

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 05.21.2009
 Start Time: 3:06
 Adjournment: 4:40
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

Board Members: Salvador Ventura, Coach Tom LeBlanc, Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Bill Kehoe, Lieutenant Andy Duch, Patty Krause

Staff: Edward Walker, Dr. Carolyn Kimura, Dr. James Glover, Geoff Davis

Visitors: Ted Klemm, Nancy Jorth, Greg Fagen

Absent:

Board Members: David Clark, Barbara Foy, Eric Almquist, Patty Johnson, 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"> • Quorum present. 	Called to order at 3:06
2) Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the April 16 meeting minutes. 	Minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be posted on Dept. website.
3) Announcements-Chair, Salvador Ventura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a statewide Mental Health Boards and Commissions Conference on June 19-20. • Salvador asked if any of the members would be interested in attending. Salvador expressed interest in attending, as did Tom LeBlanc and Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi (he will need to check his calendar to see if he can go). • Edward Walker, Interim Director, expressed his support for members to attend the conference, which is sponsored by the California Institute of Mental Health. • Edward asked that those interested in going should contact Heidi Nalley to get registered. He noted that the deadline for early registration is May 26. • Salvador inquired about the status of the Oroville Out-Patient window situation, to which Edward Walker replied that the necessary changes have been done. He added that steps are being taken at all facilities to insure a welcoming environment for consumers. Salvador remarked that such changes 	Members should contact Heidi Nalley to register to the conference (early registration deadline is May 26).

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Board Members	<p>are good news.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the Board members had announcements to make. 	
4) Action Item -Meeting Process Guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador explained that one of the retreat goals has been to keep meetings focused and productive. • Toward that end, he created, with the help of others, the draft meeting process guidelines for members to consider for adoption. • Salvador invited members to read over the guidelines and offer their suggestions. He expressed his hope that the guidelines would become permanent. • A motion to discuss this action item was put on the floor by Bill Kehoe, with Supervisor Yamaguchi seconding the motion. • Discussion ensued over the wording regarding the proposed requirement of the Chair having members raise their hands before speaking. It was suggested that instead of, “the Chair will recognize members to speak...” it should read, “the Chair, at his or her discretion, may recognize...” • One other point of order was discussed at length, “If after being directed twice by the Chair, a member continues to comment, the Chair shall ask that member to leave the meeting.” It was decided that the word “may” should be used instead of “shall.” • The amended guidelines were approved unanimously by the Board. 	The guidelines were approved as amended. The guidelines will be followed at all subsequent meetings.
5) NAMI Report -Barbara Foy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Foy was absent (excused) so there was no report given. 	
6) Board Goals Review -Salvador Ventura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Visits-ongoing • Recognition Program-ongoing • CIT-ongoing • Party for Consumers-ongoing • Awards Event-ongoing • Consumer Camping Trip-scheduled for August 10-12 at Cherry Hill. • The value of the consumer camping trip was discussed at length. The trip gives consumers something to look forward to, and provides good times and memories that last beyond the trip itself. • It was noted that a number of consumers stayed overnight at last year’s trip, with numerous others coming by periodically to socialize and enjoy a 	

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<p>7) MHSA Overview and Update -Edward Walker, Interim Director, for Betsy Gowan, MHSA Program Manager.</p>	<p>meal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador explained to the Board the purpose of this presentation. The presentation is intended to keep the Board informed of MHSA’s purpose, past, and plans for the future. • MHSA was passed (Proposition 63) in November, 2004. • MHSA funding comes from a 1% tax on those with taxable incomes of one million dollars or more. • MHSA consists of six distinct components. • MHSA was written to expand public mental health services for people of all age groups, and to counter the 25-30 year trend of reduced mental health services funding. • The components are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Services and Support (CS & S) 2. Prevention, Early Intervention (PEI) 3. Workforce Education and Training (WET) 4. Housing 5. Innovative Programs (INN) 6. Capital/Information Technology (CAP/IT) • CS & S Fiscal Year 09/10 Plan Update has been approved. • PEI plan has been submitted to California Department of Mental Health for approval (approval target date is June, 2009). • WET has been submitted to State DMH, and is in the review process. • CAP/IT has been submitted to State DMH, and is in the review process. • Housing-a workgroup meeting has been established to identify housing needs and priorities. • INN-the Department has requested planning funds (\$418,000). • Patty Krause asked Edward Walker about the INN planning funds. He replied that the dollar amount is a planning estimate. • A public member asked Edward about establishing a co-pay program to make services more affordable. Edward explained the UMDAP (uniform means of determining ability to pay) that all counties have to follow. He expressed his appreciation for her ideas, stating that the Department is obliged to follow statute. 	
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7) Director's Report-Edward Walker, Interim Director

- Edward referred to his report, and welcomed questions/comments on it.
- Reference was made to Greg Iturria's (Interim Chief Administrative Officer) report to the Board of Supervisors on the overall County Budget. Edward commented that the report was a very good analysis and forecast.
- The big budget news, in light of the failure of the all but one of the May 19 initiatives, is what will be done to address the State's \$21 billion dollar deficit.
- Had the initiatives passed, \$6 billion of the deficit would have been taken care of.
- The State is severely limited as to what it can do about the budget.
- All discretionary funding is vulnerable.
- Many of the ADS (Alcohol and Drug Services) are considered discretionary.
- It is important for the Board to understand the precarity of funding for ADS programs.
- Prevention funding, which is federal, is secure.
- Edward made reference to a current analysis of the Governor's "Scenario 2." Scenario 2 is the plan should the initiatives not pass.
- EPSDT (Early Prevention, Screening, Detection, and Treatment) appears to be secure due its being court-ordered.
- Maximum allowables have been reduced.
- The State will try to reduce monies coming to the counties.
- It must be understood that \$21 billion dollars is an enormous amount of money.
- It is generally accepted (after Tuesday's election) that tax increases will not be approved by voters.
- County property taxes could be taken by the State.
- Members should keep in mind that nothing is official until the Legislature makes its intentions known.
- It is unlikely that a State budget will be ready by June; it is possible that it won't be ready until September.
- Supervisor Yamaguchi talked about how the State is working on speeding up the budget process and making it more transparent.
- Salvador Ventura asked Edward about the possibility of making a services guide for consumers. Edward replied that a small workgroup is working on making a guideline that is brief and in plain language.

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<p>8) Membership Committee Update -Tom LeBlanc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patty Krause talked about a “Street Sheet” that listed all County services. • Dr. Carolyn Kimura provided a hard copy of the sheet Patty was referring to. • Patty thanked Edward for all of the information he provided in his report. • Edward closed by stating that the services guide would be available at the June meeting. 	<p>Services guide to be included in the June meeting packet.</p>
<p>9) CIT Update -Lieutenant Andy Duch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom spoke about Daniel Rangel, prospective youth member. • Daniel has had to face many challenges in his young adult life. Tom spoke highly of Daniel’s character, and recommended him for the position. • The Board voted unanimously in favor of his membership. • Supervisor Yamaguchi expressed concern for Daniel’s well-being. Nancy Jorth (Youth for Change) replied that she is working with Daniel to come up with workable solutions to his issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum for the 40 hour course is nearing completion. • Nearly all of the instructors have been selected. • Lieutenant Duch was impressed that an instructor has been selected to specifically train law enforcement on veteran’s issues. • The course is designed to de-stigmatize mental illness. • Lt. Duch noted that law enforcement is still learning about the new Crisis Services Unit and its roll in addressing mental health crisis situations. • Work is being done to properly evaluate CIT’s effectiveness. • The CIT Academy will take place on the week of November 2 at the Chico Fire Center. • The Academy will have both law enforcement members and community members in attendance, with special courses designed specifically for law enforcement members. • Included in the Academy will be a half day of site 	<p>Daniel Rangel’s application will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.</p>

