

# Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 07.16.2009  
 Start Time: 3:05  
 Adjournment: 5:00  
 Location: ASD Conference Room

**Present:**

**Board Members:** Salvador Ventura, Coach Tom LeBlanc, Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Lieutenant Andy Duch, Patty Krause, Eric Almquist, Nancy Bryant

**Staff:** Edward Walker, Elizabeth Gowan, Diane Davis, Butch Hastaran, Dr. Carolyn Kimura, Dr. James Glover, Geoff Davis

**Visitors:** Mike Little, Becky Winton, Greg Fagen, Dr. Ken Logan

**Absent:**

**Board Members:** David Clark, Daniel Rangel, Barbara Foy

Agenda Item/Issue:	Discussion Summary:	Result/Action/Next Steps-Person Assigned/Due Date
1) Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quorum present.</li> <li>• June 18 Minutes were approved as written.</li> </ul>	Meeting called to order at 3:05. Minutes will be posted on the Department website.
2) Announcements -Chair, Salvador Ventura  Co-Chair, Tom LeBlanc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvador Ventura informed the Board that Interim Director Edward Walker would be in attendance at 4:00 due to his being in another meeting.</li> <li>• Salvador stated that there would be some shuffling in the order of the items listed in the agenda due to presenters' timing conflicts.</li> <li>• Patricia Johnson, who was to be officially recognized for her years of service to the Board as a consumer member, is on vacation this week. Patricia Johnson will be presented with her recognition certificate at the August meeting.</li> <li>• Tom LeBlanc passed out information packets on NAMI's "Provider Education Program."</li> <li>• Tom highly recommended the program, and solicited the Board to get actively involved, which in turn would lead to Department sponsorship of the program.</li> <li>• Tom focused on Goal #4, which is to demonstrate, "Principles of Empowerment and Strength-Based</li> </ul>	Patricia Johnson's recognition of service will be on the August agenda.

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	<p>Collaboration.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvador Ventura expressed his willingness to support a motion to show the Board’s commitment to the program, contingent on a Board member volunteering to spearhead its implementation.</li> <li>• Tom LeBlanc offered to take the initiative with this program as a Board member. His plan is to first secure Board involvement and then get Edward Walker actively involved.</li> <li>• The Provider Training is patterned after the successful Family-to-Family training already offered by NAMI.</li> <li>• Lieutenant Andy Duch asked about the necessity of such training since it might be assumed that those in the healthcare fields should already be knowledgeable in providing care.</li> <li>• Salvador answered Lt. Duch’s concerns by stating that that is not always the case. Speaking from personal experience, Salvador said that providers need to be educated on proper responses to mental health issues.</li> <li>• Elizabeth Gowan, Program Manager, Wellness and Recovery, agreed that MHSA funding could be used to sponsor the program.</li> <li>• NAMI President Mike Little explained that NAMI’s plate is already very full, so Board and Department help with this program would be greatly appreciated by NAMI.</li> <li>• Mike shared that this new program is “phenomenal.” He further talked about the partnership between NAMI and CSU, Chico (Book in Common program).</li> <li>• Tom requested that Geoff Davis mail Board member Barbara Foy a copy of the program packet.</li> <li>• The Board unanimously approved the motion to support the NAMI Provider Education Program as a new Board goal.</li> </ul>	<p>Geoff Davis will mail Barbara Foy a copy of the program packet.</p> <p>NAMI Provider Education Program will now be a goal of the Behavioral Health Board with Tom LeBlanc overseeing its implementation. Tom will report to the Board as necessary on this goal’s progress.</p>
<p>3) NAMI Report -Barbara Foy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Foy was absent at this meeting (excused).</li> </ul>	<p>Barbara Foy will give the NAMI report at the August 20 meeting.</p>

