

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 06.19.2008
 Start Time: 3:05
 Adjournment: 5:00
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

Board Members: Salvador Ventura, Tom LeBlanc, Perry Turner, Dave Panchesson, Dr. Michael Shuell

Staff: Edward Walker, Lisa Cox, Elizabeth Gowan, Janine Cuellar, Geoff Davis

Visitors: Mike Little, Pat LeBlanc, Barbara Foy, Diana McGlothlin, Keven Partridge

Absent:

Board Members: Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Patricia Johnson, Carol Childers, David Warren-Baker

Agenda Item/Issue:	Discussion Summary:	Result/Action/Next Steps- Person Assigned/Due Date
1) Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum present. 	Called to order at 3:05
2) Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 05.15.2008 and 05.22.2008 Minutes 	May minutes were approved with corrections, corrected minutes will be posted on Dept. website.
3) Announcements- Chair and Board members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador Ventura pointed out that the agenda now has a link to the Department website which makes the membership application available online. • Salvador asked the Membership Committee about the status of the three applicants, to which Perry Turner responded that they would be 	

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	<p>interviewed before the July meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador stressed the importance of timeliness in handling membership applications, noting that good volunteers are hard to come by. • Salvador reminded the Board that its function is as an advisory board, it can only serve to present the Department with suggestions. • To encourage public participation at meetings, Salvador is setting aside 20 minutes at each meeting for public comments. • Perry Turner will be attending the annual CALMHB/Co meeting this weekend, which is being held in Burlingame. Perry will be representing the Superior Counties and will be participating in the oversight of CALMHB/Co functions. 	
<p>4) NAMI Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Patricia Johnson's absence, Salvador would like to have another Board member act as a link between the Board and NAMI. • NAMI meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 at the Butte County Library on East First Avenue in Chico. • Salvador talked about the NAMI family support group, and the importance of Department staff to be in attendance to provide support as needed. • Lisa Cox, Assistant Director, Adult Services, indicated that she will be able to provide a Department staff member to attend the family support 	<p>The Department will provide a staff member to attend NAMI family</p>

	group.	support group meetings.
5) MHSA Update Elizabeth Gowan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Gowan discussed at length the next steps in the implementation of the Community Services and Support Augmentation segment of MHSA. • A key component in the augmentation plan is the formation of a committee that would be, among other things, co-chaired by members of the Behavioral Health Board. • Discussion followed as to whether the Board could act at the current meeting since it was not on the agenda as an agenda item. • Per the Brown Act, the members present voted unanimously to approve discussing the committee as an action item for the current meeting. • The Board then decided that it is in favor of participating in the augmentation committee. • Perry Turner asked Elizabeth about different aspects of the current fiscal year MHSA budget. • Elizabeth replied that she would have answers to his questions in a report that she would present to the Board at the next meeting. 	<p>The Board will participate as proposed in the MHSA CS & S Augmentation Committee.</p> <p>Elizabeth will provide an MHSA budget report at the July meeting.</p>

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<p>5) Retreat Follow Up Customer Service and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Salvador Ventura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Customer Service Committee needs to regroup and get focused now that the budget process is coming to an end. • Salvador went on to explain that not as much progress has been made as he would like. • The CIT project is making considerable progress. • On August 7, there will be three meetings on the implementation of CIT in Butte County. • Sam Cochran of Memphis, TN Police Department will be there to share his insight as the creator of CIT, which has been used across the nation and now also internationally. • Salvador invited members to look up CIT on the internet for more information on its history and purpose. 	
<p>Board Member Mentoring Program and Department Management Representation at Board Meetings Tom LeBlanc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom LeBlanc reported that he will be working with Lisa Cox on insuring that Department management is represented at Board meetings. • The mentoring of Board members will become more of an active item when consumers are on the Board and in need of assistance as members. 	
<p>Awards Event- Perry Turner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns on the current Department budget took priority last month over the ongoing work to recognize both consumers and staff for their respective achievements. • Perry assured the Board that confidentiality will be maintained to protect consumers who will be recognized. • Perry projected that the awards 	

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<p>Mental Health Awareness Event- Dr. Michael Shuell</p>	<p>recommendations will be presented to the BHB for its consideration in September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry also reported to the Board that he will be working on getting Mike Ragins to come to Butte County to share his insight into getting funding for different programs. • Perry will be able to speak with Mike Ragins directly as he will also be at the CALMHB/Co meeting this weekend. • Dr. Shuell shared that no progress has currently been made. • Dr. Shuell will make a point to get in contact with Department staff to begin work on this item. 	
<p>6) Director's Report-Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department budget is a work in progress. • Edward went over the budget report format, and openly welcomed Board feedback. • He shared that the format of his report may change over time depending on what the Board wants to see on his report. • It is by statute that Edward will report to the Board on the state of the Mental Health and ADS budgets. Edward added he will also keep the Board current on the Prevention Unit budget. • Edward's policy is to tell everybody the same thing at the same time. • Edward gave a history of Realignment and Short Doyle funding. • The problem of funding has become a serious issue for counties throughout the State. • Edward gave Yolo County as an example of how drastic the budget situation is elsewhere. • The California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA) has 	

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	<p>formed a negotiating committee to work with the State on funding issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays in State payments have exacerbated the ongoing issue of insufficient funding for public mental health programs. • The need for services exceeds the funding for them, which is a statewide problem. • Despite the current budget issues, the Department is still a large department with plenty of resources to provide services. • The Department will retain the Paradise and Gridley centers. • Twenty-six positions will be cut. • Service to 650-700 consumers will be ended. • The process of determining who will continue to receive services in light of the service cutback was discussed with the Board. • Edward explained the criteria to determine who is legally required to receive Department services. • Perry Turner interjected that staff were willing to reduce their work week to save positions, to which Edward responded that CAO's Office has been advised of this idea. • Perry also shared his belief that the CAO's comments about the Drop-In Center were misinformed. • Edward commended the Disaster Coordinator, Susan Menzie, who is the In-Patient Manager, for her outstanding service in the wake of the Humboldt Fire. • Edward also praised the efforts of the staff who responded to the needs of the Paradise community. Staff truly distinguished themselves in that situation. 	
7) Ongoing Business		

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	<p>collaborative community efforts to fill the gap between what public services provide and what services remain to be met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keven Partridge talked about his receipt of a letter terminating his relationship with the Department. • Edward Walker responded to Keven’s situation by stating he would be able to address Keven’s status at the July meeting. • Consumer member issues were discussed, such as attendance and what issues might be affecting regular consumer attendance at meetings. • It was agreed that mentoring will help consumers participate fully as Board members. 	<p>Edward Walker will address Keven’s status at the July meeting.</p>
<p>11) Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 5:00 	<p>The next meeting will be on July 17 at 3:00, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico.</p>