

# 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, May 24, 2017

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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**Regular meeting (5:00 p.m.) and MHSA Public Hearing (5:45 p.m.)**

#### 5:03 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Barry Harwell, Captain Jackie Noren (EDSO), Desiree Thomas, Peg Vanderkar, Jen Kalsbeek, Alison Gardey, Jeanne Nelson, Norma Santiago, Heather Longo*

*HHSA Staff: Patricia Charles-Heathers, Katy Eckert, Parivash Mottaghian, Sabrina Owen, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Scammon, Lori Walker*

**Present:** 9 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jim Abram and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

**Yes:** 9 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jim Abram and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Commissioner Melnicoe announced the resignation of Steve Ehrler from the Mental Health Commission.*

*Jamie Samboceti and Sabrina Owen discussed the meaning of the "I Will Listen" green bracelets, which are being distributed county-wide.*

*Katy Eckert stated that a press release was issued to recruit new members to the Mental Health Commission.*

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. [17-0571](#) Approval of the April 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [DRAFT MHC Minutes for 4-26-2017](#)

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

**Yes:** 9 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikidsen, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Denise Burke, Jim Abram and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

2. [17-0316](#) Update on Health and Human Services Agency's Service Integration

*Patricia Charles-Heathers, Director, provided an update regarding the Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Service Integration. HHSA is assessing how other counties are structured, what services they provide and how their Quality Assurance programs are structured. On June 6, HHSA's Service Integration update will be included in the Healthy Communities presentation to the Board of Supervisors. There have been many people and organizations involved in developing the June 6 presentation.*

**Received and Filed**

## 5:07 PM ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Jim Abram and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

3. [17-0572](#) Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget Review

**Attachments:** [FY 17-18 Proposed Budget Presentation](#)

*Lori Walker, Chief Fiscal Officer for HHSA, provided a presentation about the FY 2017-18 Proposed HHSA Budget. Further discussion about the administrative costs, fund balances, unpredictability of MHSA funding, recommended levels of fund balances, and spending budgeted funds also occurred. Commissioner Clavere expressed concern for the high fund balance, and the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) advised they are working to expend budgeted funds while maintaining an adequate fund balance to continue operating programs at the current level in the event that funding decreases. The impact of potential reduction in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) State funding on the BHD was discussed, however the new State budget filled the funding gap for FY 2017-18 so the impact will be minimal, if any.*

**Received and Filed**

4. [17-0581](#) Eligibility of El Dorado County Jail Mentally Ill Inmates for Assisted Outpatient Treatment

*Katy Eckert, HHSA Assistant Director, contacted Nevada County regarding the Assisted Outpatient Treatment eligibility criteria related to incarcerated individuals. Nevada County changed their jail criteria approximately 1.5 years ago and their jail is no longer considered a forensic mental health unit. HHSA is also seeking information from Placer County. Captain Noren, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, advised that California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) is contacting its legal department for further clarification. A "Mental Health Unit" is not defined in statute. Captain Noren will follow-up with other counties. In the event the El Dorado County Jail receives funding through SB 844, the proposal includes expanding the Jail to include a medical and mental health unit, but it is not clear if the mental health unit will qualify individuals for Assisted Outpatient Treatment eligibility.*

**Received and Filed**

5. [17-0583](#) California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions: Spring 2017 Newsletter and Mental Health Commission Member Attending Annual Meeting in June

**Attachments:** [CALBHBC Spring 2017 Newsletter](#)

*Commission Clavere discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting of the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards. Commission Clavere will attend the meeting on behalf of the Commission.*

**Received and Filed**

6. [17-0577](#) Questions / Comments on Mental Health Division Monthly Report

**Attachments:** [BHD Monthly Update](#)

**Received and Filed**

**5:45 P.M. - TIME ALLOCATION**

**6:00 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 4 - Guadalupe Medrano, Jim Abram, Sue Novasel and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

**7:14 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Steve Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Jim Abram, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

7. [17-0576](#) PUBLIC HEARING  
Public Hearing for the El Dorado County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
FY 2017-18 through FY 2019-20 Draft Mental Health Services Act Three-Year  
Program and Expenditure Plan.

**Attachments:** [DRAFT FY 17-18 MHSA Three-Year Plan](#)  
[DRAFT FY 17-18 MHSA Outcomes](#)

*Ren Scammon, MHSA Program Manager, provided an overview of the Community Planning Process and the resulting Draft MHSA Three-Year Plan. The Substantive Comments received on the Draft Plan during the 30-day comment period were reviewed, and the public and Commission were offered the opportunity to provide further comment about the Draft Plan. The Substantive Comments received during the 30-day comment period and at this Public Hearing will be included in the final MHSA Plan.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Clavere, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to approve the FY 2017-18 MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Report as amended as a result of the Substantive Comments.**

**Yes:** 7 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals and Steve Ehrler

**Noes:** 1 - Bonnie McLane

**Absent:** 6 - Guadalupe Medrano, Jim Abram, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

*Commissioner Melnicoe heard from two consumers, who are dually insured with Medicare and Medi-Cal, that they were denied outpatient specialty mental health services. Those individuals were also looking for peer support.*  
*Commission Boals heard from two consumers that they preferred to go to Dignity Health Hospital in Folsom because they did not want to go to the PHF if they were hospitalized.*  
*Commissioner Clavere requested a status update on his request to Telecare for information about blocked beds.*  
*Commissioner Melnicoe thanked the BHD for its work on the MHSA community planning process.*

## **DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

*The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Commission is scheduled for 5:00 pm on June 28, 2017*

## **ADJOURNMENT**