to cut.

5. 15-0381 Update from the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Committee

Commissioner Abram provided an update to the Commission stating that the committee is still waiting to move forward with implementation pending the approval of

funding. Director Ashton reiterated the importance of having a sustainable balanced budget.

6. 15-0382 Update on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Capt. Jackie Noren provided the Commission with an update on CIT services and training that have been provided as a result of the Bureau of Justice Administration grant that is ending on October 31, 2015. She provided statistics on the numbers of officers, first responders and citizens that have received training and plans for the future.

7. 15-0383 Update from the Mental Health Division on the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant

Sabrina Owen provided the Commission with an update on a grant opportunity being pursued for the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant. It will be a pilot for South Lake Tahoe to allow for 24-hour staffing and more supportive / transitional housing. The application is due April 3, 2015 and would be for \$950,000 for three years with a 4-year strategy plan.

8. 15-0391 Selection of Mental Health Commission member(s) for participation on review panel for two upcoming Requests for Proposals

Commissioner Abram asked for participation from the Commission on two upcoming Requests for Proposals. Commissioner McLane volunteered to participate on the outpatient mental health services for children and adolescents review panel and Commissioner Abram volunteered to participate on the on-call after hours response services review panel.

9. 15-0399 Questions / Comments on Mental Health Division Monthly Report

Commissioner McLane asked what comprised the 32 clients listed in IMD's. Assistant Director Charles-Heathers stated that the number includes all clients in Crestwood and Willow Glen MHRC and other institutional placement facilities. Director Ashton advised that there is a future Board of Supervisors item to increase the California Psychiatric Transitions (CPT) contract by \$500,000.

Commissioner McLane inquired about Ren Scammon. Jamie Samboceti advised that the department is in the midst of some staffing changes, but that Ren will be taking over the Utilization Review duties, formerly handled by Laura Eakin who recently retired, and will be working on outcomes data.

Commissioner Burke stated that the minutes have not been reflecting her attendance when she arrives after the meeting has started. Commissioner Abram stated that the new format for minutes documents roll calls, which note the times when commissioners arrive and leave the meeting.

Commissioner Burke asked why there is no longer a sign in sheet at the meetings. Director Ashton stated that there are a few options from which the Commission can choose. There can be a sign in sheet available at meetings for those attendees who

wish to sign in or there can be speaker cards that can be filled out ahead of time for the public who wish to speak during public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Pond, to institute a sign in sheet for Mental Health Commission meetings.

Yes: 13 – Abram, Boals, Burke, Clavere, B. Ehrler, S. Ehrler, Lynn, McLane, Melnicoe, Novasel, Pond, Sterkin, Therkildsen

Absent: 3 – Medrano, Quintero, Ranalli

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on April 22, 2015.

7:04 PM ADJOURNMENT