

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
John Hidahl, 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
Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Guadalupe Medrano, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Norman Nester, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Stacy Bolton, Associate Member
Vacant (1), Commissioner, Tahoe Council
Vacant (1) Commissioner, West Slope Council

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

Associate Members: Stacy Bolton

Guests: Kathy Guerrero - First 5, Asha George - Telecare, Barry Harwell - Sierra Child and Family Services, Adam Clark, Charlie Moore, Marsha Ticas, Jeanne Nelson - NAMI

HHSA Staff: Patricia Charles-Heathers, Katy Eckert, Jamie Samboceti, Angelina Larrigan, Ren Scammon, Lynnann Svensson, Amber Burget, Karen Naegli, Tami Smith

Present: 9 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

Absent: 5 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

None

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to adopt the agenda as re-ordered.

Yes: 9 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

Absent: 5 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Charles-Heathers welcomed new Assistant Director, Katy Eckert, who will be over all of the Adult System of Care, including Adult Services in the Behavioral Health Division, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services and Public Guardian. Katy will also be the County's Public Guardian.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. [17-0308](#) Approval of the February 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [02-22-2017 MINUTES DRAFT](#)

None

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to approve the February 22, 2017 minutes as written.

Yes: 9 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

Absent: 5 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

2. [17-0310](#) Mental Health Commission Annual Report for Calendar Year 2016

Attachments: [MHC Annual Report 2016](#)

Chair Abram reported that the Annual Report will be presented to Board of Supervisors on May 9, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to approve the Mental Health Commission Annual Report for Calendar Year 2016 as written.

Yes: 9 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

Absent: 5 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

7. [17-0337](#) Telecare Corp. 2016 Annual Report for the El Dorado County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)

Attachments: [PHF Telecare 2016 Annual Report](#)

Asha George, Telecare Corporation, presented the 2016 Annual Report for operation of the El Dorado County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). Asha responded to questions from the Commission and the public. Asha recognized that medication errors were higher in 2016, but it is likely due to the implementation of a new reporting database. The use of "blocked bed" was discussed, and it was explained that they are used when it is not safe for a highly psychotic patient to have a roommate. The PHF has 16 beds and 8 rooms, with one room having only one bed, and another room having three beds. Commission Clavere requested a copy of the policy on blocked beds. A discussion occurred regarding the low daily census and how admission decisions are made. The PHF has faced several challenges, including several changes in administrators, changes in psychiatrists, and a change in Director of Nursing. A suggestion was made for more community education regarding the purpose of the PFH and its capabilities. Commission Abram asked how the PHF and the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) are

collaborating regarding Assisted Outpatient Treatment. Jamie Samboceti, Deputy Director for the BHD explained that the BHD's Access Team works closely with the PHF to identify potential AOT referrals.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson - Would like to see more historical data in a chart format, would like to see the number of medical record denials, and would like the Grievance and Authorization for Request for Information forms posted on Telecare's website.

Received and Filed

10. [17-0325](#) Review 2016 Data Notebook and Approve for Submittal

Attachments: [2016 Data Notebook DRAFT](#)

The Commission's Data Notebook Ad Hoc Committee met with Brandi Reid to complete. Commissioner Melnicoe thanked Brandi for her assistance in completing the Notebook. The information in the Notebook is general in nature and does not reflect the complete discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee. Supervisor Novasel suggested a 2-3 page summary would be helpful for presentation to Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment:

Barry Harwell commented that providers were not included as part of this report and that the answers would be different, had they been. Chair Jim Abram clarified that this report was based more on MHSA-funded programs, but the providers could be included next year.

Jeanne Nelson added that they could add in red what isn't working and include what was said at tonight's meeting. Jim stated there isn't enough time; it must be approved tonight to meet the due date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to approve the Data Notebook with the following change: Page 51, item (a), a checkmark should be placed next to "Data Notebook placed on Agenda and discussed at Board meeting".

Yes: 9 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

Absent: 5 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

4. [17-0312](#) Formation of MHSA Three Year Plan (Starting FY 2017-18) Ad Hoc Review Committee

The Commission formed the MHSA Three Year Plan (Starting FY 2017-18) Ad Hoc Review Committee, which will consist of Craig Therikildsen, Steve Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Jim Abram, and Barry Harwell.

Approved

3. [17-0311](#) Update on Upcoming MHSA Three-Year Plan Draft

Ren Scammon, Program Manager, provided an update on the status of the MHSA Three-Year Plan and noted that the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) complimented the BHD for the Community Planning Process. It is anticipated that the 30-day comment period on the Draft MHSA Three-Year Plan would be mid-April to mid-May, and the public hearing would be requested for the May 24 Mental Health

Commission meeting.

The Mental Health Commission requested more involvement in the MHSA process, including being able to review the draft of the MHSA Three-Year Plan before it is released for the 30-day comment period. Ren would review the regulations and share that information with the Commission.

Received and Filed

6:07 PM ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Richard Lynn, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester
- Absent:** 8 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

5. [17-0313](#) Update on the MHSA Innovation "Community-Based Engagement and Support Services Project"

Lynnan Svensson, Program Manager for Public Health Nursing, and Kathi Guerrero, Executive Director of First5 El Dorado, provided an update on the Innovation Project "Community-Based Engagement and Support Services Project". The project is in the start-up stage, with a focus on hiring staff and developing outreach materials, including the development of a social media presence.

Received and Filed

6. [17-0314](#) El Dorado County Jail Mental Health Screening Policies and Procedures

Attachments: [Jail P&P Update](#)

Commission Clavere provided an update on the status of the Jail policies and procedures review. Commissioner Clavere will provide Chair Abram with notice when this topic should return to the agenda.

Received and Filed

8. [17-0317](#) AB403 (Stone) Continuum of Care Reform Update

Jamie Samboceti, Deputy Director, provided an update on the status of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). Counties continue to await guidance from the State regarding implementation of CCR. Child Welfare Services in El Dorado County is prepared to move forward with Child and Family Teams (CFTs) once guidance is received from the State. The monthly placement rate for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) has been established by the State at approximately \$12,036 per month per child. This does not include the provision or cost of Specialty Mental Health Services.

Received and Filed

9. [17-0316](#) Update on Health and Human Services Agency's Service Integration

Director Charles-Heathers provided an update on the Service Integration. The Agency continues to move forward with establishing both the Adult System of Care and the Children's System of Care. New Assistant Director, Katy Eckert, will play a key role in the Adult System of Care, which will initially include Behavioral Health (Adult Services), Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services and Public Guardian. Director

Charles-Heathers requested this topic be an ongoing agenda item for the Mental Health Commission.

Received and Filed

11. [17-0318](#) Questions and Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

Attachments: [BHD Monthly Update February 2017](#)

None

Received and Filed

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:15 pm on April 26, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT