



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
Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Guadalupe Medrano, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Norman Nester, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Craig Therikildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council
Stacy Bolton, Associate Member
Vacant (2), Commissioner, Tahoe Council
Vacant (1) Commissioner, West Slope Council

Wednesday, July 26, 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

5:04 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

Guests: Barry Harwell, Jackie Noren, Charlotte Weatherford, Shawn Allan, Arturo Salazar, Jeanne Nelson, Marsha Ticas, Ruth Loehr, Norma Santiago, Felicia Walker

HHSA Staff: Ren Scammon, Parivash Mottaghian, Tami Smith, Jamie Samboceti, Katy Eckert, Angelina Larrigan, Sabrina Owen, Dr. Robert Price, Patricia Charles-Heathers

Present: 9 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Ben Ehrler and Norman Nester

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Yes: 9 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Ben Ehrler and Norman Nester

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne Nelson thanked law enforcement on the West Slope for the partnership with the Behavioral Health Division for mobile support.

5:07 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Ben Ehrler and Norman Nester

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. 17-0822 Approval of the June 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to correct the minutes to remove Henry Sandigo's name and replace with Steven Dambeck (Agenda Item 9), and to adopt the minutes with those changes.

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Ben Ehrler and Norman Nester

2. 17-0802 Presentation by Sierra Child and Family Services

Barry Harwell presented the history of Sierra Child and Family Services, and the services provided in El Dorado County and HHSA.

3. 17-0821 Update on the Mental Health Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the appointment of Norma Santiago to the South Lake Tahoe Counsel of the Commission

The Board of Supervisors rejected the recommendation to appoint Norma Santiago to the South Lake Tahoe Council of the Commission. Norma will serve as an Associate Member of the Commission (to be placed on the agenda next month). Ruth Loehr and Felicia Walker announced their interest in becoming Mental Health Commission members.

4. 17-0803

Mental Health Commission Bylaws: Discussion regarding renaming the Mental Health Commission to Behavioral Health Commission and updating the bylaws to reflect the new name

Discussed the need to change the name of the "Mental Health Commission" to the "Behavioral Health Commission" due to a change in the name of HHSA's "Mental Health Division" to "Behavioral Health Division". Additionally, discussed what other duties may be created by being the "Behavioral Health Commission" with responsibility for Alcohol and Drug Programs.

Katy Eckert, Assistant Director, shared with the Commission that Behavioral Health is applying for the DMC-ODS Waiver, which would provide more funding for substance use/dual diagnosis services, including residential treatment, and there needs to be an advisory body for the expanded service delivery model. The Commission would be included in the application to the State, which is due by the end of August.

Commissioners discussed the issues, including additional responsibilities, budgets/financial climate, planning services, Commissioner allocations, Commission structure, and State guidance. There is not a separate advisory body in the County for Substance Use Disorder programs. Language regarding Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder advisory bodies within State law and guidance has not been updated to match the description of the Statewide DMC-ODS waiver yet.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson suggested the name be changed to Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Commission, and there should not be a separate Commission for Substance Abuse.

A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, that it is the intent of the Mental Health Commission to become a Behavioral Health Commission, with the bylaws and specifics to be developed before December 31, 2017.

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Ben Ehrlie and Norman Nester

5. 17-0807

Update/Discussion on the Stepping Up Initiative

Patricia Charles-Heathers, Director of Health and Human Services Agency, reported she attended a meeting with the Community Corrections Partnership last week. The Chief Probation Officer is the lead for this initiative, and it has been proposed to use the Community Corrections Partnership for the advisory body, and Judge Kingsbury has agreed to officiate the process. The Program Committee, who will move the process forward, is being identified. Law enforcement is critical in the Stepping Up Initiative.

Commissioner Melnicoe stated that there is a relatively small list of counties who have implemented this initiative and she is proud of local law enforcement involvement.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson suggested moving forward with national standards, send law enforcement to CIT International, and review available webinars.

6. 17-0808 Update/Discussion on Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Jamie Samboceti, Deputy Director, reported there have been a total of 14 applications received, one client re-engaged in treatment, others either volunteered for services, were not appropriate for services due to substance use disorders, or moved out of county, so they weren't put through the court process. At this time, there have only been internal referrals received. Two referrals were received in July and are under review.

Katy Eckert, Assistant Director, stated the Behavioral Health Division is awaiting County Counsel's legal opinion on the jail issue. Sue Novasel will contact County Counsel to get a timeline.

Commissioner Abram reported that the Probation staff are not aware of the availability of or how to refer individuals to Assisted Outpatient Treatment. Ms. Samboceti and Angelina Larrigan, Program Manager, identified how Probation staff have been involved with the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program.

Commissioner Clavere expressed his belief that without a legal decision on the forensic or other mental health unit of correctional facility issue, potential referrals are being missed. Commissioner Clavere stated that the Mental Health Commission should be part of the deliberation on County Counsel's legal decision regarding the jail question.

Additional discussion occurred regarding the contract under development with CFMG and how law enforcement and the Behavioral Health Division are collaborating, including discussions regarding a mobile crisis team, sharing the cost of a clinician, and potential structure of the jail as a result of an expansion grant.

Public Comment: Jeanne Nelson asked who is executive governance team, suggested a subteam research the legal issue of the forensic unit definition, and suggested that Assisted Outpatient Treatment need to be sold better.

Captain Noren, EDSO, advised Ms. Nelson that the Community Corrections Partnership is the governing body.

7. 17-0818 Update/Questions on Mental Health Rehabilitation Center

Commissioner Abram provided an update about the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC). Work is still underway to find an appropriate facility. Another facility was presented, but there was not enough bed space available. The facility needs to have a larger space for more beds so the facility could accept out-of-county residents to help pay for it.

8. 17-0804 Presentation / Review of Adopted MHSA FY 2017-18 Plan Update. Health and Human Services Agency to present the adopted Plan for Mental Health Commission review

Katy Eckert, Assistant Director, and Ren Scammon, Program Manager, discussed that the FY 2017-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2017. The substantive comments were included in the final Plan. The Behavioral Health Division is in the process of implementing this new Plan.

9. 17-0806 Discussion regarding the Mental Health Commission's participation in the planning process of the FY 2018-19 MHSA Plan

Ren Scammon, Program Manager, encouraged the Commission to provide input into the MHSA planning and development cycle. There was discussion regarding implementing the Plan to ensure programs are implemented.

The Commission formed an ad hoc committee for the purpose of providing input on the MHSA planning process. The ad hoc committee consists of the following members: Jim Abram, Stephen Clavare, Dan Boals, Denise Burke, Norma Santiago, and Jan Melnicoe, and the ad hoc committee will meet in August.

10. 17-0316 Update on Health and Human Services Agency's Service Integration

Patricia Charles-Heathers, Director of Health and Human Services Agency, informed the Commission that HHSA is reviewing other counties' structure and reclarifying what the El Dorado County System of Care will look like. There will be additional updates next month.

11. 17-0823 Questions / Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

Discussion regarding PHF statistics and prescribing and dispensing suboxone.

An error on the total revenues and expenditures for FY 2017-18 was identified. The amount is reflected as "\$32,288,621" should be \$38,288,621".

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

NONE

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on August 23, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT 7:15 PM