

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 09.17.2009
 Start Time: 3:00
 Adjournment: 5:00
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

Board Members: Coach Tom LeBlanc, Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi, Barbara Foy, Bill Kehoe, Lieutenant Andy Duch, Eric Almsted, Patricia Krause, Robert Preston, Nancy Bryant

Staff: Lisa Cox, Debbie Villasenor, Dr. Gerald Maguire, Dr. James Glover, Catherine Riley, Geoff Davis

Visitors: Greg Fagen, Patti Slattengren, Lafayette S. Clark, Keven Partridge

Absent:

Board Members: Salvador Ventura, Daniel Rangel

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 08.20.2009 Minutes 	Minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be posted on Dept. website.
3) Announcements- Co-Chair, Tom LeBlanc (acting as Chair in Salvador Ventura's absence) Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom LeBlanc presented former consumer member Patricia Johnson with a recognition certificate for her many years of service on the Board. • Tom commended Patricia Johnson for her work, saying it was an "honor and a privilege" to have her on the Board. • Tom reminded the Board that the floor will be open for nominations for Chair and co-Chair at the October meeting. • Tom referenced the BOS AB 1234 Ethics Training requirement letter, noting that it is possible to do the training online. • Robert Preston informed the Board that he has the "Book in Common" list which goes through March, 2010. • Patricia Krause noted that the discussion on the Department Reorganization will continue. 	<p>Nominations for Chair and co-Chair will be an agenda item for the October meeting.</p> <p>"Book in Common" list is available from Robert Preston.</p>

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<p>4) NAMI Report -Robert Preston</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert thanked everyone, including those in NAMI, for their positive response to his ongoing recovery efforts, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to give back. • NAMI contract negotiations with the Department will resume on October 6, 2009, with MHSA Program Manager Elizabeth Gowan. • NAMI has launched its website: namibuttecounty@guav.com . • Thanked BHB Secretary Geoff Davis for making copies of the September NAMI newsletter, noting the newsletter will be reformatted to reduce paper usage. • Robert expressed his excitement about all of the innovative changes taking place with NAMI. • The first annual (for Butte County) NAMI Walk will take place on May 1, 2010, from 8-5, which also serves to initiate “May is Mental Health Awareness Month.” • Robert stated that <u>The Soloist</u> author, Steve Lopez, will be in attendance at the NAMI Walk, hopefully for the entire day. • <i>North State Magazine</i> is running a story in its current issue on the new NAMI hotline. • The last two years of NAMI newsletters are now available on the NAMI website. 	
<p>5) Board Goals Review</p> <p>-NAMI Provider Education Training, Tom LeBlanc and Bill Kehoe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom LeBlanc and Bill Kehoe have been working on the NAMI Provider Education Training program. • The goal is for the program to take effect in February or March of 2010. • Bill Kehoe is working on contacting NAMI representatives from Tehama and Shasta counties as well as local representatives, noting that the local NAMI chapter has endorsed the project. • The program will be a 10 week training course, with one training per week. 	<p>Updates will be given in the coming months.</p>

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<p>6) C.I.T. Update</p> <p>-Lieutenant Andy Duch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been discussing MHSA funding for C.I.T. with Department staff member Mary Johnson. • MHSA will fund C.I.T. for the first year, after which the participating agencies will continue to sponsor the program. • Crisis Services Tom Evans informed Lt. Duch that the Crisis Services Unit (CSU) should be running 24 hours a day within the next month or so; Lt. Duch cited that as a very positive development. • C.I.T. curriculum and instructors are in place for the November Academy. • Patricia Krause asked Lt. Duch if it would be possible for the Department to continue funding for C.I.T., to which Lt. Duch responded that law enforcement agencies budget for such expenses. 	
<p>7) MHSA Update</p> <p>-Debbie Villasenor, MHSA Housing Coordinator, for Elizabeth Gowan, MHSA Program Manager.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department has been allotted \$2,173,000 to develop permanent, supportive housing for homeless people and those at risk of homelessness. • MHSA guidelines allow for new and redeveloped housing as well as shared housing programs. • Debbie noted that the shared housing model will not be utilized initially. • Housing costs are expected to be leveraged, with MHSA providing one-third of the cost, with the remaining cost to be covered through collaboration with housing developers. • There are three Behavioral Health Board members on the MHSA Housing Committee. • There is good community representation on the committee, and members work well together. • Local goals have been established, incorporating guidelines for a community environment, populations to be served, counseling and supportive services to be offered, affordability, and housing options. Debbie distributed hand outs that go into detail on the above goals (available from Geoff Davis upon request). • There is a large array of housing options open for consideration. • North Valley Catholic Social Services is already working on a collaborative 10 unit project. • The partnering possibilities are exciting, and Debbie 	<p>Copies of MHSA Housing packets are available from Geoff Davis.</p>

