

Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10.15.2009
 Start Time: 3:04
 Adjournment: 5:00
 Location: ASD Conference Room

Present:

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

Staff: Edward Walker, Elizabeth Gowan, Scott Kennelly, Donnell Taylor, Dr. James Glover, Gini Lehrman, Matthew Struyf, Geoff Davis

Visitors: Lafayette S. Clark, Keven Partridge, Rebecca Winton, Melba Riggs

Absent:

Board Members: Coach Tom LeBlanc, 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 3:04
2) Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 09.17.2009 Minutes 	Minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be posted on Dept. website.
3) Announcements- Salvador Ventura, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador Ventura gave an overview of the Board’s meeting guidelines. • Salvador presented certificates of appreciation to In-Patient staff members Gini Lehrman and Matthew Struyf. • The certificates are a part of the ongoing I.C.E. Board Goal to recognize outstanding staff members for their service to consumers. 	
4) NAMI Report -Robert Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert stated that original NAMI website had numerous technical issues. • A new website address has been created: www.namibuttecounty.org . • Robert encouraged members to read an article entitled, “Beyond Words” which is featured in <i>Northstate Parenting</i>. • The article is about a child who is coping with 	

<p>-Elizabeth Gowan, MHTSA Program Manager</p>	<p><i>Chico Enterprise-Record</i> article on the October 14 CSU, Chico townhall meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting focused on mental illness and homelessness in the community. • Community leaders and Department staff shared their experiences with the mentally ill homeless population. • Elizabeth had a Leadership Team Academy meeting earlier this morning, reporting that she is very excited and hopeful about the Academy's outcome, noting that its participants are "first rate." • The Academy provides training for both Department staff and those of different agencies. • Elizabeth thanked Lieutenant Andy Duch for his program that has helped create a positive training experience. 	
<p>8) Director's Report, Edward Walker, Interim Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward referenced the written report included in the member meeting packets. • Edward noted that there has not been much change for the last two months. • The State remains in financial trouble, facing a \$25 billion dollar shortfall. • Robert Preston noted the transferring of five counselors from Chico to Oroville, saying that will make things difficult for consumers in Chico. • Robert said that when consumers get a new counselor, they have to go over past experiences that they would prefer to leave behind them. • Edward remarked that Robert's concerns were "well said." He spoke about how additional lay offs were avoided at a cost in human terms and clinical risks. • Similar situations have occurred in the Youth Services Division and other program components. • A brief discussion of how counselor caseload transfers are done followed his report. 	
<p>9) Ongoing Business -5150 Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two concurrent processes-1) An ongoing project with Enloe Hospital to designate/train Enloe staff; 2) Scheduled training for Department medical staff. This training will be documented, as will the training of Enloe Hospital staff. 	

