



**DORADO COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

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**HHSA Behavioral Health BOS Presentation**

Friday, January 13, 2017 - 10:00am

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Representatives Present: HHSA, Marshall Hospital, Sheriff, Mental Health Commission

Representatives Absent: Probation, Barton Hospital

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**Goal of Presentation**

Educate BOS on the impact and issues of the Behavioral Health Department. We want to discuss high client needs, client acuity, system impacts and how can the County support the Behavioral Health System in the future.

**Patricia to open the BOS workshop to set the tone and establish the goal of the presentation.**

**A. Areas of Focus**

- a. What is included in Behavioral Health?
  - i. Mental Health Services
  - ii. Alcohol Drug Programs

**HHSA – Jamie will lead this part of the discussion during the presentation.**

- b. Growing need at the National level

**Brian Jensen will lead this part of the discussion to include a broader topic range. Discussion to include the changing environment of behavioral health at the regional and national level. Brian mentioned giving some examples of other Counties trends in relation to MH issues.**

- c. Challenges of a Rural County
  - i. Client hesitancy to seek help
  - ii. Geography
  - iii. Capacity
  - iv. Availability of Providers

**The group had a substantial conversation regarding the challenges of a rural community. Additional challenges that were not listed included gap in psychiatry services, insufficient transportation resources, and insufficient technological resources.**

**HHSA – Jamie will take the lead in this part of the discussion. Other members of the presentation team to provide input if they have examples of challenges.**

- d. Impact on Community Partners
  - i. Jail Services
  - ii. Probation
  - iii. Hospital ER (holds, rights, privacy, public safety, suicide prevention)
  - iv. Homelessness

**The team had a substantial conversation regarding the impact on Community Partners. We decided to change the list to be more categorical as opposed to a department or partner list. The categories are:**

- 1. Healthcare System Impacts – Lead by Marshall and Barton**
- 2. Law Enforcement – Lead by Sheriff**
- 3. Public Safety and Homelessness – Lead by Brian Jensen**
- 4. Economic Health and Wellness – Lead by Jamie**
- 5. Community Development and Quality of Life – Lead by Jamie**

**The team discussed using visual diagram to show the correlation between each category to the health and wellness of a client. All categories impact each other and the clients we serve.**

**With respect to the economic health and wellness and community development, there was discussion regarding illuminating the comparison of El Dorado County to Placer County by giving examples of geography and economic health.**

- e. What exists currently and how are things being done?
  - i. Benefits to other systems (housing, emergency room, jail services, probation and hospitals.)
  - ii. Lack of adequate funding

**Jamie will take the lead on discussing what is currently being done in our County. There was discussion regarding increased partner collaboration as a benefit to the system.**

**Discussion regarding lack of adequate funding included State unfunded mandates and the volatility of MHSA funding based on the millionaire's tax.**

**Jim with the Mental Health Commission, will be discussing the presentation with the MHC at their meeting on January 24 to determine the best place for them to contribute to the conversation.**

- f. What we can do differently
  - i. Coordination and integration of services
    1. Healthy Community Strategic Plan Objectives
    2. Community Health Hubs
    3. HHSA Service Integration
  - ii. Whole Person Care
  - iii. Financial Impact
  - iv. Delivery System Reform Initiatives in Medi-Cal
    1. Whole Person Care Pilots
    2. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver

**The team discussion included having a global wrap-up of the workshop. Jamie will take the lead on coordination and integration of services from the HHSA perspective. The County needs to determine what changes to the system will have the largest impact on the community health and wellness. With so many changes taking place at the State and Federal level, there was a need to discuss the future state of affairs and the impact if the system does not change. The team felt we needed to reiterate to the BOS, that if we keep the system at the status quo, the problem will only get worse.**