

<p>7) Director's Report - Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward invited questions on his written report. • The report highlighted the Board of Supervisor's February 4 meeting, at which interim Chief Administrative Office Greg Iturria gave the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Second Quarter Financial Report. • The Financial Report, included with the Director's Report, illustrated in detail the impact of a declining economy, both locally and statewide in conjunction with the lack of an approved State Budget. • The State ADP Director came to review the Department's Prevention Program. • The ADP Director's assessment of the Prevention Program, along with that of its manager, Danelle Campbell, was entirely complimentary. The ADP Director talked about how the Prevention Program here is a model for the State and Nation, and is a testimony to the staff and the Butte County community. • The State budget was passed early this morning. • The CSAC (California State Association of Counties) report on the newly-approved State budget is not yet available. • If the budget that was approved this Thursday is the same as the one considered for approval starting last Friday, the MHSA program did about as well as could be expected given the circumstances. • \$230 million of MHSA money would be used to fund Medicare/Medi-Cal programs for the next two years under the proposed budget from last Friday. • The proposed budget did not include deferral of payments to the counties for seven months as was suggested by the Governor. • Edward explained how deferral of payments would affect the County and Department. • Sales tax increase was taken out. • The County will have a budget hearing on March 3. 	
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<p>8) New Business- MHSA Advocacy Letter-Salvador Ventura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of the advocacy letter was to show Board support for MHSA and opposition to any attempts to take MHSA funding away for other purposes.• Salvador noted that he received necessary approval from Board members before sending it out.• Edward expressed support for the letter, both for its content and because it is important for the State to hear from local mental health boards.	
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<p>9) Northern Valley Catholic Social Services-Bob Michels, Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Michels clarified that while NVCSS is part of the National Network of Catholic Charities, its mission is to serve all of the poor and needy regardless of faith. • NVCSS provides school-based counseling, and currently serves 10-12 elementary and middle schools. • NVCSS is a CCOC partner. • NVCSS serves as an umbrella organization for Family Partners (there are nine Family Partners so far). • The CCOC has been a treat and an eye-opener culturally. • NVCSS is currently working the Villa Serena facility in Chico. • Bob showed a video presentation of what NVCSS does. The video featured numerous personal stories of how NVCSS changed lives. 	
<p>10) Public Comments</p> <p>-Greg Fagen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Fagen, a retired Department staff member, was allotted 10 minutes to present his concerns. 	

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- Greg Fagen praised the Board, making reference to last May's budget hearing meetings.
- No new changes for the Department after eight years of Dr. Bradford Luz as director and nearly one year of Edward Walker as Interim Director.
- Human Resources has not welcomed the views of medical staff.
- There is a hostile work environment at the Department.
- Clinical staff have been laid off.
- There have been instances of Medi-Cal Fraud.
- MHSA funds have been mismanaged.
- There is too much administrative overhead.
- Too much money is being spent on non-psychiatric care.
- Information is either withheld or misrepresented by the Department.
- The priorities of the Board need to be reversed, at least temporarily.
- Employees are afraid to speak up about problems.
- Salvador Ventura, in response to Greg's assertions, spoke about the importance of involvement, citing Board membership as one way to do so.
- Tom LeBlanc stated that he has been in public education for 39 years. He said that no one is more qualified/ethical than Edward Walker, and that he believes Edward Walker is doing a phenomenal job as Interim Director.
- Greg responded to Tom by agreeing about Edward Walker.
- Patricia Krause, in reference to Nancy Bryant's experience in trying to get a consumer 5150'd, said that only Dr. Carolyn Kimura, who works primarily in Paradise, is authorized to give a 5150 assessment.
- Salvador stressed that we are all eager to improve consumer services.
- Mike Little, who has many years of experience working with the mentally ill, talked about how well the Department is doing in providing services.
- Mike noted that there is a transparency of services unlike before Edward became interim director. He said that there are a lot of opportunities to address Department problems. The issue for treatment is what is appropriate for a 5150 assessment. He concluded by stating that a 5150 is easily attainable for those in need of it.
- General discussion on 5150 assessments followed Mike Little's comments.
- Mike Little asked for more information on the

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	<p>upcoming State Special election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General discussion returned to the issues raised by Greg Fagen. • Carol Childers, former BHB member, said that the Board has grown in focus and depth, and is under good leadership. She said that only documented accusations are worthy of Board consideration. • Tom LeBlanc said that he wants documentation that includes dates, time, and people to be dealt with by a subcommittee to deal with documented issues. • In response to Tom's request, Greg Fagen said that he represents employees and common sense, and he wants to be given a guarantee of employee protection in order to go forward and meet Tom's request. • Carol Childers brought up the issue of SSP being taken out of the recently approved budget. SSP provides additional support for those on SSI disability. • Edward Walker talked about the importance of SSP. • Carol Childers said that the Board needs to advocate for the return of SSP into the State budget. 	
11) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 5:00. 	<p>The Board will hold a special Public Hearing Meeting on Monday, March 9, from 3-4:30, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico. The Board will have its regular monthly meeting on March 19, from 3-5, at the ASD Conference Room.</p>

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