



County of El Dorado

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Minutes

Behavioral Health Commission

Dr. Richard Lynn, Chair - Term Expiration 11/16/2024

*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 12/07/2024

Vacant (10), Commissioner

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

5:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

5:09 P.M. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Staff Present:

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

Public Attendees:

Albert Niksa, Barry Harwell, Anna Gleason, Chris Stedeford, Craig Lomax, Kathi Guerrero, Lauryn Sumimoto

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Lomax spoke about the Suicide Prevention Plan and suicide statistics in El Dorado County. He was reminded that this Public Comment is relating to the Adoption of the Agenda, and that he will have the opportunity to comment on the Suicide Prevention Plan when that agenda item is heard.

Dr. Lynn made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Thomas provided a second.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ren Strong, Behavioral Health Program Manager, introduced Don Duval, Behavioral Health Administrative Analyst

1. [22-0150](#) Review and Approval of November 17, 2021, December 15, 2021 and December 29, 2021 minutes (10 minutes)

Attachments: [2021-11-17 Minute DRAFT](#)
[2021-12-15 Minute DRAFT](#)
[2021-12-29 Minute DRAFT](#)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Clavere noted that on Item 2 of the November 17, 2021 minutes, he abstained from the vote and requested that record be corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

Supervisor Thomas moved to approve the minutes with the change of the vote. Commissioner Santiago provided the second.

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

- 2. [22-0151](#) Discussion and Approval of the meeting format (Virtual/Hybrid) for February 16, 2022 meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission (5 minutes)

Behavioral Health Commission is recommending, as a result of ongoing concerns related to COVID-19, approve the following finding pursuant to Government Code subsection 54953(e)(3) in order to allow for the continued use of virtual or hybrid Behavioral Health Commission meetings as authorized under Assembly Bill 361: Pursuant to Government Code subsections 54953(e)(3)(A) and (e)(3)(B)(ii), the Behavioral Health Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the Governor's proclaimed state of emergency resulting from COVID-19 and finds that the El Dorado County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing, as documented in the September 30, 2021 "Public Health Officer's Recommendations for Safe Board and Commission Meetings During COVID-19 Pandemic."

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

Commissioner Santiago moved to approve the virtual meeting format for the February 16, 2022 meeting. Supervisor Thomas provided the second.

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

- 3. [22-0152](#) Ad Hoc Committee to provide an update on the progress of the completion of the 2021 Data Notebook (10 minutes)

Ren Strong, Behavioral Health Program Manager provided status update on the Data Notebook. Confirmed receipt of updated information from Behavioral Health Commission Ad Hoc Committee and information updated by Behavioral Health staff on Probation and Child Welfare; this information will be compiled by Behavioral Health staff and returned to Ad Hoc Committee for final review to be presented to the Commission for vote at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on February 16, 2022.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Santiago asked what the deadline is for submission of the Date Notebook to the State.

Staff responded that the deadline was November 30, 2021, it has been communicated to the State that the update is still in process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

- 4. [22-0153](#) Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee for 2022 Behavioral Health Commission officers (5 minutes)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commission Chair Lynn recommends himself as Vice Chair for South Lake Tahoe, Commissioner Thornburgh as Vice Chair for the West Slope, Commissioner Santiago as Commission Chair and Commissioner Hamilton as Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None.

Motion by Supervisor Thomas to accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Slate of Officers for 2022. Commissioner Lynn provided the second.

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

- 5. [22-0154](#) Election of 2022 Behavioral Health Commission officers (5 minutes)

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

Commissioner Santiago moves to elect the officers as presented in the Slate. Supervisor Thomas provided the second.

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

- 6. [22-0155](#) Behavioral Health staff to provide an update of the Suicide Prevention Plan (10 minutes)

Presentation by Ren Strong, Behavioral Health Program Manager, the Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan has been drafted and sent out for review and comment to Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Behavioral Health Director, Amy Haynes, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, the Suicide Prevention Workgroup lead, as well as the MHSOAC Striving for Zero contractors. Comments are due by January 28, 2022. Next steps are to review recommended changes and update as appropriate, recirculate the final draft; this plan includes a County-wide effort and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and comment.

The format of the Plan is set up to build the infrastructure, arrange for Prevention, Intervention and Postvention. When the Plan goes to the Board of Supervisors for final approval, the Division will be looking for approval to engage a Suicide Prevention Coordinator. The Plan also talks about establishing a Suicide Prevention Committee.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Lynn requested to review the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Clavere asked for clarification on if the Commission will approve this Plan before it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Santiago requested that the Suicide Prevention Plan be provided to the Commission at the February 16, 2022 meeting for review and discussion prior to the Plan be provided to the Board.

Supervisor Thomas acknowledges need to move promptly; requests that the Youth Commission be given the opportunity to review the plan.

Staff reported that this Plan is not slated to go to the Commission for Commission approval, but rather for review and comment. The timeline for taking the Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan to the Board of Supervisors was discussed, with the hope of bringing it to the Board in late March or early April.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anna Gleason, Summitview Child and Family Services, Inc. commented that she was part of the Suicide Prevention Plan workgroup, and the workgroup completed their Plan many months ago. She is anxious to see the Plan move to fruition.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Lomax thanked Commissioners and public for comment, and Division for work to develop the Plan. Would like to know how to move the Plan forward into action, as a working Plan, would like to see a Program Coordinator hired and in the community to be doing to work that will be helpful to the community.

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Santiago asked if there are processes in place that can be bolstered and provided in the community before the Plan is put in place.

Staff clarified that Suicide Prevention Network is providing services in the County, with significant work is being done in South Lake Tahoe.

7. [22-0156](#)

Behavioral Health staff to provide update on MHSA Community Program Planning Process meetings and survey statistics (10 minutes)

Attachments: [Survey Response Commission Presentation \(2\)](#)

Meredith Zanardi, MHSA Coordinator presented an overview of the MHSA Community Program Planning Process including the distribution and results of the public survey, as well as the MHSA process moving forward.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Santiago asked for clarification of the meaning of the public response of “Slow Response Time” in the Survey?

Staff responded that the Division requirement is that a consumer will receive their first service within 10 business days of the initial request for services.

Commissioner Clavere would like the Division to breakdown survey responses so that it can be easily determined what the public views as the largest needs in the communities

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMISSION COMMENT: None

8. [22-0157](#) Behavioral Health Director and Deputy Director to provide CalAIM presentation and overview (15 minutes)

Attachments: [CalAIM PowerPoint Presentation - EDC BH - 01.13](#)

Presentation by Amy Haynes, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health about CalAIM. CalAIM is a philosophical and system change of how Medi-Cal beneficiaries receive services in the State of California. CalAIM seeks to transform healthcare for Californians through Behavioral Health Delivery System transformations and Enhanced Care Management. The overall goal is to provide more integration in care.

Additional information provided by Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Director of Behavioral Health to summarize the changes and impact on Behavioral Health Services.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Santiago asked if CalAIM will help to fill some of the gaps in service, particularly to children.

Staff responded that there are parts of CalAIM that are intended to provide services more quickly by expanding criteria for eligibility for Specialty Mental Health Services; but Non-Specialty Mental Health Services are still delivered by Medi-Cal Fee For Service and Managed Care Providers.

Commissioner Clavere asked when someone is referred to the Managed Care Plan, does the consumer have to find that information on his or her own or will the County make that connection?

Staff responded that the County will assist in making the connection with the MCP or community providers.

Commissioner Santiago asked about the track for an individual with private insurance.

Staff responded that the County will assist the individual in locating the contact information for their own insurance carrier.

Commissioner Clavere requested the Division provide statistics on how many consumers receive their assessment for services by phone versus in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barry Harwell, Sierra Child and Family Services thanked staff overview of CalAIM, noted that criteria opens a door that has historically not been accessible to children and the model shows that children should not have to multiple locations to access services; he urges that those working on the MHSA plan and the Commission consider that the schools are a “go-to” option for where children should be able to access services.

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

- 9. [22-0158](#) Review/Discussion/Questions of the Behavioral Health Director's Report (15 minutes)

Attachments: [11-2021 Data Behavioral Health Division Update - 12-15-2021 \(1\)](#)
[12-2021 Data Behavioral Health Division Update - January 19, 2022](#)

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken provided an overview of the Behavioral Health Director’s Report. Called attention to the November data report to highlight that the Board of Supervisors approved a Limited Term Mental Health Worker position to work with the Caldor Fire recovery effort.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: Commissioner Clavere asked about the discussion in July meeting that the Penetration Rate be included in the monthly Division Report and noted that the data was included in the September and October reports, but does not see it in the current report provided.

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken responded that the Division has amended how the Penetration Rate information is detailed in the report and directed the Commission to find the information on page 4 of the report.

Supervisor Thomas expressed appreciation to the Division staff for going beyond in providing services in the Community.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Santiago thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve as the Commission Chair for 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENT: None

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken thanked the slate of outgoing and incoming officers for their service.

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING:
February 16, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.**

7:20 P.M. ADJOURNED