<p>-Medical Director Position</p> <p>November meeting in Oroville</p> <p>10) Membership Committee Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The classification will be up for Board of Supervisors approval in November. • Recruitment will follow BOS approval. • The position will report to the Department Director, and will be a core member of Leadership Team. • Additionally, the position will be the Chief Medical Officer, chair medical staff meetings, work closely with the Assistant Director of Clinical Services (Lisa Cox), provide direct care for consumers. • Other assignments for the position will be based on the person's skill sets and experiences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker will contact the police chiefs of both Oroville Police Department and Gridley Police Department regarding the upcoming November meeting. • The site visit itinerary will be discussed at the agenda setting meeting. • Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi reminded the Board that site visits are one of the Board's goals. • Bill Kehoe asked that newspapers be notified of the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirk Lee, community member candidate, is not eligible for the position as he works for a contracted agency. • Salvador Ventura reviewed Lafayette Clarke's and Greg Fagen's qualifications for the community member position. • Patricia Krause brought Keven Partridge's consumer member application to the Board's attention. • Patricia detailed Keven's skills and dedication to the recovery model, putting a motion on the floor for his election to the position. • Keven was elected unanimously for the consumer member position. • A brief discussion ensued over who the membership committee was recommending for the Board's approval. • Salvador read Tom LeBlanc's letter on who he recommended for the position (Lafayette Clarke). • Lafayette Clarke was elected for the position, with seven votes for him, and two for Greg Fagen. 	<p>Geoff Davis will forward Keven's and Lafayette's applications for Board of Supervisors consideration/approval.</p>
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<p>11) New Business -Nominations for Chair and co-Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Kehoe nominated Tom LeBlanc for Chair, and Salvador Ventura nominated Bill Kehoe for co-Chair. • Patricia Krause wanted to nominate Keven Patridge for co-Chair; however, Keven will not be eligible for nomination until his membership has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. 	<p>Elections for Chair and co-Chair will take place at the November meeting.</p>
<p>12) Medical Staff Report -Dr. James Glover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Glover attended a “very productive” meeting with Enloe and Department staff recently. • The wait time for admission to the In-Patient Unit is due in part to the 16 bed capacity of the facility. • Training in 5150s, to be presented by Raymond Kohler, Nursing Supervisor at the Crisis Unit, will take place next month. • Dr. Glover noted that there is some reluctance on the part of Enloe staff to be trained on 5150s. • Dr. Glover talked about the Department’s need for new psychiatrists as the current staff nears retirement. • He would like the Department to receive assistance from Enloe in its psychiatrist recruitment efforts. 	
<p>13) Grand Jury Response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Walker suggested that the Board go through the response by page rather than by item, and asked the Board if it would prefer to focus on findings or recommendations. • Recommendation 7, which calls for qualified supervisor staff to spend part of their time providing direct services to consumers, was discussed. • Patricia Krause strongly supported the idea of having clinical and medical supervisory staff provide services to increase productivity. • Edward Walker acknowledged that the recommendation is reasonable, but that the current system is sufficient. • Edward explained that the Department is having focus groups work on what is meant by “productive.” In the past, productivity meant billable time for revenue. • A draft of principles will be created to modify how the Department defines productivity. • Patricia expressed concern about the medical director position and overall resource utilization. • Patricia stressed the need for managers to have 	<p>The draft of principles will be made available to the Board.</p>

caseloads as managerial positions need to be able to bill for services.

- Robert Preston talked about how services are limited on Fridays.
- Discussion refocused on the availability of services in Chico, as five counselors were transferred to Oroville for budgetary reasons.
- Transportation remains an issue for many consumers, making it difficult at times to receive services.
- Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi suggested that the Department conduct a census to determine which consumers could get transportation to Oroville for services.
- Edward stated that services have been reduced, but not eliminated; the Department is working hard to achieve a balance of service to need.
- Robert Preston shared that he understands that the State's budget problems directly impact services available in Chico.
- Patricia Krause put a motion on the floor for a community meeting to discuss the Grand Jury response.
- Patricia stated that the community meeting would allow for greater participation than is possible at a regular meeting, noting that many people work during the time that the Board meets.
- Supervisor Yamaguchi observed that the Behavioral Health Board is the body to go to express concerns about behavioral health issues, and that the meetings are open to the public.
- The Board's function was discussed, with Lt. Duch emphasizing that the Board is not here to micromanage the Department, but to help steer it in the right direction.
- Lt. Duch stated that much positive change has been done by the Board, citing C.I.T. and the developing NAMI Provider Training as tangible examples of what the Board has achieved.
- Salvador Ventura reminded the Board of his desire to keep the Board focused on what it can do, and cautioned against attempting to go beyond the Board's scope.
- Edward Walker noted that the Board has had a positive impact on the Department's welcoming environment.
- Edward said that it is appropriate and effective to advocate for better experiences for consumers and their family.

14) Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 5:00.	The Behavioral Health Board will meet on Thursday, November 19, 3-5, at the Department of Employment and Social Services Tahoe Conference Room, 202 Mira Loma Ave., Oroville, CA.
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