

County of El Dorado

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Minutes

Behavioral Health Commission

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Chair WS

Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice-Chair SLT

John Hidahl, Board of Supervisors Representative

Kathryn Hamilton, Commissioner

Jocelyn Lamb, Commissioner

Arturo Salazar, Commissioner

Henry Sandigo, Commissioner

Norma Santiago, Commissioner

Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner

Karis Holman, Commissioner

Vacant (5), Commissioner

Wednesday, February 27, 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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

Guests: Barry Harwell, Chris Stedeford, Debbie Reischel-Cree, Anna Gleason, Karissa Durbin, Jim Abram, Jeanne Nelson (via cell phone).

County Staff: Don Semon, Katy Eckert, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Strong, Heather Longo, Sabrina Owen, Paula Frantz, Brian Richart, Supervisor Lori Parlin

Commission Members Present: Steve Clavere, Richard Lynn, Arturo Salazar, Karis Holman, Supervisor John Hidahl, Debra Thornburgh, Kathryn Hamilton

Absent: Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, Norma Santiago

Present: 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and John Hidahl

Absent: 3 - Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Clavere proposed adjusting the agenda to discuss items 6 and 7 first.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hidahl, seconded by Vice Chair Salazar, to adopt the agenda with hearing items 6 and 7 first.

Yes: Steve Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Karis Holman, Supervisor John Hidahl, Debra Thornburgh, Kathryn Hamilton

Abstained: Richard Lynn

Absent: Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, Norma Santiago

Yes: 6 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman and John Hidahl

Absent: 3 - Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

Abstained: 1 - Richard Lynn

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Hidahl left the meeting at 5:19.

Commission Members Present: Steve Clavere, Richard Lynn, Arturo Salazar, Karis Holman, Debra Thornburgh, Kathryn Hamilton

Absent: Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, Norma Santiago, John Hidahl

Present: 6 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Kathryn Hamilton, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman and Richard Lynn

Absent: 4 - Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, Norma Santiago and John Hidahl

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Santiago arrived during item 6, at approximately 5:30.

Commission Members Present: Steve Clavere, Richard Lynn, Arturo Salazar, Karis Holman, Debra Thornburgh, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago

Absent: Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, John Hidahl

Present: 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman and Richard Lynn

Absent: 3 - Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb and John Hidahl

1. [19-0296](#) Approval of the January 23, 2019 Behavioral Health Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Holman, to approve the January 23, 2019 Behavioral Health Commission Minutes.

Yes: Steve Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Karis Holman, Norma Santiago, Debra Thornburgh, Kathryn Hamilton

Abstained: Richard Lynn

Absent: Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, John Hidahl

2. 19-0289 Election of 2019 Behavioral Health Commission Officers

The proposed 2019 Behavioral Health Commission Officers are:

*Steve Clavere, Chair
Arturo Salazar, Vice Chair West Slope
Richard Lynn, Vice Chair South Lake Tahoe
Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary*

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lynn, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to accept the proposed 2019 Behavioral Health Commission Officers.

Yes: Richard Lynn, Norma Santiago, Steve Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Karis Holman, Debra Thornburgh, Kathryn Hamilton

Absent: Henry Sandigo, Jocelyn Lamb, John Hidahl

3. 19-0290 Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Update

This item was reviewed with Agenda Item 4, "Network Adequacy Certification Tool" and with Item #5, "Department of Health Care Services System and Chart Review Update." Assistant Director Katy Eckert referred to a handout attached to the Agenda that outlines the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Update, as of February 20, 2019. Behavioral Health is still working with the State on the contract, and Behavioral Health is still working on some of the readiness review documents. We are still aiming for June as the "go-live" date.

4. 19-0291 Network Adequacy Certification Tool Update

This item was reviewed with Agenda Item 3, "Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Update" and with Item #5, "Department of Health Care Services System and Chart Review Update." There was no specific discussion on this item.

5. 19-0292 Department of Health Care Services System and Chart Review Update

This item was reviewed with Agenda Item 3, "Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Update" and with Item #4, "Network Adequacy Certification Tool." Commissioner Clavere reviewed the State's Protocol for the System and Chart Review and stated the requirements are daunting.

6. 19-0293 Stepping Up Initiative Progress Report

Chair Clavere called Item #6 first at the beginning of the meeting, prior to calling Items #1-5, due to the Chief Probation Officer being present to present Item #6.

Chief Probation Officer Brian Richart reviewed the six (6) steps or “modules” of the “Stepping Up Initiative” (“Initiative”). Currently, the leadership team is on Step (module) 2.

Step 1 – Organizational Development – establish leadership and working groups; identify a letter that states all involved agencies agree to the steps of the Initiative; present the Initiative to the Board of Supervisors; define “serious mental illness” for the purposes of the Stepping Up Initiative in El Dorado County.

Step 2 – Establish Timely Screenings in the Institution, which includes the Jail using a Brief Mental Health Survey.

While in Step 2, a grant opportunity was identified that if awarded, would allow hiring consultants to help with the Initiative. In October, the grant was awarded to HHSA, El Dorado Sheriff, and Probation. Due to the grant, work on the Stepping Up Initiative was paused. Professional consultants were identified in December. It is anticipated that the grant also will help create capacity for data analysis and may allow County Information Technologies to build a data warehouse, or the County could possibly purchase a data program. The grant went “live” in January.

