

County of El Dorado

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Minutes

Mental Health Commission

Jim Abram, Chair, West Slope Council / Countywide

Denise Burke, Chair, Tahoe Council

Sue Novasel, Board of Supervisors Representative

*Michael Ranalli, Board of Supervisors Alternate
Representative*

Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice-Chair, Tahoe Council

Jan Melnicoe, Vice Chair, West Slope Council

Ben Ehrler, Secretary, Tahoe Council

Bonnie McLane, Secretary, West Slope Council

Dan Boals, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Steve Ehrler, Commissioner, Tahoe Council

Guadalupe Medrano, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Vacant, Commissioner, Tahoe Council

Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Norman Nester, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Stacy Bolton, Associate Member

Vacant (1) Commissioner, West Slope Council

Vacant (2) Associate Member

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

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

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

Associate Members: Stacy Bolton

Guests: Adam Clark, Ruth Loehr, Jeanne Nelson, Norma Santiago, Chris Stedeford, Marsha Ticas

HHSA Staff: Patricia Charles-Heathers, Angelina Larrigan, Sabrina Owen, Robert Price, Brandi Reid, Jamie Samboceti, Tami Smith

Present: 10 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Norman Nester

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, to adopt the agenda as written.

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Norman Nester

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne Nelson reported that she has written several articles in support of the Stepping Up Initiative, thanked Director Charles-Heathers and others for attending the recent forum, and stated that she would like to see the Mental Health Commission make this a priority this year.

Jamie Samboceti announced that Brandi Reid has accepted another position outside of HHSA and thanked her for her support to the Commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS

1. [17-0204](#) Approval of the January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe, seconded by Commissioner McLane, to approve the January 25, 2017 minutes as written.

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Norman Nester

2. [17-0208](#) Update on South Lake Tahoe Inter Facility Transfers (IFT)

Director Charles-Heathers advised that one ambulance from CSA 7 has been helping out in South Lake Tahoe as a short-term solution. She stated that there is a closed session item at the next Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss a long-term solution.

5:17 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Sue Novasel and Norman Nester

3. [17-0206](#) Update on BOS Behavioral Health presentation

Commissioner Abram provided an update and stated that he gave Lori Walker a summary of the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners as to the specific wording in the report. Commissioner Abram advised that he would make the recommended changes and send Lori Walker a revised copy.

Public Comment: Norma Santiago, Jeanne Nelson

4. [17-0221](#) Accessing Mental Health Services Discussion

Commissioner Abram stated that a presentation given last year by Jamie Samboceti had some great information about how one can access Behavioral Health services and thought it was important to share since this subject was raised at the meeting in January.

5. [17-0207](#) Update on Local County Mental Health Rehabilitation Center

Director Charles-Heathers stated that a walk through at a location suitable for a MHRC has been completed and she has been in discussions with Placer County and local hospitals about ways to partner in this effort.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson

6. [17-0210](#) Update on Restoration of Competency (ROC) Programs

Jamie Samboceti advised that one individual was restored to competency in the jail in less than 60 days and a second eligible individual has been identified. To date, no one has been identified who meets criteria for the Innovation project, Restoration of Competency in an Outpatient Setting.

Public Comment: Norma Santiago

7. [17-0212](#) Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Early Psychosis Program Update

Jamie Samboceti reported that FEP services on the WS are only being provided to one individual, but that the clinician is looking for more participants. Sabrina Owen reported that there are four individuals receiving FEP services in South Lake Tahoe, but they are losing one individual who doesn't want to engage in services at this time. She also advised that DBT is being provided in the schools and that they are working with the school counselors to identify individuals who may be in need of FSP services.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson

8. [17-0211](#) Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Update (AB 403)

Angelina Larrigan provided an update of CCR. She stated that she met with CWS to develop ideas on a process for development of the Child and Family Teams and that she will be meeting with providers later this week.

9. [17-0220](#) HHSA Service Integration Update

Director Charles-Heathers provided an update on service integration within HHSA and stated that she would like to have this item be on the agenda each month so that she can provide updates. There are going to be five systems of care, 1) Adult System of Care, 2) Children's System of Care, 3) Community Support Services, 4) Public Health, and 5) Administration and Financial Services. The goal is to have a seamless process for both adults and children to access services. She also advised that the Public Guardian and IHSS will be moving under Behavioral Health by June 2017 and that senior services will move under the adult system of care in 2018.

10. 17-0209**Questions and Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report**

Commissioner McLane asked if a new T-House will be needed now that the Spring Street T-House has closed. Jamie Samboceti stated that the ICM team is doing a great job stepping down clients and that there are openings at the other T-Houses.

Commissioner Clavere asked why there is no information regarding the PHF. Jamie Samboceti advised that Telecare has still not provided the reports, but that Telecare will provide back reports.

Commissioner Melnicoe asked about Behavioral Health staff oversight with the transition to a peer run Wellness Center. Jamie Samboceti stated that oversight of all volunteers in the Wellness Center will be provided by the Program Coordinator.

Commissioner Melnicoe asked if there were plans to have paid peer positions. Jamie Samboceti stated that this idea is being explored as a potential option in the new MHSA Three-Year Plan.

Commissioner Abram asked about AOT services for the three individuals identified. Jamie Samboceti stated that the BHD is working with law enforcement to make contact with these three individuals. A fourth application was received today and this individual will be assessed.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Boals stated that he is concerned that there isn't a financial incentive to keep all the beds at the PHF full. He also said that not allowing smoking at the PHF is a barrier for many individuals who need PHF services.

Commissioner Melnicoe stated that NAMI will be starting two classes in March: NAMI Basics on March 22, 2017 and NAMI Family-to-Family on March 28, 2017.

Commissioner Abram stated that the Ad Hoc committee to work on the Data Notebook will be meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 10:00 am. He also stated that other counties share this report with their BOS and he asked if the Commissioners thought this should be done here as well.

Commissioner Clavere provided an update on the jail intake procedures. He stated that he received most rather quickly, but that he has not received anything from CFMG. Commissioner Abram asked Commissioner Clavere to provide a written summary of his findings based on the information that he has received and that this item can be agendized for March.

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on March 22, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT