

# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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## Local Mental Health Board

Monday, April 25, 2016

**Public Forum: 6:00 – 7:00 PM\* Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

600 A Street, Davis, CA, 95616 – Conference Room

*All items on this agenda may be considered for action.*

*\*This meeting will include a Public Forum beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by a regular meeting from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. This agenda reflects the regular meeting agenda items.\**

### 7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2016
5. Member Announcements

### 7:15 PM CONSENT AGENDA

6. Mental Health Director's Report – Karen Larsen
  - HHS Director
  - Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver
  - 2016/2017 Budget
  - Housing California Conference
  - Whole Person Care Pilot
  - Jail/Juvenile Detention Facility Contract
  - MHSA Plan Update
  - Woodland Homelessness

### 7:25 PM TIME SET AGENDA

7. No Place Like Home Resolution – Bob Schelen

### 8:00 PM REGULAR AGENDA

8. Board of Supervisors Report – Supervisor Don Saylor
9. Chair Report – Bob Schelen
  - a. Member Resignations, Appointments, and Re-Appointments
  - b. LMHB Officer Election: Call for Nominations
  - c. Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report
  - d. Board Committee Reports
    - Communication and Education Committee
    - Program Committee
    - Budget and Finance Committee

Robert Schelen  
**Chair**

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Bret Bandlely  
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June Forbes  
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Brad Anderson  
Lisa Cherubini  
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#### **Board of Supervisors Liaison**

Don Saylor

#### **Alternate**

Jim Provenza

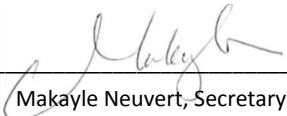
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**9:00 PM ADJOURNMENT**

10. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment – Bob Schelen

- Next Meeting Date and Location – Monday, May 23, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Arthur F. Turner Community Library Meeting Room at 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The next meeting will include a Public Forum from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, followed by a regular meeting from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

I certify that the foregoing was posted on the bulletin board at 625 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695 on or before Friday, April 22, 2016.

  
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Makayle Neuvert, Secretary to the Director  
Local Mental Health Board Administrative Support Staff  
Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

## Item 6. Mental Health Director's Report – Karen Larsen



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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

### Local Mental Health Board Mental Health Director's Report April 25, 2016

#### **HHSA Director**

On April 15, HHSA Director Joan Planell made the personal decision to leave her position. Joan brought significant positive social change to Yolo County. From advancing our approach in addressing homelessness to her amazing leadership with Agency integration, Joan has been on the forefront of leading positive change. We will miss her passion, knowledge, and leadership. Our CAO's goal in moving forward is to quickly identify a leadership structure that maintains our positive forward progress with integration. For the next few days, while he considers how best to move forward, Patrick Blacklock has asked Deputy County Administrator Jill Cook to assist the HHSA leadership team with any issues that may arise. While this is difficult news to receive, I do have great confidence in our HHSA Executive Leadership Team and know that our clients and community will continue to be well served.

#### **Whole Person Care Pilot**

On April 8, HHSA submitted a Letter of Intent to California Department of Health Care Services indicating our desire to participate in the Medi-Cal 2020 Whole Person Care (WPC) pilot. The WPC pilot is a five year program authorized to test locally based initiatives that will coordinate physical health, behavioral health, and social services for vulnerable Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are high utilizers of multiple systems and continue to have or are at risk of poor health outcomes.

Yolo County's proposal centers around our older adult population with a focus on highly vulnerable Medi-Cal beneficiaries that interact with multiple public systems (including the local physical health, behavioral health, criminal justice, and homeless systems). The proposed pilot is a high priority for Yolo County, because it is well aligned with our County and Agency Strategic Plans, our mission and our history of innovation toward the benefit of our most vulnerable residents. The WPC pilot is the logical next step for our County in continuing this integrated path toward improving beneficiary health and well-being while reducing the per capita cost of care for our older adult population. Yolo County was awarded \$499,000 over the next two years for our proposed Bridge to Health and Housing project.

[See attached press release.](#)

#### **Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver**

Phase III of the Drug Medi-Cal Waiver officially began March 30th. As we've previously discussed this waiver will allow Medi-Cal reimbursement for a broader array of substance use disorder services locally and statewide. We have assigned Ian Evans, LMFT, as our coordinator for this process locally. We have begun hosting monthly meetings with providers to provide technical assistance and collaborate to develop our new and improved continuum of care. We will also be hosting meetings for public input and encourage LMHB to participate in that process.

#### **Jail/Juvenile Detention Facility Contract**

In December, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Medical and Behavioral Health Services for detainees of the jail and juvenile detention facilities. After a process of proposal review that included representatives from the Sheriff, Probation, County Administrator and HHSA departments, a consensus recommendation was reached regarding the Jail/Juvenile Detention Facility Medical and Behavioral Health Services proposals. On March 9, HHSA issued an intent to award notification to CFMG,

the current contractor. Next steps are to develop, review and finalize the draft contracts. We anticipate bringing this item for Board review and approval on April 26

### **2016/2017 Budget**

The agency is still finalizing our 2016/2017 projected budget in collaboration with the County Department of Financial Services and the County Administrator’s Office. While the agency integrated last July, we continue to develop budgets based on our historical funding streams (i.e. public health, mental health and social services). That being said we have already begun to restructure certain areas to maximize revenue, decrease expenses and achieve efficiencies and financial sustainability. The plan is for Katy Eckert, Deputy Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services to present to the LMHB next month.

### **MHSA Plan Update**

The 2016/2017 MHSA plan update will be posted in the coming week. It will be posted for 30 days and we encourage all community members, staff and stakeholders to review and provide comment during that time. We will be hosting a public hearing toward the end of May and will bring the plan to LMHB for approval at that time as well.

### **Housing California Conference**

On Thursday, April 14, a group from Yolo County including Tracey Dickinson, Homeless Coordinator, Lisa Baker, CEO Yolo County Housing and Sergeant Kinney and Officer Angle from West Sacramento Police Department presented at the annual Housing California conference in Sacramento. Housing California is California’s statewide non-profit organization that conducts advocacy work around affordable housing and homeless services. Each year, the Annual Conference brings together advocates in the affordable home and homeless communities from across the state to discuss important issues and best practices. Our presentation, entitled *Providing a Bridge to Housing: A New Model for Addressing Encampments*, provided a case study of Bridge to Housing from beginning to end, including a description of the comprehensive planning process, implementation and outcomes.

### **Woodland Homelessness**

On Tuesday, April 26, the Woodland City Council considered a proposal for a Bridge to Housing 2.0 project in Woodland. The City Manager is requesting \$100,000 in City funds which will be matched by \$100,000 in County funds to support services and interim housing for approximately 10 individuals at any point in time. We are excited to partner with the City of Woodland on the project and look forward to all we will accomplish together.

## County Press Releases

### **Yolo County Receives Grant to Assist Medically Vulnerable Homeless**

**Post Date:** 03/24/2016 3:40 PM

#### Press Release

(Woodland, CA) – Partnership HealthPlan of California has awarded the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency \$499,125 to improve the health and well-being of medically vulnerable people experiencing homelessness through the Bridge to Health & Housing project.

The Bridge to Health & Housing project is a collaborative effort between Yolo County, Fourth & Hope, Sutter Davis Hospital, Yolo Community Care Continuum and Woodland Memorial Hospital which will provide outreach, intensive case management and housing navigation for homeless persons with an acute or chronic health condition or substance use disorder. The project will feature a 24-hour response to Yolo County emergency rooms in cases involving frequent utilizers who are homeless, ensuring they are appropriately assessed and linked with services and shelter upon discharge.

This two-year grant award is part of Partnership HealthPlan's Social Determinants of Health Initiative which aims to remove barriers that prevent access to quality health care.

Yolo County's proposal was based on local data showing a significant service gap for people experiencing homelessness who are medically vulnerable. For example, Dignity Health reports 545 visits from 235 homeless individuals in their Woodland Memorial Hospital emergency room between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015, with some patients having over 20 visits in the year. Additionally, the most recent homeless count found 74% of the 498 people experiencing homelessness in Yolo County reported having at least one serious health condition.

The two-year Bridge to Health & Housing project aims to accomplish three goals, including:

1. Identifying the most medically vulnerable people experiencing homelessness in Yolo County.
2. Diverting people experiencing homelessness with medical issues from the local emergency rooms into appropriate primary care settings.
3. Improving the overall well-being of medically vulnerable people experiencing homelessness by targeting four social determinants of health: housing stability; physical health; behavioral health and self-sufficiency.

For more information about Yolo County's Homeless Services, visit the Homeless Services webpage under the Health & Human Services menu at [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org).

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## **“No Place Like Home” Initiative**

### **Bipartisan Senate Initiative to Prevent and Address Homelessness in our Local Communities**

The Senate proposal on homelessness re-purposes bond money from Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, and creatively leverages billions of additional dollars from other local, state, and federal agencies to achieve the following goals:

- A \$2 billion bond to construct permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with mental illness.
- \$200 million, over 4 years, to provide supportive housing in the shorter-term, rent subsidies, while the permanent housing is constructed or rehabilitated. This will help tens of thousands of people afford a place to live.
- Support for two special housing programs that will assist families: • *The “Bringing Families Home” pilot project, a county matching grant program to reduce homelessness among families that are part of the child welfare system.*
- *The CalWORKs Housing Support Program, which provides housing and support services for CalWORKs families in danger of homelessness.*

### **Preventing people from becoming homeless in the first place**

- The State will additionally work to stop homelessness before it starts by targeting an increase in Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) grants to 1.3 million Californians who are considered at risk of becoming homeless. These grants provide income support for the aged, blind, and disabled poor who cannot work.
- *Rates of homelessness are higher for persons with disabilities who cannot work; SSI/SSP is intended to help them make ends meet, and a large portion of grants usually goes toward rent.*
- There will be one-time investment to incentivize local governments to boost outreach efforts and advocacy to get more eligible poor people enrolled in the SSI/SSP program.
- *The federal government covers 72% of the total costs of the SSI/SSP program, so state and local benefits are multiplied significantly for each newly eligible recipient.*

## Background

Homelessness is not just a big city issue, and it does not just affect the people who are enduring it themselves. It also matters to small business and impacts all of us in our quality of life. With more than 100,000 people living on the streets, it is a clear symptom of serious problems within our society.

And the problems driven by homelessness are becoming more costly and prevalent.

In response, a bipartisan coalition of members from the California State Senate introduced a solution that aims at the actual illness: not the symptoms. This first-of-its kind “No Place like Home” initiative will assist local communities in preventing and addressing homelessness.

*California has 22-percent of America’s homeless population. California also has more than one third of the nation’s chronically homeless, and an even higher percentage among homeless women. We also have the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness, making up 24-percent of the national homeless veteran population. Many veterans are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, mental illness, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing.*

Of the 29,178 chronically homeless in California, nearly 85 percent are unsheltered. Serving these individuals can often cost the public more than \$100,000 per person each year. It costs more not to deal with this problem than to deal with it.

While housing and mental health services are governed by local governments, it’s clear that the problem is too expansive for the state to stand by the sidelines.

**State Resources.** The State Legislature will directly focus on providing assistance to better manage existing resources and assist local governments through incentives for creating and maintaining permanent housing essential to reducing homelessness.

The Senate proposal supports a “housing first” strategy – an approach that has been proven successful in other states.

**Secure Housing.** We’ve seen it work wherever it has been tried, and homelessness experts agree: when you provide safe, secure housing to the homeless, it becomes easier to reach them to provide all of the other services they need.

**Mental Health Support.** Mental illness is bad enough without compounding it with homelessness. The longer many people remain homeless, the worse their mental illnesses get and the harder it is to reach them.

By getting people off the streets, we can revitalize neighborhoods and disrupt the ecosystem that leads to homelessness.



## **“No Place Like Home” Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, California has the largest homeless population in the nation at 114,000; comprising 22 percent of the country’s homeless;

**WHEREAS**, California has one third of the nation’s chronically homeless, those with mental illness or other significant problems;

**WHEREAS**, of the 28,000 chronically homeless nearly 85 percent are unsheltered, with this group creating the greatest strain on tax dollars, often more than \$100,000 per person annually for emergency room visits, hospital stays, law enforcement, and other public services;

**WHEREAS**, most, if not all, California counties and cities have experienced the negative affects homelessness can have on businesses, government resources, community safety and wellbeing, and neighborhood quality of life;

**WHEREAS**, California’s homeless problem is in stark contrast to its ranking as seventh largest economy in the world and the compassion aspired to in the “Golden State;”

**WHEREAS**, the California Senate has proposed a multi-pronged attack on homelessness with immediate and longer-term resources, while using with greater efficiency existing local, state, and federal dollars;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate plan embraces the “housing first” strategy that calls for safe, secure housing to create an environment where wrap-around services, such as mental health treatment, can take hold;

**WHEREAS**, for a homeless person living without shelter, the key to a home can open a future of hope for restored health and successful reintegration into society;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate proposes a \$2 billion bond to construct permanent housing for chronically homeless people with mental illnesses, paid for using less than 7 percent of the \$2 billion generated annually by Proposition 63;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate also proposes \$200 million in general fund money to provide shorter-term housing, including rent subsidies;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate also proposes support of the “Bringing Families Home” pilot program to reduce homelessness among families, and the CalWORKS Housing Support Program, which provides services and housing for CalWORKS families in danger of homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate also proposes an increase in Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary

Payment (SSI/SSP) to prevent homelessness among the blind, aged, and disabled poor who cannot work, while providing a one-time investment to assist local governments in outreach efforts to get more eligible people enrolled in SSI/SSP; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that (Name of the City/County/Organization) strongly support the Senate proposal on homelessness and that this position be communicated to the appropriate legislative policy and or fiscal committees as well as the Governor's office.

## 9.d. Board Committee Reports



April 18, 2016

To: Yolo County Local Mental Health Board

From: Martha Guerrero

Attendees: June Forbes, Lisa Cherubini

Called to order at 9:05 pm

Agenda revised and approved unanimously to remove #9 and #10 from the agenda

Public Comments: Lisa shared information about a project related to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program.

Announcements and Correspondence: Letter from Linda Wright's Advocacy at Community Input Meeting, attached.

Committee Efforts on Overall LMHB Strategic Plan: Committee action reviewed the following long-term goal as received by the LMHB for review and consideration and prepared the following as a short-term goal:

Long-Term Goal: **"Monitor/track reorganization from Client's perspective"**

Short-Term Goal: ***Within the 2016-17 Year establish a navigator program that will provide all adults and families of children same-day access to a navigator who will connect them to services that will satisfy immediate crisis needs, services that will support recovery and services that will provide basic necessities (food, shelter, health care etc).***

New Star Representative Payee Agency – reviewed problems associated with the payee and discovered this agency is contracted through a non-county source making it difficult to hold them accountable to manage client's finances.

Mentor on Discharge: Recommended a peer navigator to provide the same support for patients when discharged from the hospital.

Potential Loss of Public Guardian/Conservatorship Program: Cass Silva plans to retire soon and the committee recommends they convey to the Board of Supervisors to maintain this position as an elected post instead of appointment by the BOS.

Future Meeting and Planning – No information was shared

Adjourned at 9:30





## **FINAL**

**To:** BOS, LMHB      **Subject:** Assessing ADMH access from consumer's viewpoint  
**From:** LMHB Budget & Finance Committee      **Date:** March 28, 2016

**Attendees:** R. Bellows Chair, R. Schelen, N. King, S. Hahn

**Call to Order: 8:25PM**

**Agenda:** Approved adding discussion consumer access.

**Topics:**

1. ADMH budget not ready to review – will require a separate meeting.
2. Support for SSI & Medi-Cal access – not discussed. This function has been restored under previous budgets.
3. Access from consumer's viewpoint
  - a. Nikki would like an assessment of underserved communities
  - b. Committee members each agreed to interview 3 consumers
    - i. Specific questions and open ended questions
    - ii. Related metrics to be provided by ADMH
  - c. Results will be aggregated to create a report.
  - d. Nikki will provide an existing consumer questionnaire to start
  - e. Richard will provide questions for ADMH based on previous metrics committee meetings relative to underserved and consumer recovery
4. Graduates – Do consumers ever graduate?

**Adjourned:** 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, R. Bellows, March 30

