

# 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*  
*John Hidahl, 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*  
*Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Guadalupe Medrano, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Norman Nester, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Craig Therikildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Stacy Bolton, Associate Member*  
*Vacant (2), Commissioner, Tahoe Council*  
*Vacant (1) Commissioner, West Slope Council*

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Wednesday, April 26, 2017

5:15 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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#### 5:15 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Charlie Moore, Jeannie Nelson, Marcia Ticas, Norma Santiago, Cheree Kagan*  
*HHSA Staff: Patricia Charles-Heathers, Katy Eckert, Jamie Samboceti, Angelina Larrigan, Ren Scammon, Parivash Mottaghian, Sabrina Owen, Lori Walker, Tami Smith*

**Present:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Craig Therikildsen and Sue Novasel

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

**Yes:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Craig Therikildsen and Sue Novasel

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Cherie Kagan provided the Commission with information regarding her efforts to obtain services for her son through the Behavioral Health Division and the status of her efforts.*

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

1. [17-0468](#) Approval of the March 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [03-22-2017 Draft Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner McLane, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to approve the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes as written.**

**Yes:** 11 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Craig Therikidsen and Sue Novasel

**5:30 PM ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Denise Burke and Craig Therikidsen

2. [17-0465](#) Report Out by the MHSA Three Year Plan (Starting FY 2017-18) Ad Hoc Review Committee

*Commission Abram reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met twice, and identified three areas of concern:*

- 1) It is a little difficult to compare the costs between the FY 16-17 MHSA Plan Update and the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan due to the crosswalk document not providing numbered projects for the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan.*
- 2) There is concern for the full three-year budget of the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan showing diminishing fund balances in the final fiscal year of the Three-Year Plan.*
- 3) There is concern for the \$500,000 proposed for transfer from Community Services and Supports to Capital Facilities and Technology Needs because there is inadequate information to determine how those funds will be utilized.*

*Assistant Director Eckert stated the \$500,000 would be transferred to Capital Facilities and Technology Needs, a MHSA component that has a 10 year reversion period.*

*Supervisor Novasel suggested the BHD report back to the Commission with greater detail about the project. Supervisor Novasel also discussed that projecting three-years out for a budget is just a guess of what the revenues and expenditures will be at that time, and that the County is very conservative in its budgeting.*

*Commission Melnicoe identified that there were a number of PEI projects in the previous Three-Year Plan that failed to launch, and the BHD needs to examine why that occurred. Ms. Scammon stated that the BHD had done that analysis and has identified an implementation plan going forward.*

*Public comment from Norma Santiago requesting clarification of the time frame for the MHSA Three-Year Plan, which was provided by Ms. Scammon as follows:*

*May 17: Public Comment closes.*

*May 24: Public Hearing at the Mental Health Commission at 5:45 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.*

*June 20: Anticipated Board of Supervisors date.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Clavere, seconded by Commissioner Melnicoe, to submit the following comments as during the 30-day public comment period for the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan:**

- 1) It is a little difficult to compare the costs between the FY 16-17 MHSA Plan Update and the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan due to the crosswalk document not providing numbered projects for the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan.**
- 2) There is concern for the full three-year budget of the Draft FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan showing diminishing fund balances in the final fiscal year of the Three-Year Plan.**
- 3) There is concern for the \$500,000 proposed for transfer from Community Services and Supports to Capital Facilities and Technology Needs because there is inadequate information to determine how those funds will be utilized.**

**Yes:** 12 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 2 - Denise Burke and Craig Therikildsen

#### 5:53 PM ROLL CALL

**Present:** 13 - Richard Lynn, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 1 - Denise Burke

### 3. [17-0466](#)

#### Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program Update and Discussion

*Discussion regarding criteria for AOT, community partner referrals, suggestion of issuing a press release about AOT and how to access AOT. Deputy Director Samboceti reported that County Counsel and the Judge want a test case first before bringing too many individuals onto AOT, however the Commission felt the information about AOT should be publicized now and the judges should be brought into the conversation. Regarding a press release, Supervisor Novasel identified the County had just hired a new Communications Director who could assist with the press release. Commissioner Therikildson suggested performing a mock case so involved parties can learn.*

