

El Dorado County Mental Health Commission Annual Report

February 26, 2008

Mental Health Commission Members

West Slope:

- Larry Beutler
- Clay Dawson
- Bonnie McLane – Chair, West Slope
- Jeffrey Meyer – Chair, MH Commission
- Jan Melnicoe
- Marcia Rose
- Associate Members
 - Ellie Dawson
 - Cathy Hartrum

Mental Health Commission Members

South Lake Tahoe:

- Denise Burke – Chair, South Lake Tahoe
- Bob Bartley
- R.S. Lynn
- Pamela Nance
- Renee Shank
- Supervisor Norma Santiago
- Associate Members
 - Diana Hankins

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Mental Health Commission Annual Report

- Article III Section (e) of the El Dorado County Mental Health Commission By-Laws requires that the Mental Health Commission submit an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.
- Board to receive and file annual report.

Annual Report - Scope

- West Slope:
 - Behavioral Health Court
 - Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)

South Lake Tahoe:

- Barton Memorial Hospital
- Psychiatric Emergency Services
- El Dorado County SLT Jail

Behavioral Health Court Stakeholders

- EDC Superior Court
- District Attorney
- Sheriff's Department
- Probation
- Public Defender
- Mental Health Department
- Treatment Facilities

Behavioral Health Court Goals

- Reduce jail recidivism by use of comprehensive wrap-around services
- Bring stability, sobriety, safety to mentally ill individuals in Criminal Justice System
- Increase productivity for participants in education and work environments
- Promote public safety, ensure security and well-being of entire community

Behavioral Health Court

- Looks at nexus between mental illness and behavior that led to arrest
- Utilizes team approach and supports clients better served by treatment than incarceration
- Provides intensive program designed to evaluate, treat and monitor participants
Provides coordinated, comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Enables individual to become participating, productive member of our community
- El Dorado County Behavioral Health Court is part of a successful nationwide trend

Behavioral Health Court

- Mental Health Commission members interviewed the following:
- Judge Wagoner, West Slope Behavioral Health Court
 - Ms. Jodie Jensen and Mr. Bill Clark of the El Dorado County District Attorney's office
 - Sheriff Neves and Lt. Pam Lane, Jail Commander
 - Lisa Isaacson, Jail Medical Program Manager of CFMG
 - Kathleen Hennings, Probation Officer
 - Mark Ralphs, Public Defender
 - EDC Mental Health Program Staff
 - Gates Foundation Detox/Residential Facility

Behavioral Health Court - Recommendations

- Provision of appropriate, professionally staffed housing, based on best needs of the individual.
Continuation of cross-training of BHC team; utilization of outside professionals and consultants.
Addition of Dual Diagnosis Professional to Behavioral Health Court Team.
- Enhanced collaboration between departments, ancillary service providers, and family members when appropriate.
- Ensure wrap around services are in place to assist the individual with mental illness to become a productive member of our community.

Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)

- The PHF is a 15 bed licensed residential facility
- Average occupancy of 8.9 patients per day for 2007
- Average length of stay is six (6) days
- The California Department of Mental Health in reviewed the PHF in March, 2007. The PHF was granted full approval and judged to be in substantial compliance with state regulations

Psychiatric Health Facility

The review of the PHF included:

- Admissions
- Buildings and Grounds
- Staffing
- Fiscal Condition

Psychiatric Health Facility – Recommendations

- Patient's Rights Advocate be fully engaged in all aspects of intake and transition of all clients
- Compile computerized records reviewing outcomes of clients
- Address staffing issues, including ability to recruit quality applicants, train and retain current staff, and provide competitive compensation
- Prepare detailed cost/benefit analysis to determine future utilization of the PHF, including funding model
Prepare a strategic work plan, an "operations manual/guide", and a methodology to monitor progress in meeting the clinical, operational and funding goals
- Perform annual financial assessment

South Lake Tahoe:

- Barton Memorial Hospital
- Psychiatric Emergency Services
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SLT – Recommendations

Open communication between Barton Hospital Staff, the Psychiatric Health Facility, and the Mental Health Department

- Utilize other options before resorting to a 5150 (please see report)
- Improved crisis line communication and access

What's Next

- 2008 Report – Follow-up
- Dual Diagnosis (Drug and Alcohol Dependencies with Mental Illness)
 - Current County Resources/Programs
 - Mental Health
 - Public Health
 - Patient Needs
 - Optimization of Resources
 - Is the County model working?
- Behavioral Health vs. Mental Health

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Questions
