

# 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*  
*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Brookes Heil-Blackburn, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Norman Nester, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Craig Therkildsen, Commissioner, West Slope Council*  
*Stacy Bolton, Associate Member, West Slope Council*  
*Norma Santiago, Associate Member, Tahoe Council*  
*Henry Sandigo, Associate Member, West Slope Council*  
*Vacant (2), Commissioner, Tahoe Council*  
*Vacant (3) Commissioner, West Slope Council*

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Wednesday, September 27, 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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#### 5:00 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

*Guests: Marsha Ticas, Arturo Salazar, Jeanne Nelson, Shawn Allan, Chris Stedeford*

*HHSA Staff: Patricia Charles-Heathers, Jamie Samboceti, Katy Eckert, Ren Scammon, Heather Longo, Angelina Larrigan, Laura Walny, Yvonne Kollings, Tami Smith, Sabrina Owen*

*Associate Member: Stacy Bolton*

**Present:** 6 - Jan Melnicoe, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 5 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Craig Therkildsen, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Jeanne Nelson expressed appreciation of two female Correction Officers at the South Lake Tahoe Jail for their willingness to distribute NAMI brochures and flyers. She also expressed concern regarding the medication management at the Jails and that policies need to be developed. Recommended the Jail staff review the medication the inmates' doctors have prescribed and continue administering that medication during their incarceration. Discussion regarding sending monetary gifts to inmates. Inmates must order something from the commissary before a gift can be sent.*

*Jan Melnicoe shared that NAMI has been very busy, having received many calls requesting information on suicide prevention and how to access mental health services. Jan believes more collaboration is needed to get the information out to the community.*

**5:08 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by McLane, seconded by Melnicoe, to adopt of the Agenda this matter.**

**Yes:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. [17-1061](#) Approval of the August 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to adopt the meeting minutes with the one correction requested by Commissioner Clavere.**

**Yes:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

2. [17-1063](#) Chair Abram and Commissioner McLane request that the Mental Health Commission recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Arturo Salazar to the West Slope Council of the Mental Health Commission

**A motion was made by Commissioner Melnicoe, seconded by Commissioner Nester, to recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Arturo Salazar to the West Slope Council of the Mental Health Commission.**

**Yes:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

3. [17-1064](#) Chair Abram and Commissioner McLane request that the Mental Health Commission recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Shawn Allan to the West Slope Council of the Mental Health Commission

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn, seconded by Commissioner Clavere, to recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Shawn Allan to the West Slope Council of the Mental Health Commission.**

**Yes:** 8 - Richard Lynn, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Denise Burke, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

4. [17-1066](#) West Slope Council Chair Commissioner Abram recommends that Henry Sandigo be appointed as an Associate Member to the West Slope Council of the Mental Health Commission

*Chair Abram appointed Henry Sandigo as Associate Member to the West Slope Council of the Mental Health Commission.*

5. [17-1067](#) Selection / Appointment of members to an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating and updating the Bylaws of the Mental Health Commission

*The Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee members are Chair Abram, Commissioners Clavere and Lynn, Associate Members Stacy Bolton and Norma Santiago.*

*Chair Abram reported that he spoke with Teresa Comstock (President, CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions) and Katy Eckert, who will show them where name changes will need to be made.*

#### 5:22 PM ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Richard Lynn, Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 2 - Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

6. [17-1068](#) Selection / Appointment of members to an Ad Hoc Data Notebook Committee for the purpose of completing the 2017 Data Notebook for Mental Health Boards and Commissions

*Ad Hoc Committee members are Chair Abram, Commissioners Melnicoe and Heil-Blackburn, and Associate Member Santiago. The Committee will meet twice and will bring input and a Draft Data Notebook to the Mental Health Commission. The Data Notebook is due November 30 to the California Mental Health Planning Council.*

*Ren Scammon will send the Data Notebook .pdf to everyone on the MH Commission.*

7. [17-1076](#) Update / Discussion on Behavioral Health Division's Budget

*Health and Human Services Director Charles-Heathers introduced Yvonne Kollings, Chief Fiscal Officer, who presented on the Behavioral Health Division's Adopted Addenda Budget, which includes Alcohol and Drug Programs.*

*Next fiscal year, there will be a CalPERS increase. It is anticipated that El Dorado County Health and Human Services will absorb approximately 40%. This information was presented to the Board of Supervisors last week.*

*Discussion regarding the increasing fund balance in MHSA, the reasons for which include higher MHSA revenues, higher vacancy rate and higher Medi-Cal reimbursements.*

*Discussion regarding El Dorado County Health and Human Services salaries being competitive with other Counties and how salaries and benefits can be increased in order to hire/retain employees with competitive pay. Director Charles-Heathers shared that she is advocating for the Behavioral Health staff and that there is currently a compensation plan before the Board of Supervisors.*