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	<p>will keep the Board posted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie informed the Board that it will be part of the decision-making process. • The goal for ground-breaking is next summer. • Referencing the “Master Lease Program” for TAY (Transitional Age Youth), she noted that Youth for Change is working with property management company RSC. • Youth for Change will accept, as part of its agreement with RSC, liability for any damage to RSC units. • Fiscal responsibility is a big issue with this housing program. • The SEARCH South program is currently in negotiations for a possible partnership with North Valley Catholic Social Services. Debbie noted its director, Bob Michels, has extensive experience in housing. • Debbie is also working with the HUD-established “Continuum of Care” program. Additionally, work is continuing with the “American Recovery Act,” which is designed to assist low-income community members in their efforts to become self-sufficient. • This program incorporates case management into its approach. • Debbie explained that the idea behind the program is to serve as a safety net to avoid further homelessness in the community. • Debbie concluded her presentation by saying that Program Managers Rick Reynolds and Elizabeth Gowan, along with herself, will present at the October “Who are <i>The Soloists</i> Among Us?” which is a “discussion of homelessness and mental illness in Butte County.” 	<p>The Board will play an active part in the decision-making process as the program develops.</p> <p>Flyers with information on the upcoming event are available from Geoff Davis.</p>
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<p>8) Director's Report - Lisa Cox, Assistant BH Director for Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa referenced Edward Walker's written report. • She added that the District Attorney's Office has been notified by U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer's Office that a \$200,000 "Drug Court Discretionary Grant" will be awarded to Butte County, noting that this has not yet been officially enacted. • Lisa opened up the floor for questions and comments. • Patricia Krause discussed the treatment of a PHF consumer who reported her treatment to the Board at August's meeting. • Patricia stated that this consumer's treatment involves both personnel and patient's rights issues. • Patricia did an informal survey to see if Department facilities had State-required patient's rights information materials posted. • After describing the poster requirements, she noted that such posters were not posted as mandated. • Robert Preston interjected that he spoke with the consumer after the meeting in an effort to assist her, noting that the Iversen Center always has two consumer advocates available. • Patricia shared her strong belief in the importance of consumer advocacy, emphasizing that it is the Department's responsibility as a whole-not any one staff member's-to insure that patient's rights materials are clearly posted. • Patricia said the Department could be sued for not posting the required materials. • Patricia asked Lisa Cox about a personnel issue involving job duties and classification-designations for those employed in the Behavioral Health Counselor classification series. • Lisa stated that this is an issue being dealt with by Butte County Human Resources, informing the Board that many counselors were reclassified to reflect their actual job duties, explaining the process by which this was done, including the revision of the counselor classification descriptions. 	
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<p>9) Medical Staff Report- Dr. Gerald Maguire on Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Maguire stated that recovery is a “personal journey.” • Has been giving the recovery model considerable thought over the last three weeks, reflecting on the Village Treatment Program Model. • Lectures on recovery often make sense, but found certain phrases and allusions disconcerting (ex., the idea that treatment should be directed by the consumer). • Dr. Maguire shared that traditionally, medical assessment was the first stage, and from there maintenance and a continuing care plan were developed. • A holistic approach is necessary for recovery, sharing that “recovery” is a new word for psychiatrists. • Dr. Maguire said that a lifelong disorder does not mesh well with the notion of recovery. • Throughout the lecture, Dr. Maguire made extensive reference to his hand out entitled, “Some Thoughts on Recovery,” which is available from Geoff Davis upon request. • Dr. Maguire ended his presentation by asking if there were any questions, comments. • Keven Patridge, a member of the public, spoke passionately about his experiences with out-patient services at the Village and with the Department. • Keven said it is crucial that everyone get on the same page with what recovery truly means, which requires an active seeking out of consumer input