

# County of El Dorado

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## Minutes Behavioral Health Commission

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Wednesday, October 24, 2018

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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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Lucy Olivera, Debra Thornburgh, Debra Reischel-Cree, Barry Harwell, Chris Stedeford, Lynn Hall, Val Akana, Karis Holman*

*HHSA Staff: Katy Eckert, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Strong, Moriah Weldy, Heather Longo, Yvonne Kollings, Lori Walker, Salina Drennan, Patricia Charles-Heathers, Sabrina Owen, Paula Frantz (County Counsel), Angelina Larrigan, Robert Price*

**Present:** 8 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Norman Nester, Richard Lynn, John Hidahl and Kathryn Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Arturo Salazar and Henry Sandigo

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Abram proposed adjusting the agenda because the first guest speaker will be delayed and he wants to ensure that all Commissioners are present for items that require a vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe to adopt the agenda with the proposed re-ordering of items. Commissioner Nester seconded the motion.

**Yes:** 9 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Norman Nester, Shawn Allan, Richard Lynn, John Hidahl and Kathryn Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Arturo Salazar and Henry Sandigo

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Lucy Olivera with Black Oak Mine Unified School District and the Drug-Free Divide provided an update on the Georgetown Divide and the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention "Primary Intervention Program".*

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **18-1647** Approval of the September 26, 2018 Behavioral Health Commission Minutes

**Attachments:** [9-26-18 BHC MINUTES.pdf](#)

*Vice Chair Clavere requested an edit to #12 – Update on Stepping Up Initiative. The edit shall read, "Vice Chair Clavere raised concern that the jail claims it is only dealing with criminogenic and not mental health issues."*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe to approve the September Minutes with the correction noted by Vice Chair Clavere. Vice Chair Clavere seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 9 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Norman Nester, Shawn Allan, Richard Lynn, John Hidahl and Kathryn Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Arturo Salazar and Henry Sandigo

2. **18-1675** Ethics Training, by Paula Frantz, County Counsel

*Paula Frantz provided an overview of County Personnel Rule 102, pertaining to Code of Ethics, including Conflict of Interest and perceived conflict of interest; and Policy 111 pertaining to Respectful Workplace.*

*Paula reminded the Commissioners that within one year of appointment to the Commission, new Commissioners are expected to take an Ethics training that satisfies AB 1234. Thereafter, Commissioners must take the training every two years. Paula will email MHSA staff different training opportunities to satisfy AB 1234 for forwarding to the Commission members.*

*Supervisor Hidahl and Commissioners asked questions and made comments regarding County liability insurance, maintaining records, and identifying one's role when dealing with the public (i.e., private individual versus Commissioner).*

3. **18-1648** Substance Use Disorder Program Presentation by Health and Human Services Agency

*Salina Drennan, Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) Program Manager and Yvonne Kollings, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided a presentation on Behavioral Health's SUDS Program and Budget.*

*Commissioners asked questions about Drug Dependency Court and the Problem Solving*

*Courts, Botvin Life Skills Training, Mental Health First Aid, data on the number of individuals being served in SUDS, how many full-time positions are in SUDS, and clarification of Administrative Costs.*

*PUBLIC COMMENT: Debra Thornburg asked for a description of Friday Nite Live and Club Live. Barry Harwell asked about how many new positions HHSA will have related to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC ODS) Waiver.*

**4. 18-1650**

**Appointment of Behavioral Health Commission 2019 Officers Nominating Committee**

*The 2019 Behavioral Health Nominating Committee will include Chair Abram, Commissioner Melnicoe, and Commissioner Allan. At the November Behavioral Health Commission meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce recommendations for Chair, Vice Chairs, and Secretary. In January 2019, the Commissioners will vote on the Chair, Vice Chairs, and Secretary.*

**5. 18-1651**

Commissioner Abram requests that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that R. S. Lynn be reappointed as a full Behavioral Health Commission member effective January 1, 2019

**A motion was made by Supervisor Hidahl, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to approve recommending to the Board of Supervisors that R.S. Lynn be reappointed as a full Behavioral Health Commission member effective January 1, 2019.**

**Yes:** 9 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Norman Nester, Shawn Allan, Richard Lynn, John Hidahl and Kathryn Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Arturo Salazar and Henry Sandigo

**6. 18-1653**

Commissioners Clavere and Nester request that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Jim Abram be reappointed as a full Behavioral Health Commission member effective January 1, 2019

*Commissioner Abram declined acceptance of being reappointed as a full Behavioral Health Commission member. He will finish the Behavioral Health Annual Report by the end of December.*

**7. 18-1654**

**Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program Discussion / Recommendation Action**

*Patricia Charles-Heathers reported that a Resolution to continue the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program as a service within Behavioral Health will be going to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 30, 2018.*

**Chair Abram made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the status of the Behavioral Health Department's Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program be changed from a pilot program to a permanent, full-time program of the Behavioral Health Department.**

**Yes:** 9 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Norman Nester, Shawn Allan, Richard Lynn, John Hidahl and Kathryn Hamilton

**Absent:** 2 - Arturo Salazar and Henry Sandigo

5:38 ROLL CALL

*Commissioner Nester left the meeting*

**8. 18-1655** Update on AB 1810 / SB 215

*Commissioner Abram met with the Behavioral Health Division and the District Attorney. It was determined there that a meeting about treatment courts would be set up.*

**9. 18-1656** Update on Stepping Up Initiative

*The County was awarded grant funding, which will partially be used to hire consultants to develop the program. It is estimated that it will take 2 or 3 years to complete the planning process with the consultants.*

**10. 18-1657** Questions / Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

**Attachments:** [Behavioral Health Division Update - September Data.pdf](#)

*Commissioner Melnicoe noted that the grant for Stepping Up Initiative consultant is large. Vice Chair Clavere clarified that there will be multiple Consultants.*

*Commissioner Lynn questioned the math on page 12 relative to PHF discharges. Behavioral Health will review as it appears there is a mathematical error.*

*Commissioner Melnicoe asked about filling the Patients Rights position. Ren Strong reported that there have been two failed recruitments, so the Department will release a Request for Proposal.*

*Several Commissioners commented on the need to have SUDS data. Assistant Director Katy Eckert indicated that Behavioral Health is working on the infrastructure to capture and report data. Deputy Director Jamie Samboceti added that the current available data is from two years ago and it will be easier to track data under the DMC ODS Waiver with data from Avatar.*

*Val Akana asked if there are plans to expand PERT to South Lake Tahoe and asked how many officers are CIT trained. Deputy Director Jamie Samboceti responded that the numbers in South Lake Tahoe do not justify having two full-time staff doing PERT, but Behavioral Health has moved a clinician to a 4 days per week, 10 hours per day work schedule to focus only on crisis calls. Jamie Samboceti also stated that about two years ago, about 80% of officers were CIT trained and she is aware that the Sheriff's Department intends to provide training.*

*Commissioner Melnicoe thanked Chair Abram for his leadership and passion. The Commission will have a role in the recruitment of the new HHSA Director. The discussions about the candidates will be in closed session, which will occur immediately before the November Behavioral Health Commission meeting.*

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

- None

**DETERMINE NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

*The next Behavioral Health Commission meeting will be held November 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM*

**ADJOURNMENT - 7:14 PM**

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