



LATE DISTRIBUTION 4-28-14

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

**Fw: Fwd: Fw: 14-0517**

1 message

**scott.fisher@edcgov.us** <scott.fisher@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 12:43 PM

To: [bosfive@edcgov.us](mailto:bosfive@edcgov.us), [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us)

Cc: Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Cheree Haffner <cheree.haffner@edcgov.us>,

Hello,

I have the same scheduling concerns stated in this e-mail from Robert Bloom.

I would also add that my wife and I have resided in El Dorado county, in this district, for 30 years, my daughter for 20. My concerns about this topic are many fold, some as simple as, "if they can do it, why can't we", to seeing money bleed out of the county by contracting to business outside the county. I am a firm believer that if a local company cannot provide the services, then the county should. In both cases, money from the tax payer is more likely spent in the community, which strengthens its economy.

I would be more inclined to explore the idea of moving the PHF to a more central location in the county and combining it with other 24 hour services, such as Sheriff, Fire, and Crisis, so that we can serve a wider area of the county more expediently, and possibly combining the labor and building costs to make it efficient.

I would also add that I would not work for an entity that does not have PERs, or trust that our ER and sheriff will not be adversely affected by a company ran to serve profit, over the needs of the community. Also some quick explorations suggest that counties with contracted PHF's have crisis residential treatment programs ran by their county. I for one would like to know the reason for this, even though I believe they are a good program to have, if you can run them efficiently.

Thank you

Scott Fisher

RECEIVED  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EL DORADO COUNTY

2014 APR 28 PM 1:03

**LATE DISTRIBUTION 4-28-14**

Date: April 26, 2014

**TO:** The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Margaret McKay, Mental Health Clinical Nurse--Psychiatric Health Facility  
**SUBJECT:** Psychiatric Health Facility

I am writing to you on behalf of the mental health recipients of our county as well as our state.

Five months ago I was chosen for the position of Mental Health Clinical Nurse for the El Dorado County PHF. I have had the opportunity to provide care for our mental health consumers directly in the PHF while having the pleasure of working along side some of the most talented, brave and dedicated staff that you will find in this area of service. While I am acutely aware that well defined and realistic safety plans must be in place for our staff providing this service, I am very concerned about the future of this program in terms of the impact privatization will most certainly have on the care of the individuals that we serve in this community. I am also humbled by the reality that either myself or my loved ones could someday need these mental health services.

Financial concerns will always be at the root of very important decisions that are made in every day life. This is of a humane and ethical concern that I am writing to you and those of you that must make such important decisions.

After spending 24.5 years in N.Y.S. public mental health service, I relocated to the Sacramento region 8 years ago and immediately began working for a private and (for profit) mental health facility as a Registered (Psychiatric) Nurse. Although I continued to provide the best care that was possible to our patients, there were many issues that continued to surface that would stand in the way of even the most basic services rendered. One very simple example; client's personal hygiene products, underwear, socks, personal care products and the milieu environment itself had many limits as supply orders and staffing levels were scrutinized by accountants. Imagine spending time with a depressed client, encouraging them to take important self-esteem building steps to personal grooming and later telling that client that you are unable to provide

even one feminine hygiene product. On the first day at the PHF I was so very impressed and relieved that the clients here at the PHF would not ever need for these very basic tools that we so often take for granted.

Staffing in the private sector was limited to the number of patients on the unit. A unit with 16 patients for example would be absolutely restricted to no more than 3 (total) staff available. The dangers of these situations with the potential for patient and or staff injury was always imminent as even with 2-3 pending admissions on the way, there would not be a change in the staffing available. I realized first hand, the huge difference between a community based, public mental health service and the profit building mission of private providers.

Please consider that there can only be a positive outcome with our county's continued commitment to Inpatient as well as Outpatient mental health services. As you have already noticed, the success of this PHF is... and only can be greater as we continue our community commitment to mental health.

Respectfully,

Margaret E McKay RN



RECEIVED  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EL DORADO COUNTY

2014 APR 28 PM 1:07

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

To the 'Board of Supervisors' that are deciding the fate of the most innocent of their constituents.

Yet another place of hope falls prey to corporate ambitions.

