

County of El Dorado

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Minute Order 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

Lorraine Nordone Pond, Commissioner, Tahoe Council

Maria Quintero, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Stacy Bolton, Associate Member

Jane de Felice, Associate Member

Vacant (2) Commissioner's

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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

5:06 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

Guests: Michael Atwell, Brookes Blackburn, Deborah Carter, Joe Caulboy, Jacqueline Nelson, Jeanne Nelson, Norm Nester, Capt. Jackie Noren, Marsha Ticas

HHSA Staff: Don Ashton, Dee-Anna Bradley, Doris Jones, Sabrina Owen, Brandi Reid, Ren Scammon, Tami Smith

Present: 8 - Richard Lynn, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

Absent: 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Yes: 8 - Richard Lynn, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

Absent: 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5:14 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Richard Lynn, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

Absent: 5 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals and Maria Quintero

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. [15-1247](#) Approval of the September 23, 2015 meeting Minutes

Attachments: [09-23-15 MHC MINUTES - DRAFT.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn, seconded by Commissioner McLane, to approve the September 23, 2015 minutes as written.

5:22 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

Absent: 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals and Maria Quintero

2. [15-1285](#) Update on the County Strategic Plan Effort

Director Ashton provided the Commission with an update on the Countywide Strategic Plan. He encouraged everyone to take the Citizen Engagement Survey which closes on November 2, 2015.

3. [15-1286](#) Update on Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)

Director Ashton stated that Request for Proposal (RFP) for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) was submitted to the County's Purchasing Division last week and that it should be posted soon.

4. [15-1287](#) Update on the use of Psychotropic Medications in the County Jails

Director Ashton stated that a resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors a few weeks ago authorizing the use of psychotropic medications in the County jails. He stated that there will be a meeting next week to discuss implementation, but that it would likely be a few months until the implementation process is completed.

5. [15-1288](#) Update on the Crisis Intervention Team

Captain Noren provided an update to the Commission on the Crisis Intervention Training, status of grant funding, classes offered and the numbers of law enforcement and first responders trained.

6. [15-1248](#) Mental Health Division Presentation on Transitional Age Youth (TAY)

program and services

Attachments: [MH Commission - TAY Report.pdf](#)

[TAY - Brochure.pdf](#)

[TAY - Independence HS Flyer.pdf](#)

[TAY - SLT Flyer.pdf](#)

Sabrina Owen gave a presentation on the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) programs and services. There will be Dialectal Behavior Therapy (DBT) groups offered at Independence High School on the West Slope and at South Tahoe / Tallac High School in South Lake Tahoe. Handouts were provided to the meeting attendees.

5:45 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Maria Quintero

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe and Dan Boals

7. [15-1289](#) Selection of Mental Health Commission Members to Participate on Committees:

1. Nominating Committee
2. Membership Committee

Commissioner Abram asked for Commission members to volunteer to participate on the Nominating and Membership committees. The Nominating committee will include Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Melnicoe and the Membership committee will include Commissioner Abram, Commissioner McLane and Commissioner Pond. Terms expiring at the end of this year include:

*Jim Abram, Commissioner
Dr. Richard Lynn, Commissioner
Jan Melnicoe, Commissioner
Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner
Sue Novasel, Board of Supervisors Representative
Stacy Bolton, Associate Member
Jane de Felice, Associate Member*

Commissioner Abram stated that he will check and see if there is an application to be completed for current commissioners who would like to be reappointed. He asked that the committees report back to the Commission at the November meeting.

8. [15-1249](#) Questions / Comments on Mental Health Division Monthly Report

Attachments: [Mental Health Division Update 10-28-15 meeting.pdf](#)

Commissioner Burke asked about the homework requirement in order to attend the Wellness Center issue that she brought forward from a client last month. Sabrina Owen stated that homework is not required to attend the Wellness Center.

Commissioner Burke asked about the position change for Chandra Bomben, clinician in SLT. Sabrina Owen stated that she has moved from providing Intensive Case Management services to traditional services. She also advised that two new clinicians started this past Monday in SLT.

Commissioner Clavere asked about the PHF assaults. Director Ashton stated that the incidents involved the same two clients as in previous months. They are both on the waitlist for a bed at Napa State Hospital.

Commissioner Abram asked for an update on Behavioral Health Court. Sabrina Owen stated that it is still a work in progress and that they are working on making sure that the programs on both slopes mirror one another. She hopes to have the program in place after the first of the year.

Commissioner Abram asked about the status of the Patients' Rights Advocate position. Doris Jones advised that she is still working in that role and goes to the PHF daily. Director Ashton stated that the department is exploring some ideas and will report out at a later date.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Clavere stated that he received the information that he had requested regarding indirect costs from Lori Walker.

Commissioner Clavere asked about the final version of the 2015 Data Notebook. He stated that the collaboration between the commission and the mental health division was great, but he would like to have been presented with a final copy to review prior to the submission of the report. He requested an agenda item at the November meeting.

Commissioner Abram encouraged everyone to take the MHSA annual update survey before it closes on December 1, 2015. Commissioner Pond advised that she was encouraged to complete the survey by CASA El Dorado as a representative of the child. She asked if she could take the survey twice, once on behalf of the child for CASA and once as herself? Commissioner Abram advised that the survey is set up to allow for that.

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on November 18, 2015.

6:20 PM ADJOURNMENT