

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 07.17.2008
 Start Time: 3:05
 Adjournment: 5:00
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

Board Members: Salvador Ventura, Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Perry Turner, Dave Panchesson, Dr. Michael Shuell

Staff: Edward Walker, Elizabeth Gowan, Dean True, Janine Cuellar, Geoff Davis

Visitors: Mike Little, Barbara Foy, Eric Almquist, Bob Michels, George Siler, Patty Krause, Greg Fagen, David Clark

Absent:

Board Members: Tom LeBlanc, Patricia Johnson, Carol Childers, David Warren-Baker

| Agenda Item/Issue: | Discussion Summary: | Result/Action/Next Steps- Person Assigned/Due Date |
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| 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 06.19.2008 Minutes | June minutes were approved with one correction; minutes will be posted on the Department website. |
| 3) Announcements- Chair and Board members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador Ventura expressed his appreciation for Interim Director Edward Walker's efforts in getting the Behavioral Health Board meeting packets to members around 10 days before the meeting date. • Salvador announced that the Board will adjourn for the month of August. Some discussion followed the issue of | |

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| | <p>adjournment. A motion passed that the Board would have as an action item in September the development of a work calendar for 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry Turner related the events and outcomes of the CALMHB/co and CIMH/DMH meetings he attended in June: • CALMHB/co-Perry attended this meeting as he was selected to be one of the directors of CALMB/co for the Superior Counties district. • Perry noted that Butte County has done fairly well by comparison to other counties. Perry found that in some instances, Butte County has already accomplished MHSAs objectives that other counties are still planning to do. • An array of goals were set for the new fiscal year at this meeting. Two goals Perry recommended were the monitoring of recovery model progress in non-MHSA programs and the study of BHB minutes for a specific timeframe to see what has been done that is consistent with the recovery model. • Perry indicated that Board autonomy varied widely in the Superior Counties district. • The Behavioral Health Board workbook that has been developed by CALMB/co is still on hold due to copyright issues; it might be available in a month's time, but it is unclear what the exact release date will be. • Overall, the meeting was productive; the next one will be in late October. | <p>The Board will adjourn for August, and will determine its work calendar for 2009.</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIMH/DMH-Many key staff attended this meeting, including a Department Assistant Director and numerous frontline database operators. • Avatar was a main focus of the meeting. Avatar is a sophisticated billing software program being implemented to meet compliance regulations. • Perry said that Butte County received unsolicited compliments from EQRO members (EQRO=External Quality Review Organization). EQROs are required by Federal law to insure that services rendered are up to strict guidelines. • Perry indicated that he would like to set up a Saturday retreat/training for the Board so that it is fluent in database issues that face mental health departments. | |
| 4) Retreat Follow Up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)- Dave Panchesson informed the Board that six meetings have taken place so far (attendees include himself, Elizabeth Gowan, Salvador Ventura, Mike Little, and Bob Michels). • CIT was created in 1988 by Major Sam Cochran of Memphis, Tennessee, and it is now an international program designed to defuse confrontations between mentally ill citizens and law enforcement personnel. • Dave stressed the importance of wholistic involvement to make CIT a reality in Butte County. • Major Sam Cochran will be facilitating a CIT training on August 7, a flyer for which was distributed at this meeting. • Customer Service-Salvador Ventura has been meeting with Lisa Cox, Michael Schultz, Diane Davis, Kathy Freitas, and Elizabeth Gowan to work | |

