

# Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11.13.2008  
 Start Time: 3:03  
 Adjournment: 5:00  
 Location: ASD Conference Room

**Present:**

**Board Members:** Salvador Ventura, Coach Tom LeBlanc, Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Patricia Johnson, Carol Childers, David Warren-Baker, Dave Panchesson, Dr. Michael Shuell, Dr. David Clark, Barbara Foy

**Staff:** Edward Walker, Lisa Cox, Dr. Gerald Maguire, Elizabeth Gowan, John Amis, Dr. Harold Baize, Geoff Davis

**Visitors:** Mike Little, Patricia Krause, Greg Fagen, Bill Kehoe, Jim Childers, Andy Duch,

**Absent:**

**Board Members:** Nancy Bryant

Agenda Item/Issue:	Discussion Summary:	Result/Action/Next Steps-Person Assigned/Due Date
1) Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quorum present.</li> </ul>	Called to order at 3:03
2) Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of 10.16.2008 Minutes</li> </ul>	Minutes were approved as written, will be posted on Dept. website.
3) NAMI Report-Patricia Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a membership drive underway.</li> <li>• NAMI is seeking support from the community and the Department (MHSA funds).</li> <li>• A CIT update was given.</li> <li>• “Shaken Tree,” a moving written account of people with mental illness, was read out loud.</li> <li>• Universal healthcare, with an emphasis on mental health care coverage, was discussed.</li> <li>• Feedback on the Iversen Center has been positive.</li> </ul>	
4) Announcements -Salvador Ventura, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvador broached the subject of a 2009 annual retreat.</li> <li>• Dave Panchesson and Tom LeBlanc spoke of the positive effect the 2008 Retreat has had on the meetings, giving the Board focus and measurable outcomes.</li> <li>• Salvador was praised for his following up on the Retreat goals at every meeting, having incorporated the Retreat as an ongoing agenda item.</li> <li>• The 2009 Retreat has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 10, from 12-4.</li> </ul>	

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<p>Dave Panchesson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Huffmon was mentioned as a possible facilitator.</li>   <li>• Dave introduced Lieutenant Andrew Duch (Butte County Sheriff's Department) as a highly qualified candidate for the Law Enforcement position on the Board.</li> <li>• Board members introduced themselves to Lieutenant Duch.</li> <li>• Lieutenant Duch completed a membership application, which will be considered for approval later in the meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Salvador Ventura will meeting with Elizabeth Gowan to discuss potential facilitators. The date, time, and location of the Retreat will be finalized at the December meeting (12/18).</p>
<p>5) Retreat/Special Projects Update</p> <p>C.I.T.-Dave Panchesson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Panchesson attended the national CIT conference in Atlanta, Georgia along with Salvador Ventura, Don Taylor, Tom Evans, Mike Little, and Captain Rucker.</li> <li>• The training was very thorough and well-organized into blocks per specialized CIT topic.</li> <li>• The training blocks were around two hours in length.</li> <li>• There are different variations on the original Memphis Model originated by Major Sam Cochran.</li> <li>• CIT is evolving to provide de-escalation techniques for returning veterans and youth.</li> <li>• There was a certain element of levity and hope throughout the training tempered by the reality of danger to law enforcement personnel in crisis situations.</li> <li>• Dave gave examples of when CIT did not work, resulting in the tragic loss of law enforcement officers who attempted to apply CIT in dangerous situations.</li> <li>• Law Enforcement needs to recognize the dual importance of traditional training designed to protect peace officers and the CIT approach.</li> </ul>	

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<p>I.C.E. (Improving Customer Experience) -Salvador Ventura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi will be working with Salvador on this Retreat goal; Salvador will keep the Board posted on this topic.</li> </ul>	
<p>6) MHSA Update -Elizabeth Gowan, Program Manager, Wellness and Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MHSA BHB Committee met for the first time on November 12.</li> <li>• Carol Childers shared that it was a wonderful first meeting.</li> <li>• Carol explained to the Board the purpose of the Committee, which is to review MHSA program components and provide recommendations to the Board.</li> <li>• The Committee enjoyed a presentation on the consumer-lead computer training program headed by Cheryl Grace.</li> <li>• Tom LeBlanc suggested that Cheryl present at the December meeting.</li> <li>• Carol explained the importance of consumer computer training, and how it is intended to be implemented in Paradise, Oroville, and Gridley, much in the same way that is being done in Chico.</li> <li>• It was suggested that as an incentive for consumers upon completion of the training that they be presented with a surplus County computer.</li> <li>• Use of computers (ex., Internet), is a positive way for consumers to break out of the isolation that oftentimes intensifies the symptoms of their illness.</li> <li>• Elizabeth Gowan reiterated the purpose of the Committee, which for the next few months will meet monthly, and thereafter on a quarterly basis.</li> <li>• There will be a meeting on the MHSA Workforce component on December 11.</li> <li>• Edward Walker, interim Director, talked briefly about the shortage of mental health professionals and the County's efforts to address the situation.</li> <li>• Carol Childers expressed confidence in the Workforce component's ability to address the shortage of mental health professionals.</li> <li>• Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi inquired about the resolve behind the component, which appears to be strong and focused.</li> </ul>	<p>Lisa Cox will coordinate with Cheryl for the December presentation.</p>

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<p>7) Director's Report -Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edward Walker referred to his written report submitted to the Board members the week before the meeting.</li> <li>• It is difficult to overstate the seriousness of the State's budget crisis.</li> <li>• Specific direction will come from County Administration to deal effectively with the impact of the State's ongoing budget situation.</li> <li>• Supervisor Yamaguchi pointed out that if Proposition 1A is suspended, it would translate into \$3.5 million dollars of revenue not going to the County as it normally would.</li> <li>• Supervisor Yamaguchi further noted that it is appropriate to make everyone aware of the difficulties facing the County.</li> <li>• Edward will immediately notify the Chair and co-Chair once the County advises him on what actions to take in response to the budget shortfall.</li> <li>• Copies of the Director's Report are available upon request from Geoff Davis.</li> </ul>	
<p>8) Ongoing Business -Membership Committee-Dave Panchesson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Panchesson spoke of Lieutenant Andrew Duch's active participation in CIT.</li> <li>• Dave put a motion on the floor to vote for Lieutenant Duch's membership, and Supervisor Yamaguchi seconded the motion.</li> <li>• Lieutenant Duch was elected unanimously by the Board for membership as the Law Enforcement Representative.</li> <li>• Dave Panchesson, who has served on the membership committee, reminded the Board that it will have to select a new member for that committee upon his resignation on December 31.</li> </ul>	<p>Geoff Davis will submit Lieutenant Duch's application to the Board of Supervisors for approval.</p>
<p>9) Presentation on 24 Hour Acute Care, Dr. Gerald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Maguire gave an extensive overview of the history of acute mental health care in Butte County.</li> </ul>	

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<p>Maguire, Staff Psychiatrist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The availability of acute care needs to keep up with the County’s growing population.</li> <li>• Dr. Maguire illustrated from his personal experience working with the acutely mentally ill and the County Board of Supervisors during the course of his presentation.</li> <li>• Copies of the hand outs provided by Dr. Maguire are available from Geoff Davis upon request.</li> </ul>	
<p>10) Mental Health Financing Education Series -Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In an effort to clarify the financial functions of the mental health field, Edward Walker will be giving a series of presentations to the Board.</li> <li>• Mental Health Services are based on Federal and State Law, State Department of Mental Health contracts and State DMH Letters and Information notices.</li> <li>• Accounting is based on G.A.A.P. (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices) which are applied by the Government Accounting Standards Board (G.A.S.B.).</li> <li>• The Department of Behavioral Health is considered to be a legal entity charged with the delivery of mental health services.</li> <li>• Annual Cost Reports, which detail the billable services, administrative and overhead costs, are submitted to the State.</li> <li>• The annual cost reports are audited by the State.</li> <li>• There are three distinct claims that the Department submits for payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medical Direct Service</li> <li>○ Administrative</li> <li>○ Quality Assurance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Edward went into considerable detail on the formulas used to determine the cost of services delivered as well as administrative and overhead costs (which have to be considered “reasonable and appropriate”).</li> <li>• Billable services are measured and reimbursed in terms of minutes.</li> <li>• Edward pointed out that the SMA (Schedule of Maximum Allowed) rate, \$2.61 per minute, has not kept up with the costs of delivering services.</li> </ul>	
<p>11) Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board members and the public were invited to ask Edward Walker and Dr. Maguire questions.</li> <li>• The question that received considerable attention was whether the next permanent director should be a psychiatrist.</li> <li>• There was strong sentiment on the part of some</li> </ul>	

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	<p>present that a psychiatrist would be best suited to the position of Behavioral Health Director, though it was pointed out by way of analogy (Salvador Ventura) that a psychiatrist, though skilled in his/her profession, might not be as effective when placed in charge of the entire operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor Yamaguchi affirmed that the County's position is to select the best and brightest candidate for this position as it is for all other appointments the County makes.</li> </ul>	
12) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 5:00.</li> </ul>	<p>The Board will meet on Thursday, December 18, from 3-5, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico.</p>

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