

# 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*

*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*

*Vacant, Commissioner, Tahoe Council*

*Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council*

*Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council*

*Norman Nester, Commissioner, West Slope Council*

*Stacy Bolton, Associate Member*

*Vacant (1) Commissioner, West Slope Council*

*Vacant (2) Associate Member*

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Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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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#### 5:00 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Jeanne Nelson, Rhonda Sneeringer, Chris Stedeford*

*HHSA Staff: Kristin Brinks, Patricia Charles-Heathers, Sabrina Owen, Brandi Reid, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Scammon, Richard Todd, Laura Walny, Shirley White, Alexis Zoss*

**Present:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Craig Therkildsen, Ben Ehrler, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**A motion was made by Commisisoner Lynn, seconded by Commissioner McLane, to adopt the agenda as written.**

**Yes:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Craig Therkildsen, Ben Ehrler, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. [16-0773](#) Approval of the June 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, to approve the June 22, 2016 meeting minutes as written.**

**Yes:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Craig Therikidsen, Ben Ehrler, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

**5:03 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 10 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikidsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

2. [16-0784](#) Appoint Ad Hoc Interview Committee for HHSA Director Position Applicants

*Commissioner Abram stated that there will be an Ad Hoc Committee formed to interview the HHSA Director position applicants. Interviews will be held all day Monday, August 1, 2016. There will be a special meeting to discuss in closed session with the Commissioners and then a recommendation will be made to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioners Abram, Clavere, Melnicoe, and Therikidsen volunteered to participate on the committee.*

**5:10 PM ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

3. [16-0785](#) Behavioral Health Court Presentation

*Shirley White, Alcohol and Drug Programs Manager, gave a presentation to the Commissioners on the Behavioral Health Courts on both slopes and answered questions. A handout was provided.*

4. [16-0782](#) Discussion relative to Inter Facility Transfers in South Lake Tahoe

*Richard Todd, EMS Agency Administrator, gave a presentation to the Commissioners on Inter Facility Transfers in South Lake Tahoe and answered questions. A handout was provided.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to have the Mental Health Commission express its concern to the Board of Supervisors for no change to the interfacility transports process in CSA 3 without a satisfactory replacement for those services on the horizon.**

**Yes:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

5. [16-0742](#) AB403 (Stone) Continuum of Care Reform Update

*Assistant Director Charles-Heathers stated that she met with members of the Child Welfare team on July 13, 2016 and attended a CBHDA meeting on July 14, 2016 regarding AB403. Alexis Zoss added that their team is looking at and developing a plan for how all the requirements for AB403 will be met.*

6. [16-0783](#) Update on Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program

*Assistant Director Charles-Heathers stated that Division staff have reviewed the Placer County procedures. Revisions were made and reviewed by County Counsel. The drafts have been forwarded to Judge Kingsbury and Judge Wagoner for their review.*

7. [16-0743](#) Questions Comments on Behavior Health Division Monthly Report

*Commissioner Abram complimented the MHD for adding detail in the report regarding the number of mental health clients incarcerated during the previous month.*

*Assistant Director Charles-Heathers provided more detail on the the nature of the three informal grievances / complaints the PHF received in April and May.*

*Commissioner Lynn asked to have the denial reasons included in the monthly report, but was advised that this information cannot be included for privacy reasons.*

*Commissioner Burke asked for more information on the medical home. Assistant Director Charles-Heathers stated that this is a treatment house for clients with medical issues.*

## COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

*Commissioner Melnicoe expressed that she is having a difficult time with the name change from Mental Health to Behavioral Health, which sounds more like treating symptoms rather than addressing the underlying causes. Commissioner Boals agreed and stated that the name implies "bad behavior". Jamie Samboceti shared that the recovery model has changed from a medical model to a whole person care model, but the same type of programs continue to be offered.*

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

*The next meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be a Special Meeting for the Ad Hoc Interview Committee to discuss and report recommendations regarding the HHSA Director position applicants and is scheduled for 5:00 PM on August 10, 2016. \**

*\* Due to room availability, the meeting was changed to 5:30 PM on August 10, 2016.*

**7:01 PM ADJOURNMENT**