

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 Therikildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council

Stacy Bolton, Associate Member

Jane de Felice, Associate Member

Vacant (2) Commissioner's

Wednesday, November 18, 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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5:05 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Mike Atwell, Brookes Blackburn, Deborah Carter, Alan Nelson, Jeanne Nelson,
Norm Nester, Capt. Jackie Noren*

*HHSA Staff: Dee-Anna Bradley, Patricia Charles-Heathers, Doris Jones, Sabrina Owen,
Brandi Reid, Jamie Samboceti, Tami Smith, Alexis Zoss*

Present: 10 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Ben Ehrler

Absent: 4 - Craig Therikildsen, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Maria Quintero

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Ben Ehrler

Absent: 4 - Craig Therikildsen, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Maria Quintero

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanne Nelson reported that, thanks to a grant from Barton Hospital, NAMI was able to provide over 60 books to the El Dorado County library in South Lake Tahoe. She said that it is one of the best mental health collections in Northern California.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. [15-1361](#) Approval of the October 28, 2015 meeting Minutes

Attachments: [10-28-15 MHC MINUTES - DRAFT.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Pond, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, to approve the October 28, 2015 minutes as written.

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Ben Ehrler

Absent: 4 - Craig Therikildsen, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Maria Quintero

2. [15-1362](#) Report from Nominating Committee on the slate of officer nominees for Calendar Year 2016, the vote for which will occur in January 2016

Commissioner Burke reported that the slate of officer nominees for 2016 are:

West Slope:

Chair - Jim Abram

Vice-Chair - Jan Melnicoe

Secretary - Bonnie McLane

South Lake Tahoe:

Chair - Denise Burke

Vice-Chair - R.S. Lynn

Secretary - Ben Ehrler

Countywide:

Countywide Chair - Jim Abram

The vote will occur at the January 2016 regular Mental Health Commission meeting.

3. [15-1366](#) Report from the Membership Committee regarding appointments and vacancies. Mental Health Commission to discuss and vote on it's recommendations to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Re-appointments:

* Recommendation by Commissioner Pond that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint Commissioner R.S. Lynn as a member of the Mental Health Commission, South Lake Tahoe Council, effective January 1, 2016

* Recommendation by Commissioner McLane that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint Commissioner James Abram as a member of Mental Health Commission, Western Slope Council, effective January

1, 2016

* Recommendation by Commissioner Abram that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint Commissioner Jan Melnicoe as a member of the Mental Health Commission, Western Slope Council, effective January 1, 2016

* Recommendation by Commissioner Abram that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint Commissioner Craig Therkildsen to the Mental Health Commission, Western Slope Council, effective January 1, 2016

Vacancies: Two vacant Western Slope Council seats

* Recommendation by Commissioner Abram that the Board of Supervisors appoint Brookes Heil-Blackburn as a new Mental Health Commission Member, Western Slope Council

* Recommendation by Commissioner Abram that the Board of Supervisors appoint Deborah Carter as a new Mental Health Commission Member, Western Slope Council

Additional Appointments:

* Commission Chair Abram recommends the appointment of Norm Nester as an Associate Member of the Mental Health Commission, Western Slope Council, effective January 1, 2016

Commissioner Abram recommended the following four reappointments effective January 1, 2016:

*R.S. Lynn, Tahoe Council
Bonnie McLane, West Slope Council
Jan Melnicoe, West Slope Council
Craig Therkildsen, West Slope Council*

Commissioner Abram recommended the following two new appointments to fill the two vacant Western Slope Council seats:

*Brookes Heil-Blackburn, West Slope Council
Deborah Carter, West Slope Council*

Commissioner Abram appointed Norm Nester as an Associate Member effective January 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abram, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the reappointment of R.S. Lynn, Bonnie McLane, Jan Melnicoe, and Craig Therkildsen and the new appointments of Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Deborah Carter to fill the two vacancies on the West Slope Council effective January 1, 2016.