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	<p>tours so that law enforcement can become acquainted with consumers outside of crisis situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salvador interjected that he is very impressed with the progress being made so far.• Lieutenant Duch observed that CIT could become a win-win situation for everyone.• Lt. Duch was impressed that Oroville Police Department was represented at the latest CIT meeting, and is waiting for representation to come from the Paradise Police Department.• Edward Walker spoke highly of Oroville P.D.'s Lieutenant Nicholson, based on his working with him on past projects.• Lt. Duch spoke about the lack of crisis services in Oroville and Gridley, and how that makes it harder for law enforcement to serve the community.• Supervisor Yamaguchi talked about Glenn County's approach to law enforcement working with community agencies.• Lt. Duch discussed how law enforcement could track CIT calls. Once that is place, data will be ready for analysis.	
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<p>10) Presentation on Phase II of the 6th Street Drop-In Center -Nancy Jorth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction is now done on the 6th Street Drop-In Center• Nancy passed out invitations to the May 29 grand opening event.• The grand opening will features cultural and social events.• A courtyard will be developed to allow for barbeques and other activities.• The Drop-In Center is a place for homeless youth to receive help and have a safe place to be.• Referrals are made for sheltering purposes, even for adults as needed.• Nancy encouraged the members to stop by and enjoy the festivities.	
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<p>11) New Business- Dr. Carolyn Kimura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier on in the meeting, Salvador Ventura introduced Dr. Carolyn Kimura as a member of the Department medical staff. • Dr. Kimura has worked for the Department for 16 years. • She is one of the medical staff, which held its monthly meeting earlier today. • The medical staff works with Department administration to improve consumer services/experiences. • The medical staff shares a passion for providing excellent medical care to consumers. • The medical staff focused on three issues that Dr. Kimura wanted to share in brief with the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hope Cottage-this a residential facility in Chico that can house up to four youth. Dr. Michael Clarke is its director, and Dr. Lynn Pappas is in charge of the medical care provided there. Youth can stay up to three months at a time. This facilities operates under a contract the Department has with “Courage to Commit” which works under foster Family Agency Law. The contract is as an organizational provider of mental health services. Hope Cottage provides an opportunity to better serve the child/family and reduce expenses associated with out-of-county placement. ○ Trinity Pines-this is an adult residential treatment facility located in Paradise. The facility has six beds, and has the capacity to expand its bed count. The facility can relieve the burden the PHF experiences with its limited capacity. The facility is run by the Willow Glenn Care Center. ○ Full Time Eligibility Worker-the purpose of this position is to insure that consumers get signed up for Medi-Cal and other appropriate benefits. This position is funded by MHSA, and will easily pay for itself as consumers receive their benefits, and the Department can in turn bill Medi-Cal for services provided. Patty Krause spoke about how such services were given at the Patient’s Rights Center when she managed it. Edward Walker will be working the DESS Director to get this position filled. 	
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12) Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Yamaguchi asked Dr. Kimura about the Hope Cottage census. Dr. Kimura replied that three beds (75%) are currently filled. • Patty Krause remarked that the Hope Cottage is exactly what the community needs. • Edward Walker said that he will be working with DESS to develop a long-term plan for the Hope Cottage. He said that over time, a couple of more beds could be added with careful regard to community care licensing issues. • Greg Fagen requested that the Board be able to review the APS Review Report of the Department. • APS is an independent consulting firm contracted by the State to review county mental health departments. • Federal law requires Medi-Cal/Medi-Caid facilities be reviewed twice a year. • The review took place in November. Due to personnel issues at APS, the draft report just recently was received for Department staff to review/respond. • The final report will be included in a future meeting packet. • Edward Walker shared that the Department's EPSDT State Audit Exit Review went very well. • The Department had a low 2% exception rate, based on the review of 176 charts. Anything under 5% is considered to be very good. 	
13) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 4:40. 	The Board will meet on Thursday, June 18, 3-5, at the ASD Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico.

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