

Minutes

Behavioral Health Commission

Arturo Salazar, Chair - Term Expiration 02/23/2024  
Dr. Stephen Clavere, Vice-Chair WS - Term Expiration  
01/01/2023

Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice-Chair SLT - Term Expiration 12/03/2021  
Wendy Thomas, Board of Supervisors Representative - Term  
Expiration 01/01/2022

Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary - Term Expiration 08/13/2021  
Henry Sandigo, Commissioner - Term Expiration 03/16/2024  
Norma Santiago, Commissioner - Term Expiration 10/30/2021  
Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 01/01/2022  
Karis Holman, Commissioner - Term Expiration 01/01/2022  
Vacant (7), Commissioner

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

5:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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5:05 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

Staff Present

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Heather Longo, Ren Strong, Amy Haynes, Paula Frantz

Public Attendees: Barry Harwell, Jean Bauwens, Jessica Matthews, Karen Cross, Chris Stedeford, Nicky Saint, Craig Lomax, Anna Gleason, and April Flores

Present: 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 2 - Kathryn Hamilton and Debra Thornburgh

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Santiago made a motion to adopt the Agenda; Commissioner Clavere provided a second.

Yes: 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 2 - Kathryn Hamilton and Debra Thornburgh

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Lomax thanked the MHSA Team for getting back to him and answering his questions from last Behavioral Health meeting. However, he would like a timeline for implementing the Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan.

5:11 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 1 - Debra Thornburgh

## 5:11 PM PUBLIC HEARING

1. [21-0823](#) Public Hearing for the El Dorado County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY 2021/22 Annual Update to the Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan Fiscal Years 2020/21-2022/23 (30 minutes).

Heather Longo, MHSA Coordinator, presented an overview of the purpose of the Public Hearing and she reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Update to include the Community Program Planning Process, legislative updates, and each MHSA component (new/modified/discontinued projects).

Public Comment: Various members of the public made comments relative to the following: There should not be a transfer of funds from Community Services and Supports to Capital Facilities and Technology Needs or Workforce Education and Training; the services associated with a Request for Proposal; a clerical error that omitted including Summitview Child and Family Services as a provider of Full Service Partnership services, and requests to expand the Student Wellness Center to elementary and middle schools.

The Public Hearing ended at 5:25 PM

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [21-0825](#) Discussion of the El Dorado County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY 2021/22 Annual Update and Recommendations to be made to the Board of Supervisors (20 minutes)

Individual Commissioners made recommendations, including clarifying the Mental Health First Aid language; increasing the LGBTQIA and Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan budgets; decreasing the "Prevention Wraparound Services" project and the "Partnership between Senior Nutrition and Behavioral Health" budgets; discontinue the "Expressive Therapies" project; do not transfer funds from Community Services and Supports to other components; use Fund Balances for services; and fund a Student Wellness Center on a middle school campus.

Public Comment: None

3. [21-0826](#) Review/Approve of the April 21, 2021 Behavioral Health Commission Minutes (5 minutes)

Commissioner Clavere requested adding the following to Item #3 on the April 21, 2021 Minutes: "The Behavioral Health Commission then reviews the adopted Update." This sentence should be placed as the final sentence in paragraph two of those Minutes.

Commissioner Clavere made a motion to adopt the Minutes with this edit; Commissioner Santiago provided a second.

Public Comment: None

**Yes:** 8 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**Absent:** 1 - Debra Thornburgh

4. [21-0827](#) Discussion/Approve the schedule for EDC Behavioral Health Commission to change to in-person and/or hybrid (in-person and virtual) meetings (10 minutes)

**Commissioners asked clarifying questions and provided feedback on the benefits of meeting virtually.**

**Behavioral Health staff provided information on room capacities and technology available in those meeting rooms.**

**Commissioner Holman made a motion to have the June Commission meeting via a hybrid model; Commissioner Santiago provided a second.**

**Public Comment: None**

**Yes:** 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman and Wendy Thomas

**Absent:** 1 - Debra Thornburgh

**Abstained:** 1 - Richard Lynn

5. [21-0828](#) Discussion/Update on IDEA Assessment Report (5 minutes)

**Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken provided a summary of the next steps for the IDEA Assessment. Many of the findings of the assessment report align with the budget shortfall. The Behavioral Health Division would like to propose a joint presentation at the June Commission meeting from Don Semon, Nancy Callahan, and Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken to further highlight how the assessment report identifies issues that contribute to the current budget shortfall and how the recommendations will support Behavioral Health in moving forward towards greater financial stability, improved operations, and improved services for clients.**

**Commissioners asked if the full report could be sent to the Commission prior to the posting in Legistar to allow for time to review the report. Supervisor Thomas supported a presentation in June.**

**Public Comment: Shaundra Crane with Marshall Medical Center asked if the publication can be made available early for providers.**

6. [21-0829](#) Discussion/Update on El Dorado County Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan (5 minutes)

**Commissioner Salazar asked when the Plan would be brought before the Behavioral Health Commission.**

**Behavioral Health staff provided an overview of the timeline for implementation.**

7:00 PM ROLL CALL

- Present:** 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas
- Absent:** 2 - Henry Sandigo and Debra Thornburgh

7. [21-0830](#) Discussion/Update on the EQRO for Substance Abuse Disorder Services and Providers (10 minutes)

**This item has been continued until the next meeting.**

**Commissioner Clavere made a motion to continue this item to the next meeting; Commissioner Lynn provided a second.**

- Yes:** 7 - Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Kathryn Hamilton, Norma Santiago, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

- Absent:** 2 - Henry Sandigo and Debra Thornburgh

8. [21-0831](#) Review/Discussion/Questions on the Behavioral Health Director's Report (5 minutes)

**Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken provided an overview of the monthly report, including highlighting the Mental Health Month at the Board of Supervisors; New Morning Youth and Family Services certification for their substance use treatment services expired; Summitview will only continue operating the Adult Residential Treatment Facility (ARF) for fiscal year 2021; new hires within Behavioral Health; and updates from the psychiatric health facility.**

**Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding Behavioral Health staffing vacancies, the data related to grievances, what happened to clients who were being served by New Morning Youth and Family Services during the time that the certification lapsed, and South Lake Tahoe staffing.**

**Public Comment: None**

7:21 PM ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Clavere reminded the Chair that the Bylaws state they have to meet 10 times per year.**

**NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2021 at 5 p.m.**

**ADJOURNED: 7:21 PM**