

Minutes Behavioral Health Commission

- Jim Abram, Chair
Dr. Stephen Clavere, Vice-Chair WS
Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice-Chair SLT
John Hidahl, Board of Supervisors Representative
Kathryn Hamilton, Commissioner
Jocelyn Lamb, Commissioner
Jan Melnicoe, Commissioner
Arturo Salazar, Commissioner
Henry Sandigo, Commissioner
Norma Santiago, Commissioner
Craig Therikildsen, Commissioner
Vacant (5), Commissioner

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 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

5:00 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS; RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION

- Present: 8 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Richard Lynn and Kathryn Hamilton
Absent: 3 - John Hidahl, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) - Public Employee Appointment: Discussion / Recommendation on candidates for Director of Health and Human Services Agency

5:31 PM RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- Yes: 8 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therikildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Richard Lynn and Kathryn Hamilton
Absent: 3 - John Hidahl, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chair Abram reported that direction was given to Tameka Usher, Director of Human Resources, to take the Behavioral Health Commission's input relating to the HHS Director position to the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- 1. [18-1812](#) Approval of the October 24, 2018 Behavioral Health Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Abram expressed satisfaction with the detail included in the Minutes from the previous meeting and appreciated the effort of HHSA staff to prepare the Minutes.

A motion was made by Chair Abram, seconded by Vice Chair Clavere, to approve the October Minutes as written.

Yes: 8 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Richard Lynn and Kathryn Hamilton

Absent: 3 - John Hidahl, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

- 2. [18-1813](#) Commissioner Abram requests that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Karis Holman be appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission.

A motion was made by Chair Abram to approve recommending to the Board of Supervisors that Karis Holman be appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission, effective January 1, 2019.

Yes: 8 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Richard Lynn and Kathryn Hamilton

Absent: 3 - John Hidahl, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

- 3. [18-1814](#) Commissioner Abram requests that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Debra Thornburgh be appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission.

A motion was made by Chair Abram to approve recommending to the Board of Supervisors that Debra Thornburgh be appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission effective January 1, 2019.

Yes: 8 - Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Arturo Salazar, Henry Sandigo, Richard Lynn and Kathryn Hamilton

Absent: 3 - John Hidahl, Jocelyn Lamb and Norma Santiago

- 4. [18-1816](#) Recommendation / Action by Behavioral Health Commission Chairman Abram regarding the Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes Committee

Chair Abram recommended closing the Ad Hoc Committee as the Minute format and detail have improved and the committee is no longer needed.

5. [18-1817](#) Behavioral Health Commission Nominating Committee presentation of the 2019 Behavioral Health Commission Slate of Officer Candidates

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chair Abram recommended the following candidates for roles as officers for the 2019 Behavioral Health Commission:

*Dr. Steven Clavere for Chair
Arturo Salazar for Vice Chair
Dr. Richard Lynn for Vice Chair
Kathryn Hamilton for Secretary*

Chair Abram also informed the Commissioners that Commissioners Shawn Allan and Norman Nester resigned.

6. [18-1818](#) Discussion / Action on the Behavioral Health Commission 2018 Annual Report

Chair Abram noted that the Annual Report is normally prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors later in the year. However, because Chair Abram will be resigning from his post as Chair effective December 31, 2018, he will complete a Semi-Annual Report by that date and will work closely with Commissioner Clavere to review the report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors as a receive and file.

7. [18-1819](#) Questions / Comments on Behavioral Health Division Monthly Report

Commissioner Melnicoe noted concern that Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) is not “picking up,” and she would like to see more clients referred to AOT. She would like to see AOT take the place of LPS Conservatorships. Assistant Director Katy Eckert addressed this concern by explaining that AOT program is Court-ordered treatment and if a client chooses to voluntarily accept services, that client does not meet criteria for AOT.

Chair Abram expressed desire to have more Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment to be mandated by the Court, not just voluntary.

Vice Chair Clavere expressed concern about the QI/UR process. He questioned when the last Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) meeting was held and why there was no report from those meetings to the Commission. He questioned why the Behavioral Health Commission has no input or opportunity to provide feedback to the QIC. Deputy Director Jamie Samboceti advised the Commission that QIC meetings are held quarterly and that Commissioner Allan had been historically attending meetings.

Commissioner Melnicoe and community partner Barry Harwell requested that NAMI and contract providers be invited to attend the QIC meetings.

Vice Chair Clavere requested that the Commission be given the opportunity to review the findings of the Department of Health Care Services Triennial Review and MHA Review, and would like a summary of the findings to be provided to the Commission.

Vice Chair Clavere requested that the Commission have the opportunity to review the DMC/ODS contract between the State and El Dorado County before the contract is presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Vice Chair Clavere noted the PHF census is at 80% , but he is concerned that the PHF denies patients who require a C-PAP; he commented that a battery pack should be available.

Commissioner Hamilton requested an explanation of the HHSA practice of “No wrong door” and when this practice will be put into place, and wants to know if this will increase services available to children. Deputy Director Jamie Samboceti explained that Health and Human Services Agency is working on training all staff so that there is a “warm hand-off” throughout all HHSA programs. Deputy Director Samboceti invited Commissioner Hamilton to call her directly to discuss gaps in pediatric services.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Therkildsen was thankful for and impressed by the services provided to the community by El Dorado County Behavioral Health.

Commissioner Melnicoe expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Behavioral Health Intensive Case Management team.

DETERMINE NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE

The next Behavioral Health Commission meeting will be held January 23, 2019

ADJOURNMENT - 6:32 PM