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

*Discussion regarding the status of the MHRC. Still looking for an adequate facility.*

*Commissioner McLane stated we need more tax revenue.*

*Jeanne Nelson shared that she is happy to hear about trying to recruit top talent on value, not salary.*

*Chair Abram wants to have an active planning and budget committee in January.*

8. [17-1071](#) Health and Human Services Agency presentation / discussion regarding Older Adult Services

*Jamie Samboceti and Laura Walny presented the Older Adult programs available through Health and Human Services Agency.*

*Jamie Samboceti reported that Senior Legal will continue through the year.*

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

*Jeanne Nelson requested the updated version of the handout with the names removed be sent to her. Laura Walny will send.*

9. [17-1059](#) Mental Health Services Act Community Planning Process for Fiscal Year 2018/19

*Heather Longo presented the Community Planning Process the MHSA Team will be utilizing for the MHSA Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2018-19.*

*Commissioner Melnicoe suggested speaking with the student services counselor at the college and asked for feedback on how things are going at the Hubs.*

*Chair Abram suggested contacting Animal Services.*

*Associate Member Bolton suggested Community Health Center.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Arturo Salazar suggested having Spanish interpreters at the community meetings and Tribal representation.*

*Jeanne Nelson shared that letters to the editor in newspapers are free. Suggested the Mt. Democrat, Tahoe Tribune newspapers, as well as the on line newspapers of Tahoe Now and Lake Tahoe News.*

*Arturo Salazar suggested having an incentive to participate, such as a drawing, prizes and food.*

10. [17-1065](#) Mental Health Services Act / Capital Facilities and Technology Needs Community-Based Wellness Center Update / Discussion

*Katy Eckert requested the Mental Health Commission develop an Ad Hoc Committee to design a community wellness center program for the Request for Proposal (RFP). She explained that the program development comes first and we want help from the Mental Health Commission to develop a core program and, the RFP will also ask what the contractor has to add.*

*Commissioner Melnicoe requested a list of core services that are required for the RFP.*

*Discussion of one-time \$500K CFTN dollars.*

**7:05 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Bonnie McLane, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 3 - Richard Lynn, Sue Novasel and Ben Ehrler

11. [17-1069](#) Presentation / Discussion on County Jail Mental Health Statistics

*Commissioner Clavere reported being unable to obtain current statistics from the El Dorado County Jails. However, the California Board of State Corrections latest 2016 statistics show there is an average of 85 mental health inmates per month on medications on both slopes in El Dorado County.*

**12. [17-1070](#)** Update on a Mental Health Recovery Center

*As discussed under item 7 above, the search for an appropriate facility in the County continues.*

**13. [17-1072](#)** Update / Discussion on Assisted Outpatient Treatment

*Discussion regarding County Counsel's inability to obtain additional information to support AOT referrals based upon the number of times incarcerated in the County Jail. In a recent Law and Ethics training, Attorney Linda Garrett, identified AOT criteria as "A mental health unit with the jail system." per Jamie Samboceti. Jamie also explained the plans for the re-entry program.*

*Katy Eckert shared that we can advocate for better services in the Jail, but we can't dictate to them. CFMG is in charge of Jail services, not Health and Human Services Agency.*

*The Commission requested outcome data for the individuals who have elected voluntary services in lieu of the County filing an AOT Petition with the Court.*

**7:14 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Brookes Heil-Blackburn and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 4 - Richard Lynn, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler and Bonnie McLane

**7:16 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Denise Burke, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere and Norman Nester

**Absent:** 5 - Richard Lynn, Sue Novasel, Ben Ehrler, Bonnie McLane and Brookes Heil-Blackburn

**14. [17-1073](#)** Update on Stepping Up Initiative

*Commissioner Melnicoe stated there is nothing new, but will continue to follow up.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Jeanne Nelson questioned why no meeting has been scheduled. Director Charles-Heathers explained that the Chief Probation Officer is in charge. He reports to the Court.*

**15. [17-1074](#)** Update on Health and Human Services Agency Service Integration

*Director Charles-Heathers discussed Health and Human Services Agency's service integration and reviewed the proposed Organization Chart. The next step is to identify what the programs should look like.*

16. [17-1075](#) Questions / Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

*Jeanne Nelson requested clarification of the explanation of "open to Mental Health" under the heading "Mental Health Clients in Jail" on page 14 of the Monthly Report. Ren Scammon clarified that it means a client has an open medical record with an episode. Jeanne would like the explanation modified to be more clear that the client is receiving Mental Health services.*

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

*Commissioner Boals has resigned from the Mental Health Commission.*

**DETERMINE NEXT MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

*October 25, 2017 at 5:00 PM*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*7:30 PM*