Yes: 10 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Lorraine Nordone Pond, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Ben Ehrler

Absent: 4 - Craig Therkildsen, Sue Novasel, Bonnie McLane and Maria Quintero

4. [15-1367](#) Appoint MHSA 16/17 Fiscal Year Plan Committee

Commissioner Abram stated that he is looking for members to participate on the MHSA 16/17 Fiscal Year Plan Committee. He would like the Commission to provide input and review of the new format and content of the Draft Plan before it is posted for 30-day public comment. Commissioners Abram, Melnicoe, Clavere, Burke, Boals and applicant Deborah Carter volunteered to participate on the committee.

5. [15-1368](#) Discussion of Family Involvement in Conservatees Mental Health Treatment Programs and Placements

Commissioner Melnicoe reported that there is ongoing discussion coming from NAMI families regarding conservatorship. She stated that there is no protocol in place and there is little room for family input. Clients will eventually be back with families for natural supports and asked how the conservatorship process can be improved to work better with families.

Alexis Zoss stated that there is a policy and procedure currently being developed. The goal is to ensure families are involved and emphasized a need for education and support to family members. She provided a handout titled "What is Conservatorship?".

Commissioner Lynn asked for an update or report on this topic at the next Mental Health Commission meeting. Commissioner Abram stated that he will check in with Alexis and Director Ashton to see if there is anything new to share at the January meeting.

6. [15-1369](#) Review / Discussion of 2015 Mental Health Commission Data Notebook

Attachments: [EL DORADO County 2015 Data Notebook FINAL.pdf](#)

Commissioners Melnicoe and Pond participated with Mental Health staff to complete the 2015 Data Notebook. Commissioner Melnicoe stated that the dual diagnosis statistics were interesting and that this provides a "report card" on where we are at and where the focus needs to be. Commissioner Abram added that there is an ongoing need for housing, as well as an in county Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC). Assistant Director Charles-Heathers stated that paperwork has been completed for a Request for Information (RFI) to see if any local providers are interested, specifically for assistance to clients with co-occurring disorders.

7. [15-1370](#) Update / Discussion on 12am to 8am Crisis Response to hospitals and communication between the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and hospitals

Jamie Samboceti reported that there is a teleconference scheduled for December 7, 2015 with Heritage Oaks (the only respondent to the Crisis Response RFP). She also stated that communication between the PHF and the hospitals has improved greatly and the both the medical doctor and the psychiatrist are reviewing the client charts. Mental Health clinician, Angelina Larrigan, is also meeting with clients and families for discharge planning purposes.

8. [15-1371](#) Update on Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Commissioner Abram reported that the RFP for AOT was posted on November 13,

2015 and responses are due by December 30, 2015.

9. [15-1372](#) Questions / Comments on Mental Health Division Monthly Report

Attachments: [Mental Health Division Update 11-18-15 meeting.pdf](#)

Commissioner Melnicoe asked for more information on the Law Enforcement - Education MOU. Assistant Director Charles-Heathers stated that this MOU is for the schools. She also provided information that she learned at the conference and stated that it is helpful to hear what other counties are doing.

Jamie Samboceti stated that the crisis numbers are improving on both slopes and that the numbers of open clients having a crisis episode has decreased significantly. She recognized the clinical staff on both slopes for doing such a great job maintaining client stability and keeping them from going into crisis as often.

Commissioner Melnicoe asked for an update on CIT. Capt. Jackie Noren stated that there are monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 am and that things are going well.

Commissioner Clavere asked for an update on the administration of psychotropic medications in the jails. Capt. Jackie Noren reported that they are still in the process of developing policies and procedures for implementation.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Boals thanked Mental Health and NAMI for putting on such a nice client Thanksgiving dinner.

Commissioner Burke stated that Supervisor Novasel was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to illness.

Commissioner Clavere stated that he received the data from Lori Walker regarding the indirect and A-87 costs. He will review and submit his questions and findings at the meeting in January.

Commissioner Abram thanked the Commissioners and the Mental Health staff for all their hard work this past year.

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on January 6, 2016.

6:15 PM ADJOURNMENT