

# County of El Dorado

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## Minute Order 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*

*Maria Quintero, Commissioner, West Slope Council*

*Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council*

*Stacy Bolton, Associate Member*

*Jane de Felice, Associate Member*

*Vacant (2) Commissioner's*

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Wednesday, May 27, 2015

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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### 5:06 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: T Abraham, Chris Croft, Tim Duran, Alan Nelson, Jeanne Nelson, Capt. Jackie Noren, Jean Padilla, DJ Peterson, Norma Santiago, Marsha Ticas*

*HHSA Staff: Don Ashton, Dee-Anna Bradley, Jackie Norlie, Brandi Reid, James Robbins, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Scammon*

**Present:** 13 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 1 - Maria Quintero

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe, seconded by Commissioner McLane, to approve the agenda as written.**

**Yes:** 14 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, David Sterkin, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 1 - Maria Quintero

### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Norma Santiago expressed a concern about the referral process and court ordered releases regarding out of state mental health placements. She shared a story about her experience with her son and stated that she has made contact with several County departments to rectify the situation.*

*Jean Padilla expressed a concern for the need for improvement in the placement of foster children by sharing a story about her experience with her son in the foster care system.*

*Jeanne Nelson announced a monthly support group for NAMI beginning on June 9, 2015. She also provided a flyer for free classes at the local community college in South Lake Tahoe.*

*T Abraham stated that he is grateful to see a discussion item regarding crisis workers on the agenda as there is a great need in that area at Marshall and Barton hospitals.*

## **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

### **5:20 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therikidsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 2 - Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

#### **1. [15-0642](#) Approval of the April 22, 2015 meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pond, seconded by Commissioner B. Ehrler, to approve the April 22, 2015 minutes as written.**

**Yes:** 13 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therikidsen, Jim Abram, David Sterkin, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 2 - Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

#### **2. [15-0639](#) Report from the Health and Human Services Agency on the results of the After Hours Crisis Response Request for Proposals (RFP)**

*James Robbins from HHSA provided a presentation to the Commission on the status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for crisis services. There was discussion from the Commission and the public on a variety of topics including the logistics of providing mobile response crisis services in South Lake Tahoe, availability of bilingual services, coordination with law enforcement, how to fund this contract - could the cost be split between Mental Health and the hospitals since everyone benefits, supplantation issues and utilizing telemedicine and technology.*

### **6:11 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therikidsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

3. [15-0685](#) Discussion and determination by the Commission of the next steps to be taken by the MHSA / CSS Budget Shortfall Ad Hoc Committee related to CSS programs and budget.
- Commissioner Abram stated that the MHSA / CSS Budget Shortfall Ad Hoc committee met and came up with recommendations to address the anticipated budget shortfall and there are two options that the Commission can consider: 1) Make no recommendation until after the public meeting, or 2) Report on findings tonight and have the findings be incorporated into the MHSA public comment before the draft plan is published for 30-day public comment.*
- Ren Scammon and Director Ashton provided an update on the latest MHSA budget projections per the last update from Mike Geiss.*
- The AdHoc committees' recommendations have been included as an attachment to the minutes.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn, seconded by Commissioner McLane, to authorize the MHSA / CSS Budget Shortfall Ad Hoc committee to report out their recommendations to the Commission.**

**Yes:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, David Sterkin, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Noes:** 1 - Jan Melnicoe

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

#### 6:30 PM ROLL CALL

**Present:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

4. [15-0686](#) Mental Health Commission Committee Reports
- 1) Children's Services reports
- 2) Jail reports
- Members of the Children's Services and West Slope and South Lake Tahoe Jail committees presented their reports to the Commission and answered questions about their findings.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Abram, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to receive and file the three reports from the Children's Services and West Slope / South Lake Tahoe Jails committees.**
- Yes:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane
- Absent:** 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, David Sterkin, Sue Novasel and Maria Quintero

5. [15-0701](#) Discussion of the El Dorado County 2015 Data Notebook for reporting to the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC)
- Commissioner Abram stated that he needs Commissioners to volunteer to participate in*

*completing the 2015 Data Notebook. The due date is August 4, 2015. Commissioner Melnicoe and Commissioner Pond volunteered to to work on the report.*

6. [15-0687](#)

South Lake Tahoe Transitional Housing Update

*Director Ashton reported that a contract was executed on June 1, 2015 for a 6-bedroom transitional house in South Lake Tahoe.*

7. [15-0641](#)

Questions / Comments on Mental Health Division Monthly Report

*Commissioner McLane commented that Behavioral Health Court on the West Slope is doing very well.*

*Jamie Samboceti reported out the numbers for Children's Services and Crisis Services that were missing from the monthly report.*

*Commissioner Melnicoe stated that she has heard wonderful comments from the public about the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) since Telecare has taken over operations.*

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

*Commissioner McLane commented that her foster child, just out of the military, had been directed to Medi-Cal from the Veteran's Administration (VA). She was concerned that the VA directed her to utilize the emergency room for medical services, rather than the VA.*

**DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

*The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on June 24, 2015.*

**7:22 PM ADJOURNMENT**