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<p>4) Board Goals Review -Camping Trip, Butch Hastaran, Iversen Center.</p> <p>-Improving Customer Experience, Diane Davis, Supervising Mental Health Clinician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butch Hastaran passed out personalized invitations to Board members for the upcoming camping trip.</li> <li>• Butch spoke enthusiastically about the trip’s value to consumers, as at the campsite consumers are seen not as people with any kind of illness, but as people with much to offer each other.</li> <li>• Butch thanked the Board for its support of the trip, and made himself available to Board members should they have any questions.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Davis has worked for the Department for 13 years, first serving youth consumers, then moving onto the Quality Improvement section. She currently works as a Supervisor, Mental Health Clinician at the Oroville Wellness and Recovery Center.</li> <li>• Diane Davis worked with PHF Manager Don Taylor, who she said has worked hard on creating a welcoming environment at the unit.</li> <li>• Diane went over the Nursing Student Survey and Consumer Satisfaction Survey.</li> <li>• Results show that there is room for improvement, but also shows that many staff are having a positive impact on consumer’s personal paths to recovery.</li> <li>• Diane expects improved results by next year.</li> <li>• Salvador spoke about recognizing staff who have performed exceptionally well in the spirit of the recovery model.</li> <li>• Discussion followed between Salvador Ventura and Lieutenant Andy Duch over the proper way to recognize staff.</li> <li>• It was agreed that staff do need to be recognized for exceptional performance, and that supervisory staff input should be part of the selection process for recognition.</li> </ul>	<p>Butch Hastaran can be reached at 879-3807, or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:bhastaran@buttecounty.net">bhastaran@buttecounty.net</a></p>
<p>5) CIT Update -Lieutenant Andy Duch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lieutenant Andy Duch participated in a CIT meeting earlier today.</li> <li>• Much of what was shared at June’s meeting still applies now.</li> <li>• Lt. Duch focused on the importance of site visits.</li> <li>• It is highly valuable for CIT Academy students to see consumers in non-crisis situations.</li> <li>• The site visits will “de-stigmatize and educate.”</li> <li>• The sites will need to prepare formal presentations to insure uniformity for all of the different groups of visitors.</li> <li>• A “warmline” is being created that will be for non-emergency crisis situations.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enloe Hospital is working on making 13 of their Behavioral Health beds available for 5150 clients.</li> <li>• Enloe is finding that they would profit from accommodating involuntary lockdowns. This would also provide relief at the Department PHF, which has a 16 bed capacity.</li> </ul>	
<p>6) MHSA Update -Elizabeth Gowan, Program Manager, Wellness &amp; Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth shared her excitement over the progress that CIT has made, thanking Salvador Ventura, Tom LeBlanc, and the Board in general for their support.</li> <li>• Elizabeth passed out a MHSA Implementation Planning Chart.</li> <li>• Proposals for the Warmline are due on Friday, July 17.</li> <li>• The Warmline will be used for non-emergency crisis situations.</li> <li>• Elizabeth welcomed Board participation in the RFP (Request for Proposals) Teams, especially on the Older Adult component of P.E.I.</li> </ul>	
<p>7) Ongoing Business, Membership Committee</p> <p>-Robert Preston's Consumer Member Application, Tom LeBlanc</p> <p>-Transfer of William Kehoe to Family Position, Salvador Ventura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom LeBlanc spoke highly of Robert Preston's passion and commitment, and recommended him to the Board for approval as a consumer.</li> <li>• The Board unanimously voted for Robert Preston's membership.</li> <li>• Salvador requested the Board to transfer Community Member William Kehoe to a vacant Family Position. This will allow the membership committee to consider an applicant for a community membership position.</li> <li>• The Board voted unanimously to transfer William Kehoe as Salvador requested.</li> </ul>	<p>Geoff Davis will forward Robert Preston's application to the Butte County Board of Supervisors for approval.</p> <p>Geoff Davis will update the roster to show William Kehoe as a Family Member and a vacant Community Member position.</p>
