

# County of El Dorado

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## Minutes

### Behavioral Health Commission

*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Chair WS*  
*Arturo Salazar, Vice-Chair WS*  
*Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice-Chair SLT*  
*John Hidahl, Board of Supervisors Representative*  
*Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary*  
*Henry Sandigo, Commissioner*  
*Norma Santiago, Commissioner*  
*Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner*  
*Karis Holman, Commissioner*  
*Vacant (7), Commissioner*

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Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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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#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Elizabeth Blakemore, Alison Gardey, Barry Harwell, Jen Kalsbeek, Lucy Oliveira, Gina Reed, Carolyn Wakefield, Steve Wakefield, Monica Woodall*

*HHSA Staff: Don Semon, Katy Eckert, Ren Strong, Sabrina Owen, Paula Frantz*

**Present:** 8 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and John Hidahl

**Absent:** 1 - Debra Thornburgh

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**A motion was made by Supervisor Hidahl and seconded by Commissioner Salazar to adopt the agenda.**

**Yes:** 8 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and John Hidahl

**Absent:** 1 - Debra Thornburgh

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Carolyn Wakefield: Spoke regarding access to Specialty Mental Health Services and seeking help for a family member.*

*Steve Wakefield: Spoke regarding need for changes to the rights of individuals with mental illness in obtaining treatment.*

*Katy Eckert: Provided clarification that in the event of a psychiatric emergency or urgent issue, parents, friends, or family should call 911 to obtain assistance.*

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. [19-0833](#)

Report to the Behavioral Health Commission of the Mental Health Services Act Annual Update Ad Hoc Committee and Possible Approval of Some Recommendations

*Commissioner Clavere opened the agenda item for public comment.*

*Monica Woodall: Ms. Woodall expressed support for the MHSa Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Primary Intervention Program. Ms. Woodall also expressed her support for the MHSa Innovation Community-Based Engagement and Support Services (also known as the "Community Hubs" project).*

*Lucy Olivera: Ms. Olivera expressed support for the Primary Intervention Program and the "Community Hubs" Innovation program.*

*Commissioner Lynn: Expressed objection to MHSa funds being used for parent education.*

*Commissioner Santiago: Please see written statement.*

*Elizabeth Blakemore: Expressed support for the "Community Hubs" project.*

*Commissioner Clavere: Expressed concern with the low number of referrals to mental health services and use of MHSa funds for the "Community Hubs" project.*

*Commissioner Clavere also stated concern that the project has changed from its original design.*

*Barry Harwell: Stated that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission already approved the "Community Hubs" Innovation project.*

*Commissioner Holman: Funding is needed for individuals with serious mental illness.*

*Commissioner Clavere and Sr. Deputy County Counsel discussed the role of the Behavioral Health Commission in the Innovation project approval process.*

*Assistant Director Eckert: Discussed the status of MHSa Innovation funding.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Sandigo, to support the recommendation as described in the DRAFT El Dorado County Mental Health Services Act Annual Update, Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the Community-Based Engagement and Support Services Innovation project.**

**Yes: Commissioner Sandigo, Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Santiago, Commissioner Holman, Supervisor Hidahl**

**No: Commissioner Clavere, Commissioner Lynn**

**Abstained: Commissioner Salazar**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, to support the DRAFT El Dorado County Mental Health Services Act Annual Update, Fiscal Year 2019-20, as presented.**

**Commissioner Clavere, Sr. Deputy County Counsel and Director Semon discussed the next steps for the routing of the DRAFT El Dorado County Mental**

**Health Services Act Annual Update, Fiscal Year 2019-20 for approval from the Board of Supervisors and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.**

**Yes:** 6 - Henry Sandigo, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and John Hidahl

**Noes:** 1 - Stephen Clavere

**Absent:** 1 - Debra Thornburgh

**Abstained:** 1 - Arturo Salazar

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

*Supervisor Hidahl: Expressed concern for parents and family members who want to help their family member, but mental health treatment information cannot be shared with them, and inquired what can be done to address that issue.*

*Commissioner Clavere: Provided a reminder that MHSA is only part of the Mental Health services provided in the County and would like a Behavioral Health budget update. Additionally, Commissioner Clavere would like to cancel the August Behavioral Health Commission meeting.*

**DETERMINE NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

*The next Behavioral Health Commission meeting will be held July 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. There will be no meeting in August.*

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:56 p.m.**