

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 01.15.2009
 Start Time: 3:02
 Adjournment: 4:55
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

Board Members: Salvador Ventura, Coach Tom LeBlanc, Dr. David Clark, Barbara Foy, Nancy Bryant, William Kehoe

Staff: Lisa Cox, Elizabeth Gowan, Danelle Campbell, Amanda Montgomery, Cynthia McDermott, Nou Vang, John Harrington, Geoff Davis

Visitors: Mike Little, Bob Michels, Ted Klemm, Patricia Krause, Eric Almquist, Greg Fagen, Daniel Rangel, Nancy Jorth, Melba Riggs

Absent:

Board Members: Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Lieutenant Andy Duch, 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 12.18.2008 Minutes 	Minutes were approved with one correction on Item 3. Corrected minutes will be posted on Dept. website.
3) Announcements-Chair, Salvador Ventura Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador reminded the Board that the Annual Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 24, from 12-4 at 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico. All members and prospective members were encouraged to attend. • Salvador said that Edward Walker could present the second installment of his “Mental Health Funding Education Series” in February. • Nancy Bryant , Family Nurse Practitioner, shared a recent experience she had with the Department. • Nancy explained that she provides services for mentally ill people, and that at times providing care can be difficult. • Nancy spoke about the difficulties she experienced in her attempt to have a client admitted to the Chico In-Patient (5150) based on her assessment of the client’s needs. 	Board Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 24, 12-4, at 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1. Salvador will be working Elizabeth Gowan, who will facilitate the Retreat.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy understands the criteria of a 5150 situation (gravely disabled, danger to him/herself and/or others), which was discussed in detail. • Dialogue followed between Nancy and Department staff (Lisa Cox and Cynthia McDermott). It was explained that gravely disabled refers to the inability for a person to feed, clothe and shelter one's self. • It was agreed that more CIT training will enable more effective care for clients by law enforcement. 	
4) NAMI Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Johnson is no longer the Board's NAMI coordinator. • A new liaison is needed; if not, someone from NAMI could talk during the Public Comments section. • Barbara Foy agreed to fill in, and will be attending the NAMI meeting tonight. 	Barbara Foy will give the NAMI Report until further notice.
5) Retreat Update -Salvador Ventura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to allow time for the back-to-back presentations, and in view of the upcoming Annual Retreat, no Retreat Update will be given at this meeting, but will resume at the February meeting. 	Retreat updates will be given at the February 19 meeting.
6) MHSA Update -Elizabeth Gowan, Program Manager, Wellness and Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Gowan handed out the Standard Plan Review and Recommendation Process. • This standard template was intended to explain in detail the flow chart provided in the meeting packets. • Elizabeth went over the hand out thoroughly to insure that the process is understood. • The template allows for flexibility depending on what component is being planned for implementation. • William Kehoe suggested that "California" should be included in the title since MHSA is a statewide program; Elizabeth Gowan concurred and will modify the template's title. • The Board was asked to consider/approve the MHSA Planning Process Flowchart, which it did. 	MHSA Planning Process Flowchart was approved as presented by Elizabeth Gowan

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<p>7) Director's Report -Lisa Cox, Assistant Director for Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Cox referred to Edward Walker's written Director's Report and invited questions/comments. • Lisa announced that the County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) will be resigning in March. • An Interim CAO will be announced at the February 27 Board of Supervisors meeting. • Salvador Ventura requested that at the February meeting, Edward Walker give a detailed description of the new medical director position that has been recently created. Salvador would like for the Board to understand the position's relationship to the rest of the Department. 	<p>Edward Walker will discuss the new medical director position with the Board at the February 19 meeting.</p>
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<p>8) Ongoing Business Membership Committee-Tom LeBlanc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom LeBlanc discussed the qualifications/backgrounds of two Community Member applicants, Patricia Krause, and Eric Almquist. • Patricia Krause has 21 years of social work experience, plus 14 years of experience working in different positions for Butte County Behavioral Health Department. Patricia’s desire is to see consumers be able to receive all of their services within Butte County rather than having to go elsewhere for treatment. In her words, she wants the community to get “the most bang for its buck” with mental health services. • Eric Almquist is a provider of sober living housing in various locations throughout Butte County. A resident of Yankee Hill, Eric feels a need to give back to his community. • Tom LeBlanc brought up the potential of conflict of interest since Eric is a service provider. It was noted, however, that Eric does not have a contractual relationship with the Department. • Carol Childers’ membership was cited as an example of a provider who was eligible for Board membership until her employer contracted with the Department, at which time she resigned from the Board. • Patricia and Erik were both nominated for membership, and were voted for unanimously. 	<p>Geoff Davis will submit the applications to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.</p>
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<p>McDermott, John Harrington (Behavioral Health)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is funded by Behavioral Health and MHSA. • Nancy Jorth talked at length about the services provided by Colleen’s House, which is an overnight shelter for homeless youth. • Colleen’s House offers short-term housing, case management, transportation, meals, and personal hygiene supplies. • Cynthia McDermott gave a brief history of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Taskforce, which was a subcommittee of the Chico Homeless Taskforce, chaired by the late Colleen Jarvis in 1993. • Sixth Street Drop-In Center provides numerous services including crisis intervention, outreach, meals, showers, computer access, and emergency sheltering, among other services. • Plans for the expansion of both Colleen’s House and the Sixth Street Drop-In Center were discussed (Phase II). • Statistics were offered to give a fuller picture of who is receiving services. • Community input was provided, based on a survey conducted last summer. • Two youth shared their experiences with the L.I.N.K. program, and a youth staff member, John Harrington, talked about his ongoing involvement with the program. 	
<p>10) Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melba Riggs shared her concerns about the cost of mental health services, and offered some solutions based on her understanding of co-payments. Patricia Krause let Melba know care for her and others will continue. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom LeBlanc suggested that the L.I.N.K. program youth apply for the youth position on the Board. • Salvador Ventura stressed the value of collaborative presentations that demonstration programs coordinated between the Department and contracted providers. Bob Michels of Northern Valley Catholic Social Services and Mike Little of Club Stairways were asked to contact Geoff Davis regarding future presentations. 	
11) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 	The Board will meet on Thursday, February 19, from 3-5, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico.

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