<p>8) Medical Staff Report -Dr. Carolyn Kimura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kimura attended the monthly Medical Staff Meeting earlier today.</li> <li>• The Medical Staff discussed the June 26 Grand Jury Report.</li> <li>• Dr. Kimura described the report as being objective and neutral.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Medical Staff would like the Board to spend special attention to the recommendations mentioned in the report.</li> <li>• At Salvador Ventura’s request, Edward Walker explained to the Board the County’s Grand Jury Response process, which involves the Departments in question to work with County Administration and County Counsel. The County Information Officer then reports to the Board of Supervisors who in turn offers an official response to the Grand Jury Report.</li> <li>• The County will have a response to the Grand Jury Report by July 24.</li> <li>• Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi explained that the Departments are empowered to provide answers to questions/situations presented in the report. Supervisor Yamaguchi also stated that individuals can respond too. Supervisor Yamaguchi stressed the importance of following the County response process.</li> <li>• Patricia Krause said the Department has made big strides since last year.</li> <li>• Patricia called for a special collaborative meeting.</li> <li>• Discussion followed between Salvador and Patricia over the scope and necessity of such a meeting.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the Board should wait for the official County response, and that the Grand Jury Report will be on the August agenda as an ongoing business item.</li> </ul>	<p>The Grand Jury Report will be on the August meeting agenda as an ongoing business item.</p>
<p>9) Presentation on Single-Payer Healthcare System, Dr. Ken Logan of the California Physician’s Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ken Logan introduced himself as a family practitioner with over 20 years of experience in the field.</li> <li>• Dr. Logan expressed his belief that the current healthcare system is in disarray, and used the analogy of a dam 1/3 incomplete to illustrate what he sees as being wrong with the current system.</li> <li>• 50-60 million Americans do not have health insurance.</li> <li>• 50-60 million Americans are inadequately insured.</li> <li>• One-third of the American people are under-served; the remaining two-thirds have a “smattering” of healthcare coverage.</li> <li>• America ranks 37<sup>th</sup> for healthcare in the world.</li> <li>• As a result of the current healthcare system, mortality rates and disease rates are high.</li> <li>• The goal of a single-payer system would be appropriate access to healthcare for all citizens.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single payer means single financial management without misappropriation of funds.</li> <li>• An emphasis would be placed on preventive care, and ongoing care for chronic diseases.</li> <li>• Americans pay twice as much per capita as other countries do for the current system which isn't half as effective as single-payer healthcare systems in Europe.</li> <li>• Ten to twenty thousand die in this country due to inadequate healthcare.</li> <li>• Fifty percent of bankruptcies in this country are due to healthcare expenses.</li> <li>• The free market approach to healthcare is not appropriate.</li> <li>• Eighty-three percent of California physicians say they are inhibited by the current system.</li> <li>• For-profit healthcare goes against the patient's best interests.</li> <li>• America needs to have healthcare by doctors for the people.</li> </ul>	
<p>10) Director's Report- Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are reports that the State is "close" to a budget agreement, but it will be a challenge to meet the 2/3 majority vote necessary.</li> <li>• Counties stand to be gravely affected by the new budget.</li> <li>• There is a very real possibility that eligibility functions will be contracted out.</li> <li>• Sixty-five percent of DESS employees are eligibility workers.</li> <li>• The State may take away redevelopment funds, which for Butte County, is \$2 million dollars.</li> <li>• Counties are united against the proposed plans for redevelopment funds.</li> <li>• Four states have outsourced eligibility functions, and all four states have gone back to providing those functions themselves.</li> <li>• It is costly to re-build eligibility infrastructure.</li> <li>• Budget savings, whether it be from current proposals or yet-to-be announced cuts, will have to come from somewhere.</li> <li>• Drug Enforcement Task Force is now safe for the time being.</li> <li>• Prop. 98 is still in force.</li> <li>• Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi noted that things are bleak for the County.</li> <li>• Edward noted that unless things worsen, the Department should be able to avoid lay offs at this point, explaining that we can't say we are safe until there is a budget in place.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor Yamaguchi concluded the discussion by stating that there will be a reduction of services.</li> </ul>	
11) Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion revolved around Dr. Logan's presentation on a single-payer system.</li> <li>• Dr. Logan's intention was to bring the issue to the Board's attention, and to remind everyone that they have a voice in the nationwide debate on healthcare reform.</li> <li>• The European dual system was cited as a possible model for American healthcare reform.</li> <li>• An issue of great concern for many of the Board members was the cost of the single-payer system and who would be expected to pay for it.</li> </ul>	
12) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting adjourned at 5:00.</li> </ul>	The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 3-5, at the Administrative Support Division, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico, CA.

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