A psychiatric hospital cannot bring a patient back from self destruction in the time allowed by a corporation.

'Corporations are not people' that will care about individuals.

No matter what they will tell you to acquire your business, their business is THE BOTTOM LINE.

The individuals that will profit from the business are the only individuals that the corporation cares about.

You, the 'Board of Supervisors' have been placed in this position to protect constituents, all of your constituents.

You are the champions we have chosen to battle those who are trying to do us harm.

The constituents under your care with mental illness are more than you know. Your sons or daughters or their sons or daughters could be battling a condition alone right now. Very soon they may need the loving care that only a NOT FOR PROFIT hospital can provide.

It may look like this psychiatric hospital is just a drain on the county funds, but in fact this place is a focus of pride for the county.

This psychiatric hospital is filled with heroes that protect the most innocent of your constituents , on a daily bases.

These miracle workers care for the tortured souls of mental illness. These poor souls are not kicked out of this hospital because it makes good financial sense. These poor souls are released when they can rejoin society SAFELY.

Your decision to close this 'NOT FOR PROFIT' hospital should be unanimous as lives are at stake. To condemn a tortured soul to the to a merciless, 'FOR PROFIT' hospital, is unforgivable.

This decision must not be made for financial sense alone.

This decision must be made with compassion.

I am Lonnie Raymond Smith, from Camino Ca. consumer of mental health services since 1995. I wound up sitting in the middle of the road in front of the Gospel Mission in Sacramento Ca. I was waiting for a truck to run me over, for I had no reason left to live.

A nice officer of the law picked me up and took me to a NOT FOR PROFIT HOSPITAL.

I found out in 1995 I had a hyper manic condition since birth. This condition had impeded my development all my life.

These people were and will always be HEROES to me and so many others.

Please be our HEROES and protect us from the faceless  
VILLAINS that is FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS.

Sincerely Lonnie Raymond Smith, author of the trilogy, 'A child  
of Heaven and one of Hell'.

Lonnie Raymond Smith, E-mail [childrenofthelost@yahoo.com](mailto:childrenofthelost@yahoo.com)  
Phone number (530) 303-3188

 4/28/14



## LATE DISTRIBUTION 4-28-14

Marcie MacFarland &lt;marcie.macfarland@edcgov.us&gt;

---

Item 32 on 4/29/14

1 message

---

Marcie MacFarland <marcie.macfarland@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 8:35 AM

To: The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE  
<bosthree@edcgov.us>, The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>, The BOSFIVE <bosfive@edcgov.us>

I received a phone call this morning with a request to postpone this item. The woman did not want to leave her name but stated her reasons as:

- 1) She feels the public did not have adequate time to prepare for this; and
- 2) It is not in the clients/patients best interest.

—

Marcie MacFarland, Deputy Clerk II  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
(530) 621-6687  
marcie.macfarland@edcgov.us





EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

1 message

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Jim Mitrison  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of El Dorado  
Ph. 530.621.5390 Main  
Ph. 530.621.5592 Direct  
Email [jim.mitrison@edcgov.us](mailto:jim.mitrison@edcgov.us)

Cc: "cheree.haffner@edcgov.us" <cheree.haffner@edcgov.us>, "kathy.witherow@edcgov.us" <kathy.witherow@edcgov.us>, "Donald.ashton@edcgov.us" <Donald.ashton@edcgov.us>

**Subject:** 14-0517

Many staff members have expressed interest in addressing the Board on this issue but cannot as it is not scheduled for a particular time and they don't have the luxury of taking a day off from work to wait for their opportunity to address the Board. If the item were scheduled, it would give more interested individuals an opportunity to speak. Is it possible to schedule a time for this issue or postpone the issue to a meeting where it could be scheduled.

BOS Rcvd 4-28-14 Page 1 of 2

Robert Bloom  
robert.bloom@edc.gov.us

NOTICE: This e-mail and any files transmitted with it may contain confidential information, and are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. Any retransmission, dissemination or other use of the information by persons other than the intended recipient or entity is prohibited.

If you receive this e-mail in error please contact the sender by return e-mail and delete the material from your system.

Thank you.