

# 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, June 28, 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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#### 5:03 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Shawn Allan, David Ashby, Steve Dambide, Anna Gleason, Barry Harwell, Christine O'Farrell, Henry Sandigo, Norma Santiago, Chris Stedeford, Steven Danbeck*

*HHSA Staff: Katy Eckert, Angelina Larrigan, Parivash Mottaghian, Karen Naegeli, Jamie Samboceti, Ren Scammon, Tami Smith*

**Present:** 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therikildsen and Bonnie McLane

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

**Yes:** 10 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Dan Boals, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Guadalupe Medrano, Craig Therikildsen and Bonnie McLane

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Jan Melnicoe stated the last NAMI informational kiosk has been placed on the West Slope at Tribal Health*

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. [17-0700](#) Approval of the May 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

**Yes:** 12 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, 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 Craig Therkildsen

**5:07 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 12 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, 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 Craig Therkildsen

2. [17-0652](#) Presentations from Health and Human Services Agency, New Morning Youth and Family Services, and Summitview Child and Family Services regarding Children's Specialty Mental Health Services in El Dorado County (estimated 10 minutes for each presentation).

**Angie Larrigan, Program Manager for the Behavioral Health Division, provided an overview of Children's Specialty Mental Health Services, including the referrals and request for service process, service authorization, and service intensity levels.**

**David Ashby presented the history of New Morning Youth and Family Services and the services provided to El Dorado County and HHSA. See attached overview.**

**Anna Gleason presented the history of Summitview and the services currently provided, as well as where they are going in the future. See attached overview.**

**Chris Stedeford reported on the FSP/Katie A. services provided to El Dorado County and HHSA. Upcoming Nurtured Heart Approach training, funded through MHSA, will be offered at no charge. See attached overview.**

3. [17-0692](#) Commissioners Burke and Abram request that the Mental Health Commission recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Norma Santiago to the South Lake Tahoe Council of the Mental Health Commission.

**Commissioner Lynn made a motion to appoint Norma Santiago as Commissioner to the South Lake Tahoe Council of the Mental Health Commission, seconded by Denise Burke.**

**Yes:** 12 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, 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 Craig Therkildsen

4. [17-0693](#) Update and discussion from Health and Human Services Agency regarding Stepping Up Initiative  
  
Stepping Up activities continue, more information will be coming next month. Sue Novasel reported she met last week with Brian Richart, Chief Probation Officer, and Patricia Charles-Heathers, Director of HHSA. The draft mission and vision statements and the core beliefs statement are near completion.
5. [17-0703](#) Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program Update and Discussion  
  
Commissioner Abram expressed his concern that the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program has not enrolled clients into AOT services. Jamie Samboceti, Deputy Director for Behavioral Health, discussed that clients identified for AOT have elected to receive voluntary services, have not met criteria for AOT, or have relocated and the Behavioral Health Division has been unable to locate the individuals. The tracking process for AOT was also discussed, and individuals who fail to voluntarily engage would be referred back to AOT. AOT is regularly discussed at the Community Corrections Partnership and Crisis Intervention Team meetings, and it will partner with the Stepping Up initiative and the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) program as well. It was also discussed how AOT can be used prior to seeking a LPS conservatorship for an individual. A request to County Counsel regarding the AOT eligibility criteria related to incarceration was submitted and the BHD is awaiting a response.
6. [17-0638](#) Update and discussion regarding the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver  
  
Katy Eckert, Assistant Director of Adult Services for the BHD, provided an overview of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) process. The Board of Supervisors has given their approval to ask for a waiver. The plan will be submitted to the State on September 1, 2017. A community survey will be sent out this week, as well as a survey to providers, asking what services they can provide, and will be due back by the second week of July. There will be a provider meeting on July 7. A draft plan is due at the end of August. Katy Eckert questioned whether the Mental Health Commission members would be interested in changing the name to the Behavioral Health Commission, with the focus expanded to include substance use. The Mental Health Commission will revisit this topic at a later date.
7. [17-0694](#) Update / Questions on Mental Health Rehabilitation Center  
  
Commissioner Abram reported the facility being considered is now ruled out, as it is too expensive and the search for an appropriate building for a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center will continue.

8. [17-0316](#) Update on Health and Human Services Agency's Service Integration

Katy Eckert, Assistant Director of Adult Services for the BHD, reports making forward progress. Discussions continue, and HHSA is surveying other counties on how to they are structured. The Adult System of Care Committee meets regularly, and HHSA is exploring co-location of the Adult System of Care programs. Senior Services will become part of the Adult System of Care next fiscal year. The Adult System of Care is developing training materials for all programs.

HHSA is currently recruiting for the Assistant Director of Children's Services, and discussions regarding the Children's System of Care are beginning to occur. Angie Larrigan, Program Manager, will be the voice for providers and she can invite them into the discussion.

9. [17-0696](#) Update on California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHBC) Annual Meeting

Steven Danbeck from CALBHBC shared his thoughts on how the El Dorado County Mental Health Commission is doing. He was complimentary regarding the Commission and BHD's structure, communication, and collaborative work. Mr. Danbeck advises the Mental Health Commission consider changing to a "Behavioral Health Commission." Mr. Danbeck also discussed the pressures facing emergency rooms and jails related to individuals with a mental illness. Jamie Samboceti reported that she attended a meeting regarding the MHSA PEI project "Community-Based Outreach and Linkage" and CSS project "Outreach and Engagement", where a Mental Health Clinician would work with a Law Enforcement Officer to provide mobile outreach, engagement, early intervention and linkage services in the field.

Mr. Danbeck reported that CALBHBC's next Data Notebook will have a focus on Older Adults.

10. [17-0701](#) Questions / Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

Commissioner Burke asked for data on the Behavioral Health Court in South Lake Tahoe.

Commissioner Lynn would like a more descriptive PHF census and suggested the next PHF contract should factor in daily census as an incentive to admit more patients. Ren Scammon, Program Manager in the Behavioral Health Division, stated that there is a cost reconciliation at the end of the year and Telecare usually returns some funding to HHSA.

Commission Clavere asked about the status of the blocked beds memo.

Commissioner Melnicoe commented that the placements in T-Houses have declined. Jamie Samboceti explained that part of the decline is due to Full Service Partnership (FSP) clients having stable housing options or not being appropriate to step down from an IMD.

Commissioner Melnicoe reported that 20 clients attended the NAMI walk in May and thanked the clients and the BHD for participating in the event.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Abram thanked those who are interested in being on the Mental Health Commission for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Burke asked if the mobile outreach services would include South Lake Tahoe. Jamie Samboceti replied that it does not at this time. The services are needed on the West Slope because it is so much larger geographically. However, SLT could be a future expansion.

**DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

July 26 at 5:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm