

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12.18.2008
 Start Time: 3:00
 Adjournment: 4:58
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

Board Members: Salvador Ventura, Coach Tom LeBlanc, Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Carol Childers, Dave Panchesson, Dr. Michael Shuell, Dr. David Clark, Barbara Foy, Nancy Bryant, William Kehoe, Lieutenant Andy Duch

Staff: Edward Walker, Lisa Cox, Elizabeth Gowan, Duane Henderson, Wayne Brandt, Christa Taylor, Cheryl Grace, Trisha Ott

Visitors: Mike Little, Bob Michels, Ted Klemm

Absent:

Board Members: Patricia Johnson, 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 3:00
2) Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 11.13.2008 Minutes 	Minutes were approved with one correction on Item 7 regarding the status of Proposition 1A. Corrected minutes will be posted on Dept. website.
3) Announcements-Chair, Salvador Ventura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new Board members William Kehoe and Lieutenant Andy Duch. • Announced the approval of a second term of membership for Tom LeBlanc and Patricia Johnson. • Presented outgoing Board members Dr. Michael Shuell, Dave Panchesson, and Carol Childers with plaques recognizing their years of service on the Board. • Followed up on the tentative Annual Retreat date of January 10, 12-4. After some discussion, the Board decided that the Retreat will take place on January 24, 12-4. Location is tentatively to be at 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1. • Salvador announced that Geoff Davis is available to 	<p>Board Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 24, 12-4, tentatively at 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1. Salvador will be working Elizabeth Gowan, who will facilitate the Retreat.</p> <p>Board members will contact Geoff Davis to have their</p>

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	<p>about different providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker spoke about the expansion of the level of coordination across the board in terms of services the consumers receive. • Edward explained that the presentations should demonstrate the holistic, integrated approach to the services delivered. The Continuing Circles of Care Program presentation was given as an example of a presentation involving multiple providers. 	
<p>5) Director's Report</p> <p>-Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker gave a summary of the mid-year budget reductions. • The declining economy was cited in the County Administrator's Budget Notes as the prime reason for the current budget situation. • Counties are required to balance their budgets every fiscal year. • Because of the balanced budget requirement, the mid-year budget adjustments needed to be made. • Edward explained how realignment funding works in relationship to inter-department fund transfers. • Mandated services can cause money to be transferred in increments of ten percent, which is what has happened to insure that Department of Employment and Social Services can continue to deliver mandated services. • Edward noted that in bad economic times, the need for social services increases greatly. • The Department has responded by restructuring its management team, reducing the supervisor to staff ratio both in the Adult Services Division and the Youth Services Division. • The emphasis has been to maintain direct consumer services and maintain clinical and clerical staffing. • A major change will be in the reduction of the billing service rate, which is anticipated to generate more revenue. Cost reports at the end of next year will reveal the success level of this approach. • Thirteen positions have been eliminated, and three added: Systems Performance Coordinator, Administrative Analyst, Sr. (self-funding), and Medical Director (self-funding). • Edward explained that personal regard has been observed in working with staff facing lay off. • County Human Resources is solely responsible for the implementation of the lay offs, and is following the memorandum of understanding between the 	

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	<p>County and the different bargaining units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 16, 2009 is the effective date for the lay offs. Positions have been found for many of the staff, and Human Resources is still working on finding positions for the rest of those staff affected. • General discussion followed Edward's report. • Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi observed that the County receives the budget fall out from the State's structural deficit, which has to be addressed by the State. • Supervisor Yamaguchi noted that the next few years will be rough for the County as the revenue situation stabilizes. • Salvador observed that it is difficult to face cuts in the budget and consumer services, but expressed his satisfaction with the Department's changes, and the quickness with which they are being implemented. He further remarked that the Department is doing what the people want it to do. • The issue of seniority and performance was discussed in relation to the lay offs. • Edward explained the County is a civil service agency that follows a merit system. • The new Medical Director position was discussed. • The Medical Director position will report to the Director and will be key in overseeing the medical operations of the Department. • The Medical Director position will generate enough revenue to pay for itself. 	
<p>6) MHSA Update -Elizabeth Gowan, Program Manager, Wellness and Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State released its final estimate of Community Services and Support revenue for fiscal year 09/10. • Prevention and Early Intervention will be presented to the Board at the January meeting. • The Department worked hard to make sure that the public was well-informed of the development of its Capital/Technology plan. • The Department website is also receiving feedback from the public. • Department IT Manager Duane Henderson presented to the Board on the State of information technology and healthcare. • Duane talked about how the application of technology to healthcare information will streamline services and information exchange, making delivery of service better as well as saving money. • Discussion followed over the confidentiality of consumer information and how that would be applied with the technologies Duane talked about. 	

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	<p>(Experts continue this dialogue. CAP/IT Plan is the foundation for HIE, but will not be activated until after 2014).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker stated that there are no hypotheticals in terms of confidentiality of consumer information. Edward pointed out that Department has no discretion or intent but to insure the confidentiality of consumer information according to the law. • Cheryl Grace gave a presentation on the Computer Lab she helped to establish along with Christa Taylor, Supervising Behavioral Health Counselor. • Cheryl shared her personal development with the Department and talked about the numerous successes consumers have experienced in their training. • Either Christa Taylor or Cheryl Grace can be contacted for more information about the computer lab and/or for enrollment into the program. They can be reached at 891-2964. • A motion was put on the floor by Tom LeBlanc to recommend the Capital/Technology plan to Department Leadership Team. William Kehoe seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the Board. 	<p>Copies of Cheryl's and Duane's Powerpoint presentations are available from Geoff Davis at 891-2986.</p> <p>Capital/Technology plan will now be reviewed by Department Leadership Team.</p>
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8) Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Klemm of Youth For Change, and member of the MHSA Behavioral Health Board Subcommittee, emphasized the potential gaps between provider and department level of technology. He would like to maintain open communication to maintain the same level of technology. • Mike Little of Club Stairways and NAMI President praised the Computer Lab but expressed concern about the duplication of services (ex., Butte College offers computer training). Mike wanted to make sure that MHSA monies go to new and unique programs. Betsy reminded the Board that MHSA money cannot be used for supplantation and that the Act has designated uses. • Christa and Cheryl talked about how their Computer Lab helps build consumer self-esteem and confidence in a non-intimidating environment. The ROOF is an inclusive environment for those consumers who have not been able to easily integrate into other community resources. • Consumers have been rewarded with computers upon successful completion of the program, and there is ongoing effort to allocate more computers to award consumers in the future in conjunction with the CAP/IT 3 Year Program and Expenditure Plan. 	
9) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 4:58. 	The Board will meet on Thursday, January 15, from 3-5, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico.

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