on the part of the Department. • Keven stated his belief that the Department is and will remain dysfunctional if it does not engage in an inclusive dialogue with all of those involved in the recovery process. • Keven pointed out, for example, how the in-patient’s situation was addressed at last month’s meeting, which was dealt with “poorly” in Keven’s estimation. • Keven spoke about the marginalization of the mentally ill, affirming his belief that the Department needs to be proactive in its pursuit of consumer input. • Dr. Maguire told the Board that at today’s Medical Staff Meeting, it was agreed that the recovery model can not be implemented until a Medical Director is appointed by the Department. This agreement lead to an official recommendation to Interim Director Edward Walker regarding the 	<p>Dr. Maguire’s hand out is available from Geoff Davis upon request.</p>
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	<p>importance of this position to the recovery efforts of consumers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Maguire announced his intention to update his presentation, which he intends to give at a Grand Rounds meeting. • The proposed presentation will include a reaction panel, to which Keven is welcome to join. • Patricia Krause reiterated that patient's rights is the responsibility of the Department, saying that consumers rely on the Department. • Patricia will be making a written report on the state of the Department, and further commented that the annual goals of the Board need to be reviewed. • Robert Preston pointed out that other counties are experiencing problems along with Butte County, and that positive changes are taking place here in the Department. • Lt. Andy Duch talked about how HIPAA (Federal Law on the handling of confidential medical information) enables law enforcement to get the proper information on consumers in crisis situations, citing this as further evidence of how law enforcement and the Department are working together. • Dr. James Glover, contracted psychiatrist at the PHF, added that 5150 issues and the consumer in question's situation are being addressed. • Dr. Glover added that a training on 5150s is available for psychiatrists in the community. • Tom LeBlanc requested that the 5150 situation be followed up on at the next meeting. • General discussion followed on the Medical Director position, with compensation being a key issue at this point. • Lisa Cox reminded the Board that the Medical Director position is being handled by County Human Resources in accordance with applicable personnel rules and memoranda of understanding between the County and the employee bargaining units. 	<p>5150s will be an ongoing agenda item at the October meeting.</p>
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<p>10) Ongoing Business -Membership Committee, Tom LeBlanc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On August 28, Tom LeBlanc and Salvador Ventura met with three Community Member candidates. • Tom went over the interview results of the three candidates with the Board to insure they could make an informed selection. • Tom read a letter prepared by Salvador Ventura, which recommended the selection of Kirk Lee, citing his extensive involvement in the Hmong Community. Salvador expressed his desire that the other candidates' applications "remain on file." • Bill Kehoe made a motion for Kirk Lee's nomination, with Lieutenant Andy Duch seconding the motion. • Some discussion took place regarding Kirk Lee's absence at the meeting (the other two candidates were present). • Robert Preston noted that he was not present when he was nominated by the Board. • It was agreed that the Membership Committee is entrusted by the Board to provide it with the necessary information to make a nomination. • Kirk Lee's application was approved, with six votes for, and two against. • Further discussion ensued on the Medical Director position. • Tom LeBlanc shared his personal experience as the European Athletic Director. Tom practiced a policy of inclusion whereby all of those involved had a say in what decisions were being made. This principle must and will be incorporated into how the Department and the Board operate. • The Board will be kept posted on the status of the Medical Director position. • Patricia Krause said she would like to be able to bring up and follow up on issues to find out "what is going on." • Public member Greg Fagen said that this meeting has been the most open meeting he has attended thus far, and hopes that this openness continues. 	<p>Geoff Davis will submit Kirk Lee's application to the Board of Supervisors for approval.</p> <p>The Medical Director position will be an ongoing item on the October agenda.</p>
<p>11) Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 5:00. 	<p>The Behavioral Health Board will meet on Thursday, October 15, at the Administrative Support Division Conference Room, 109 Parmac Rd., Ste. 1, Chico, CA 95926, from 3-5.</p>

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