

Behavioral Health Board Minutes

Date: 01.17.2008

Start Time: 3:00 (Pre-Meeting Brown Act Training started at 2:30)

Adjournment: 5:00

Location: ASD Conference Room

Present: Dr. Michael Shuell, Dave Panchesson, Tom LeBlanc, Perry Turner, Salvador Ventura, Supervisor Bill Connelly, Carol Childers, Dr. Bruce Aikin, Susan Bhojak, Mike Little, Barb Foy, Dr. Brad Luz, Elizabeth McGire, Elizabeth Gowan, Debbie Villasenor, Linda Huffmon, Christelle Burnett, Janine Cuellar, Kathy Freitas, Greg Plummer, Mary Johnson, Deana Ward, Tom Evans, Julie Bartel, Maxine Phillips, Heidi Nalley, Geoff Davis

Absent: Patricia Johnson

Agenda Item/Issue:	Discussion Summary:	Result/Action/Next Steps- Person Assigned/Due Date
Brown Act Pre-Meeting Training, Elizabeth McGie, Butte County Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the request of the Behavioral Health Board, Elizabeth McGie gave a training on Brown Act compliance. What follows are highlights of her presentation (copies of the presentation hand outs were distributed, and are available from Geoff Davis): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Brown Act regulates meetings of local agency legislative bodies so that their actions are taken openly and that their deliberations are conducted openly. ○ The purpose of the Act is to provide the public with the opportunity to monitor and participate in local governmental matters. ○ The Behavioral Health Board is subject to the Act as it affects the Department of Behavioral Health's decision-making process. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What constitutes meetings, and what does not constitute a meeting were detailed in the hand outs. ○ Hypothetical situations were outlined and discussed to give the Board fluency in Brown Act compliance. 	
1) Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quorum present 	Called to order at 3:00
2) Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes of the 12.20.2007 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved with two corrections. 	Corrections were made, and minutes posted on the Department website.
3) Announcements- Board Members		
-Salvador Ventura, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Salvador thanked the Board for its support; he hopes that he is up to the task of being Chair for 2008. ● Will meet with staff and visit facilities to get a feel for the Department. ● Introduced Mike Little to the Board, discussed the possibility of Mike presenting on “Club Stairway” at the February meeting. ● Encouraged members to reflect on why they are on the Board, and to become familiar with the Bylaws. ● Is hoping for high attendance at the February Retreat. ● The Board needs to understand what the Department is doing. ● A Department organizational chart would be helpful for the Board to better understand the Department. 	<p>Mike Little will present on “Club Stairway” at the February 21 meeting.</p> <p>Geoff Davis will provide a Department organizational chart to Board members.</p>
-Carol Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is working with Butte County Transit. ● Elder Services Coordinating Council hired a consultant to develop a plan to 	

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	<p>get funds to fill transportation service gaps for the Elder community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called for the Department's support; will be working with Elizabeth Gowan, MHSA Program Manager, on expansion of services. • The California Department of Aging is working to get the word out to the Elder community on suicide prevention. • The draft proposal on Suicide Prevention is on the MHSA website. • Carol asked that members review the proposal and make comments on it its website. 	
-Tom Leblanc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants to get to know the personal side of the Department. • To illustrate what he is looking for, he shared a recent experience he had with a former student. • Tom wants to hear about client's personal experiences, challenges, and recovery. 	
-Susan Bhojak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared recent successes of the Twelve Step Community. • The Twelve Step Community recently had a New Year's Even Party, and is planning similar events for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, as well as bingo events. 	
-Perry Turner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the brochure for the 2008 Reach for the Future conference. • Perry asked that Board members receive such brochures. 	Geoff Davis has contacted Community Services staff; they now will be able to distribute event literature to all members.
Announcements-Staff		
-Janine Cuellar Drop-In Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked in detail about the challenges presented in switching from a medical 	

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	<p>model to recovery model approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has had positive experience working with high school student volunteers at the Drop-In Center. • High school students are becoming more comfortable working with consumers. • Janine asked Patricia Johnson for help with different volunteer-related projects at the Drop-In Center. 	
<p>5) MHSA Update –Elizabeth Gowan, MFT, Program Manager, Wellness and Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced MHSA staff: Debbie Villasenor (contractor), Christelle Burnett (extra help), Linda Huffmon (contracted). • Debbie Villasenor spoke about her efforts to develop permanent supportive housing. • Debbie is currently seeking housing development partners, and is preparing an announcement of availability of funds. • The effort to provide housing is drawn by consumer need. • Would like to work with the City of Chico if possible. • Is working to get the most housing for the MHSA dollar. 	
<p>6) Director’s Report -Dr. Bradford Luz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed concerns about the need to speak to the human side of what the Department does for the community. • Budget is how policy is implemented. • It is necessary for the Board to be presented with the most recent legislative information as it pertains to the budget. • The Board will be more informed in its work with the Department if it stays current on budget issues. • What follows are highlights from Dr. Luz’s notes on the January 10, CMHDA “All Director’s Meeting.” Hand outs of these notes as well as the Governor’s 2008-09 State Budget were given out by Dr. Luz. Geoff Davis 	

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<p>Governor's Budget Proposal</p> <p>Department of Mental Health (Steve Mayberg, Director)</p>	<p>will provide copies of these hand outs upon request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ten percent cut to all programs and services across the board. ○ Prop. 38 to be suspended; Education and Corrections no longer off the table. ○ No new taxes, and no reinstatement of Vehicle Tax Increase (worth \$4 billion). ○ Prop. 1A could be suspended in order to allow state to withhold 8.5% of property taxes now going to county governments. ○ Principles: preserve mandates and access to services. ○ Proposed reduction to Health and Human Services is \$2.9 billion or 29%. ○ No growth in Realignment Revenues. ○ No COLAs for MC or SSI. ○ State will run out of money in current fiscal year in March, 2008. ○ CMHDA members need to anticipate delays in reimbursement up to six months. 	
<p>7) Ongoing</p> <p>-Tour of 23 Hour Unit, Tom Evans, Deana Ward</p> <p>-February Retreat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tom gave the Board an overview of the 23 Hour Unit's purpose ● Board members were asked to sign the Department "Statement and Agreement of Confidentiality" prior to touring the 23 Hour Unit. ● Different dates and times were discussed. 	<p>Geoff Davis collected signed confidentiality statements; Board members will tour the facility at 2:00 on Thursday, February 21.</p> <p>The Retreat will take place on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 1:00 to 5:30. Geoff Davis will notify members of location.</p>
<p>8) New Business-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Warren Baker is a straight A 	

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<p>review of youth member applicant, David Warren Baker's application, Perry Turner</p>	<p>student, aged 14, residing in Oroville.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David is active in sports, and various committees. • David will be able to attend meetings regularly, and is a good speaker. • David was unanimously approved by the Board. 	<p>Geoff Davis will submit the application to the Board of Supervisors for their approval of David's application.</p>
<p>9) Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 • Special reminder that the Board will meet at the 23 Hour Unit, 592 Rio Lindo Ave., Chico, at 2:00, February 21, 2008. 	<p>Next meeting will be at 3:00 on February 21, 2008.</p>

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