Step 3 – Baseline data

Step 4 – Comprehensive process analyses

Step 5 – Prioritize Policy, practice, and funding

Step 6 – Track progress on the Initiative

Chief Richart also responded to questions regarding how the Brown Act applies to Stepping Up meetings, timeframes for accomplishing each step/module, and current challenges around sharing data between the entities involved in the Initiative.

7. 19-0294 Mental Health Rehabilitation Center / WS Juvenile Hall Closure Update

Chair Clavere called Item #7 as the second Item on the Agenda, prior to calling Items #1-5, due to the Chief Probation Officer being present to present Item #7.

Chief Probation Officer Brian Richart reported on the status of the changes in the West Slope Juvenile Hall and the Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe. Chief Richart reported he appeared before the Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2019 to request additional funding for continuation of construction of the new West Slope Juvenile Hall facility. The current West Slope facility will be vacant by July 1, 2019, and youth will be relocated to the Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe while the new West Slope facility is under construction. Chief Richart invited Commission members to tour the current Juvenile Hall facility so there is a clear understanding of what the facility looks like.

HHSA Director Don Semon added that Chief Administrative Officer Don Ashton will have meetings in March to brainstorm uses for the current Juvenile Hall building after July 1, 2019, and a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) is one possible use.

Commissioner Santiago requested data on how much is spent on housing Mental Health clients out-of-county.

Assistant Director Katy Eckert indicated that we have budget data on the amount of money spent on out-of-county placements, but the number is continually changing based on client needs and sometimes it is challenging to get a vacant bed. Additionally, there would be costs associated with operating the facility.

Commissioner Holman noted that if El Dorado County had an MHRC, other counties may want to pay to use our MHRC.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Abram supported converting the Juvenile Hall to a MHRC and believes there will be cost savings to the County in doing so.

Barry Harwell asked if there is consideration of keeping the facility for children's services.

8. 19-0295 Discuss Psychiatric Health Facility Discharge and Follow Up Procedures

Deputy Director Jamie Samboceti explained that Behavioral Health does not determine when discharges from the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) are made. If the individual is a current client of Behavioral Health, they are provided with an appointment at Behavioral Health within seven (7) days of discharge. Individuals who are not Behavioral Health clients can be assessed at the PHF and then provided with a follow-up appointment with Behavioral Health if they meet Specialty Mental Health Services criteria. If the individual is not assessed at the PHF, Behavioral Health offers walk-in assessments every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Diamond Springs, and by appointment in South Lake Tahoe. Clients also can refuse follow-up services.

Deputy Director Samboceti also indicated that Behavioral Health discusses procedures and issues on a regular basis with Telecare.

Commission Santiago asked about the provision of ongoing case management for individuals who decline Specialty Mental Health Services. Deputy Director Samboceti responded that the County cannot provide case management services to an individual who does not want services from the County, absent a court order.

Chair Clavere asked about clients who are gravely disabled. Assistant Director Eckert said that the individuals who are gravely disabled are likely Public Guardian clients. County Counsel Paula Frantz also said that individuals who are gravely disabled stay in the PHF. Regarding LPS conservatorships (Public Guardian clients), if the individual is going to be conservated, they have a right to trial. If they have a reasonable plan to access food, clothing and shelter, they are released from conservatorship. There was also discussion regarding 5250 Certification Hearings, many of which identify "Grave Disability" as a criteria for the involuntary hold extension.

There also was discussion about releases of information ("ROIs"). Once a ROI is revoked (either in writing or verbally), the treating provider cannot provide client-specific information, and a new release of information is required if the client wishes to again approve the release of information.

9. 19-0297 Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment (HMIOT) Program (\$100,000) Grant Update

Assistant Director Katy Eckert stated that the grant is to provide housing supports for individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This is one-time funding to build permanency (i.e., not winter shelter). Behavioral Health will manage the funding, and it is awaiting direction from the State about how to access the funds and what data the State requires to be tracked.

10. [19-0298](#) Review and Approve Data Notebook for Submission to California Mental Health Planning Council
Assistant Director Katy Eckert said Behavioral Health would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Behavioral Health Commission Ad Hoc Committee to review the Data Notebook together. County Counsel Paula Frantz indicated that contracted service providers can provide input on the Data Notebook, but Commissioners who are not a part of the Ad Hoc Committee, cannot provide input except at a public meeting. It was agreed that contracted service providers will email HHSA Staff Heather Longo their input. Kathryn Hamilton was added to the Ad Hoc Committee. Another meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will be scheduled.

11. [19-0299](#) Discuss Behavioral Health Commission Semi-Annual Report to Board Of Supervisors
Chair Clavere would like to submit the Semi-Annual Report via a "receive and file" to the Board of Supervisors.

12. [19-0300](#) Questions / Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report
Chair Clavere noted the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is at 89% capacity.
Assistant Director Katy Eckert said that Behavioral Health meets monthly with Telecare and Ren Strong, Program Manager, is at the PHF at least twice per week.
Commissioner Hamilton would like data in the Division Report to be separated adults vs children.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

DETERMINE NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next Behavioral Health Commission meeting will be held March 27, 2019 at 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT - 7:25 PM