

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

Wednesday, August 24, 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

Associate Members: Stacy Bolton

Guests: Shirley Hackett, Barry Harwell, Jeanne Nelson, Connie Perry, Chris Stedeford, Marsha Ticas

HHSA Staff: Patricia Charles-Heathers, Sabrina Owen, Brandi Reid, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Scammon, Tami Smith, Lori Walker, Shirley White

Present: 11 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke and Stephen Clavere

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Yes: 11 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke and Stephen Clavere

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Abram congratulated Patricia Charles-Heathers on being selected as the Director of HHSA.

Barry Harwell reported that Sierra Child and Family Services will no longer be providing group home services. These services will be transitioned to Summitview Child and Family Services with a target date of October 1, 2016.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. [16-0869](#) Approval of the July 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes and the August 10, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to approve the July 27, 2016 meeting minutes and the August 10, 2016 special meeting minutes as written.

Yes: 11 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

Absent: 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke and Stephen Clavere

2. [16-0877](#) Chair to review Rosenberg's Rules of Order

Commissioner Abram reviewed the Rosenberg's Rules of Order with the attendees of the meeting.

5:12 PM ROLL CALL

Present: 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Sue Novasel, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

Absent: 2 - Denise Burke and Stephen Clavere

3. [16-0884](#) HHSA Fee Study Review

Lori Walker provided the Commissioners with an update on the fee schedule that will be on the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 30, 2016. She stated that BOS asked all departments to review their fee schedules during the Addenda budget process last fiscal year. She advised that a consultant was hired to assist with the fee study and that she recommends that the Mental Health rates remain the same as the current published charged rates.

4. [16-0878](#) Ad Hoc Committee Update for South Lake Tahoe Behavioral Health Court

Commissioner Lynn advised the Commission that he has only received back two completed questionnaires regarding South Lake Tahoe Behavioral Health Court and asked the Commission for direction on how to proceed.

Commissioner Abram advised that departments outside of Behavioral Health are not required to report to the Commission. He stated that there is enough information in the two reports that were received to proceed and wants to see the completed report at the next regular meeting.

5. [16-0876](#) Update on Inter Facility Transfers in South Lake Tahoe

Director Charles-Heathers stated that since the discussion at the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 2, 2016 meetings have been scheduled to look at the IFT process. She will provide an update at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

6. [16-0870](#) AB403 (Stone) Continuum of Care Reform Update

Commissioner Abram reported that he is closing the Ad Hoc committee that was appointed at the April 27, 2016 meeting since this is a standing agenda item.

Barry Harwell reported that there continues to be monthly meetings regarding AB403 and that they have developed a list of goals that must be achieved by January. Foster family agencies will either need to provide mental health services or work with other agencies who can provide services. There will be a two year phase in time for agencies who cannot meet the January goal for some phases.

7. [16-0871](#) Update on Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program

Jamie Samboceti stated that the draft documents were sent to County Counsel and the judges for review and approval. The next steps are to develop the policies and procedures and meet with the judges to discuss program implementation.

8. [16-0872](#) Questions / Comments on the Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

Commissioner McLane congratulated Jamie Samboceti on her promotion and asked what her new role will be. She advised that she is the Deputy Director overseeing Mental Health and ADP and will report directly to Director Charles-Heathers.

Commissioner Abram asked about the current PHF occupancy. Director Charles-Heathers stated that 11 beds are occupied, the new psychiatrist will be on board soon and that the PHF is making great progress.

Jeanne Nelson asked about the status of the after hours crisis services. Jamie Samboceti reported that the contract with Heritage Oaks has been executed, but that they are having a difficult time hiring for the positions in South Lake Tahoe. On the West Slope, two of three professionals have been identified and services will be implemented as soon as a third person is identified.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Therkildsen thanked Supervisor Novasel for her consideration in regards to the HHSA Director recruitment. He stated that there were three great candidates for the Commission to consider.

Commissioner Medrano congratulated Director Charles-Heathers on her promotion.

Commissioner B. Ehrler stated that there is a Commissioner vacancy on each slope and asked how to recruit. Commissioner Abram stated that last time there were vacancies on the Commission, a press release was issued.

Commissioner Melnicoe stated that NAMI will be starting Family to Family classes in Cameron Park and South Lake Tahoe in September and that NAMI will host a MHSA Community Program Planning Process meeting at their November meeting in Placerville.

DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on September 28, 2016.

6:10 PM ADJOURNMENT