



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

*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

Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Norman Nester, Associate Member

Stacy Bolton, Associate Member

Vacant (2) Commissioner, West Slope Council

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

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: Norman Nester

Guests: Lori Borrelli, Barry Harwell, Ken Holtz, Jeanne Nelson, Marsha Ticas

HHSA Staff: Don Ashton, Dee-Anna Bradley, Patricia Charles-Heathers, Sabrina Owen, Brandi Reid, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Scammon, Lori Walker, Alexis Zoss

Present: 11 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Sue Novasel

Absent: 3 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Yes: 11 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Sue Novasel

Absent: 3 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Holtz expressed his support for the implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment.

5:08 PM ROLL CALL

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Present: 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Jan Melnicoe

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **16-0427** Approval of the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Therkildsen, to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes as written.

Yes: 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Jan Melnicoe

2. **16-0432** Chairman's Report: Two West Slope Commission Seat Vacancies

Commissioner Abram reported that there are two West Slope Commission seat vacancies and that the notice has been posted.

3. **16-0433** Recommendation by Commissioner Abram that the Board of Supervisors appoint Norman Nester as a new Commission Member, West Slope.

Commissioner Abram stated that he will make the appointment recommendation for the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 3, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abram, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to appoint Associate Member Norman Nester to the full Mental Health Commission on the West Slope.

Yes: 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Jan Melnicoe

4. 16-0428 Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Update and Discussion

Commissioner Abram provided an update to the Commission on the status of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program. Director Ashton explained the challenge in implementing the program immediately due to not having a position allocated in the current budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abram, seconded by Commissioner Lynn, requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Health and Human Services Agency to immediately add the appropriate position allocation needed to implement a working Assisted Outpatient Treatment program, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 25, 2015, Resolution 141-2015.

Yes: 11 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Jan Melnicoe

Abstained: 1 - Sue Novasel

5. 16-0434 2015 Mental Health Commission Annual Report

Commissioner Abram provided a draft copy of the 2015 Mental Health Commission Annual Report. He stated that he would like to add the motion just approved for Assisted Outpatient Treatment to the last page of the document.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Pond, to recommend presenting the 2015 Mental Health Commission Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors with the addition of the motion for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment request for position allocation.

Yes: 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Jan Melnicoe

6. 16-0435 MHSA Ad Hoc Committee Update

Commissioner Clavere summarized the findings from the MHSA Ad Hoc committee. Some issues from the committee included outdated and lack of outcomes data. In general, the committee did not agree with the proposed increases to the CSS and PEI children's programs. Director Ashton advised that the committee needs to provide a written recommendation to be considered as part of the the 30-day public comment process. Supervisor Novasel asked if a link to the MHSA Plan, once finalized and approved, could be added to the WellDorado website.

7. 16-0436 Membership Committee Discussion and Request for Members

Commissioner Abram stated that the membership committee is looking for additional members. Commissioners Medrano and Pond volunteered to participate, along with current members, Commissioners Abram and McLane.

8. 16-0437 Indirect Cost Committee Update

Commissioner Clavere stated that there wasn't much to report out at this point. He is looking for information on how indirect and administrative costs were calculated for FY 2014-15, what the breakdown is between traditional mental health programs and MHSA programs, what is the indirect percentage rate, and what the allocated costs are to each program. Director Ashton stated that budget staff could provide a presentation on this along with the budget items being presented at the next meeting.

9. 16-0431 Recommendation that the Mental Health Commission receive a verbal presentation from Barry Harwell, Executive Director of Sierra Child and Family Services, regarding the April 4, 2016, letter from the California Alliance of Child and Family Services to the State Department of Finance.

Barry Harwell, Executive Director of Sierra Child and Family Services, provided information to the Commission regarding two letters from the California Alliance of Child and Family Services and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) with respect to the 2016-17 state budget and implementation issues for children's mental health services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abram, seconded by Commissioner Pond, to have the Commission write letters that support the concepts presented in the two letters from the California Alliance of Child and Family Services and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA).

Yes: 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Jan Melnicoe

10. 16-0430 Presentation by HHSA and Barry Harwell from Sierra Children and Family Services on the impact of AB403 (Stone).

Barry Harwell, Executive Director of Sierra Child and Family Services, provided the Commission with a presentation and answered questions regarding AB403 (Stone) and the impact that it will have on children's mental health services.

The Commission formed a new Ad Hoc committee to work with and address issues relating to AB 403. Commissioners Boals, Heil-Blackburn and Nester asked to be added to the committee, along with a request to add Commissioner Melnicoe and representatives from Sierra Child and Family Services, Summitview Child and Family Services and Lilliput Children's Services to participate on the Ad Hoc committee.

11. 16-0429**Questions / Comments on Mental Health Division Monthly Report**

Commissioner Abram commented about the 120 out of county placements and the need for an in county facility.

Director Ashton advised that he signed the contract yesterday for the after hours crisis services, but that no one has been identified to work in South Lake Tahoe yet.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Abram advised that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and invited all the Commissioners to attend the May 17, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting.

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 pm on May 25, 2016 for the public hearing of the El Dorado County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Draft Fiscal Year 2016-17 Plan Update.

7:30 PM ADJOURNMENT