*Discussion regarding the AOT criteria related to incarceration on a forensic unit. Supervisor Clavere stated his belief that the mental health services in the jail should fall under the Health and Human Services Agency.*

*Assistant Director Eckert stated we would research what we can do. Commissioner Clavere offered to help as may be needed. Director Charles-Heathers stated that the "Stepping Up" Initiative should help fill the gaps.*

#### *Public Comment:*

*Norma Santiago inquired as to how many individuals would likely qualify for AOT if the jail had a forensic psychologist, and how do individuals with a mental illness and criminal behavior fit into this program. She also wondered how many individuals are we losing through the cracks due to the definition of a "forensic unit".*

*Jeannie Nelson stated that it is very important to know measures of success and recommended calling other larger counties, such as San Francisco or Orange County.*

## 6:04 PM ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 2 - Guadalupe Medrano and Denise Burke

4. [17-0467](#) Board and Care / IMDs / Secure Placements Update and Discussion

*Deputy Director Samboceti explained the definition of each placement type and the use of each type as a "step down" or "step up" in placement. Currently, more individuals in the 18-24 age group are being placed into locked facilities. Placement costs have been increasing over the last several years. Director Charles-Heathers also identified that the number of placements are linked to the number of LPS conservatees since all individuals in an out-of-county placement are conserved.*

5. [17-0316](#) Update on Health and Human Services Agency's Service Integration

*Director Charles-Heathers provided an update on the Health and Human Services Agency Service Integration. The Agency is looking at all models in the State, including how personnel structure functions, target populations, needs assessments and internal processes. Health and Human Services Agency is developing five systems. In the new integrated system, there will be no wrong door for accessing services, with a clear referral process. Director Charles-Heathers thanked Commission Melnicoe and Jeanne Nelson from NAMI for being part of the Healthy Communities team.*

6. [17-0469](#) Questions and Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

**Attachments:** [Behavioral Health Update](#)

*Commissioner Abram stated that the Monthly Report had been restructured and he liked the format and felt it was easy to follow.*

*Commissioner Melnicoe likes the graphs and charts in the monthly report and would like to see the MH Plans aligned with this, so that PEI and CSS come back to support what we see in the County's big picture. Commissioner Melnicoe also complimented the use of TED talks at the Wellness Centers. She also thanked Health and Human Services for the Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social. Commission Melnicoe also reminded everyone that the NAMI Walk is May 6 and that there are four teams from El Dorado County participating, including one led by Rhapsody Flores, Program Coordinator with the BHD, to whom kudos were given.*

*Commissioner Boals asked if there are any support groups for TAY. At this time there are not any held in the Wellness Centers, but Jamie Samboceti stated she welcomes ideas to draw TAY's to MH, with maybe having the Wellness Centers open one day per week specifically for TAY. Commissioner Boals suggested maybe working with the college for TAY activities.*

**Public Comment:**

*Jeanne Nelson stated that she likes the new format. She inquired if the document was online and the BHD staff stated yes, with the Commissions agenda. Ms. Nelson inquired if this could be added to WellDorado. Ms. Nelson suggested that the criteria for AOT and First Episode Psychosis could be issued in a press release. Ms. Nelson inquired about the resource directory noted on page 11 and stated she would like a*

*copy of any resource directories the BHD has. Ms. Nelson also suggested the BHD contact the Aspire program at El Camino Hospital to learn more about its TAY program.*

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

*Commission Abram reminded everyone that at the May 9th Board of Supervisors meeting, the CIT Officer of the Year would be awarded and the County's Proclamation of May as Mental Health Month would be made. The Commission's Annual Report will also be presented to the Board of Supervisors.*

**DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

*The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, with the MHSA Public Hearing being held at 5:45 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.*

**ADJOURNMENT**