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| | <p>on improving customer service to consumers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador expressed his believe that consumers need to be treated like customers, without which there would be no need for the Department. • Salvador said the progress being made is exciting and is good news for consumers. | |
| 5) Director's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker briefly went over the Director's Report that he sent out the week previous to the July meeting. • Of note in the report is the reduction of ADS grant funded programs. • A reduction of pharmacy reimbursement rates, not mentioned in the report, was discussed by Edward. He elaborated on how the Department is working with local pharmacies to insure consumers receive their medications. It was noted that this is a statewide problem. • Edward emphasized the necessity of feedback on developing MHSA programs. | |
| 6) MHSA Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Gowan, Program Manager, Wellness and Recovery, went over the "MHSA Overview and Update, July, 2008" that was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. • Highlighted in the report was an over view of MHSA, funding allocation information, as well as an outlining of the program's six components (Community Services and Supports, Housing, Prevention and Early Intervention, Capital Facilities and Technology, Workforce Education and Training, and Innovation). • Elizabeth shared that eventually the six components will be integrated into one single program. She also explained that while the individual components are in themselves simple and straight- | |

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| | <p>forward, their implementation in practice has become more complex.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report will be posted on the Department website, and Elizabeth welcomed staff to read the MHSA in its entirety, which Perry Turner vouched to be highly readable. • Discussion followed over what was meant by “Prevention and Early Intervention.” Edward Walker elaborated on the three levels of prevention: Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary, which were debated at length across the state in the early planning stages of MHSA implementation. • Perry Turner described MHSA as the “will of the people.” He acknowledged that there has been a bureaucratization of MHSA. | |
| <p>7) Ongoing Business</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bradford Luz Recognition Letter-Perry Turner said that due to the fires this last month, that the presentation of the completed letter will be done at the September Board meeting. • Membership Committee-Perry Turner briefed the Board on three applicants: Nancy Bryant (Community/Professional), David Clark and Barbara Foy (Consumers). Dave Panchesson also shared his impressions on the applicants who were subsequently voted for unanimously for final approval by the Board of Supervisors. • There was discussion on the importance of mentoring new members so that they are cognizant of their duties and the support that is readily available to them as needed from Tom LeBlanc, Dave Panchesson, and Dr. Michael Shuell. • NAMI Family Support Meetings-The Department has a staff member | <p>Review of the completed recognition letter will be done at the September meeting.</p> <p>Membership applications will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval by Geoff Davis.</p> |

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| | and an alternate back up who will be happy to attend the Family Support Members as a counseling resource. | |
| 8) Wellness and Recovery/Drop-In Center Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Gowan and Janine Cuellar provided a detailed hand out that illustrated the transition of the Drop-In Center into a Wellness and Recovery Center. • The transition began in January, 2008 and is still developing, and will involve a relocation in the future from its current site. • Key to the philosophy of the transition is consumer involvement which underpins the recovery model approach throughout all phases of the Center's development. | |
| 09) Public Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker followed up on the issue brought up by Keven Partridge at the June meeting. • Edward affirmed that both Dr. Michael Clarke, Assistant Director, Youth Services, and Lisa Cox, Assistant Director, Adult Services, unambiguously support the consumer being at the center of any treatment plan. • It has long been Department policy that the consumer be involved in all stages of the treatment plan. Should the clinician believe that the treatment program is in need of closure, the consumer is to be clearly informed of the clinician's intentions so that there are no surprises. The consumer also has the right to indicate that he/she is still in need of treatment rather than ending it. • Any decisions affecting the termination of a treatment plan need to be discussed in person with the consumer and/or family member (if for a youth consumer). • Questions were asked about why the Board was not discussing the Medical Staff Proposed Budget, to which | |

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| | <p>Salvador replied that the Board did not receive a copy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of agenda items followed, with the Brown Act being cited in answer to calls for agenda items to be added at the beginning of the present meeting. • The budget, authored by Dr. Gerald Maguire, purports to save the Department \$3 million dollars. • Final approval of the Department budget is scheduled for the July 22 Board of Supervisor meeting. • Patty Krause noted that all budgets are open for possible acceptance by the Board of Supervisors at this time. • Salvador Ventura thanked Edward Walker for being in attendance at today's meeting even though he is on vacation this week. | |
| 11) Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 5:00 | <p>The next meeting will be on September 18, 2008, at 3:00, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico.</p> |

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