



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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## Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, June 27, 2016, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM\***  
**Bauer Building, Thomson Conference Room**  
**137 N. Cottonwood, Woodland, CA 95695**

*\*This meeting date included a Public Forum beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by an abridged regular meeting at 7:00 PM, then concluding with Board Committee Workshops from 8:00 – 9:00 PM.  
These minutes reflect the regular meeting agenda items.*

**Members Present:** Brad Anderson; Bret Bandley; James Glica-Hernandez;  
Lisa Cherubini; Martha Guerrero; Nicki King; Robert Schelen;  
Sally Mandujan; Supervisor Don Saylor

**Members Excused:** Richard Bellows; June Forbes; Tawny Yambrovich

**Staff Present:** Karen Larsen, Director,  
Mental Health Director and Alcohol and Drug Administrator  
Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

Makayle Neuvert, HHSA Administrative Services Analyst,  
LMHB Administrative Support  
Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

Joan Beesley, MHSA Program Manager  
Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

### CALL TO ORDER

*This meeting was preceded by a public forum held from 6:00-7:00 PM where open commentary and discussion was led by the Communication and Education Committee members.*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** The June 27, 2016 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board (LMHB) was called to order at 7:08 PM; introductions were made.
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Motion:** Bob, **Second:** Bret, **Discussion:** At Bob Schelen's request the Strategic Plan Update item listed under the Chair's Report was tabled until the September LMHB meeting. Bob noted that he will be meeting with former member Davis Campbell to develop the report. The Program Committee requested that the next Mental Health Director's Report include an update on the potential cutbacks to the Community Intervention Program (CIP) and related services. **Vote:** Unanimous
- 4. Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2016: Motion:** Martha Guerrero, **Second:** Nicki King, **Discussion:** None, **Vote:** Passes, 1 abstention (Lisa Cherubini)
- 5. Member Announcements:** None

## 6. Correspondence:

- June 3, 2016 LMHB Letter to BOS regarding No Place Like Home Guidelines: A copy of this letter was shared in the agenda packet for review.
- *Proposed* – LMHB Letter to the Daily Democrat regarding Orland Mass Shooting: This proposed letter was discussed by the group and a motion was made to send it to NAMI-Yolo and the four main local newspapers.  
**Motion:** Sally Mandujan, **Second:** Bob Schelen, **Discussion:** None , **Vote:** Unanimous
- *Proposed* – LMHB Letter of Support for the Yolo County Whole Person Care Pilot: Tabled for MHD report discussion: This letter was no longer applicable due to the County's decision not to pursue the Whole Person Care pilot. See the Mental Health Director's Report below.

## TIME SET AGENDA

### 7. Yolo County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2016-17 Plan Update:

Joan Beesley, MHSA Program Manager, shared a review of the plan update process and timeline. One comment was received during this plan update cycle which will be incorporated into the update that goes to the BOS. The public hearing was held on June 23 with no public attendees or additional comments.

A motion was made to have the LMHB recommend that the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Mental Health Services Act plan update be finalized and forwarded to the BOS for approval.

**Motion:** Martha Guerrero, **Second:** Nicki King, **Discussion:** In response to an inquiry, Joan shared that the remodeling of the Woodland Wellness Center is being delayed due to complexities of the contractor market but is anticipated to begin in 1-6 months. The goal is to open the Davis TAY (teenage transitional youth) Wellness Center within the coming fiscal year, pending the necessary site modifications or renovations. When asked about the use of MHSA / Proposition 63 money for housing Joan shared that her personal opinion was that securing adequate and appropriate housing is of the greatest needs for remaining stable.  
**Vote:** Unanimous

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 8. Mental Health Director's Report: The following item(s) were pulled from Karen Larsen's Mental Health Director's Report for additional discussion.

- Whole Person Care Pilot: With the closer review of the financing portion of this pilot, it was decided that Yolo County does not have adequate local dollars for implementation. The prospective nature of this program and the limits on the types of services which qualify for a financial match make this project too fiscally risky. However, as a result of looking into the potential pilot, we have a strong proposal ready should additional opportunities come up in the future.
- Continuum of Care Work Group: This group is working to expand mental health services for offenders and finding funding streams for this work. The group is beginning by focusing on the Stepping Up Initiative and then moving forward with a County-wide plan. In response to an inquiry about the status of Mental Health Court expansion, Karen noted that this topic is often discussed at the Continuum of Care Work Group meetings and despite a desire to secure funds from CCP and expand Mental Health Court, revenue is declining and this is not a going to happen at this time. Martha expressed an interest in tracking the children in higher level group homes and the service delivery model for stepping them down. Karen thanked Martha for her inquiry, noting she is talking about a State level group also called the "Continuum of Care Work Group." In Yolo County, our Continuum of Care Work Group is specific to the adult offender

population. ~~H~~However there are people locally that are working on the State level reform for mental health, foster youth, and child welfare, and HHSA is attending those meetings. It was requested that Karen report out on this topic at the next meeting.

- **Public Guardian Transition:** Bob Schelen stated that he would like to go on record as opposing the Public Guardian no longer being an elected position as having an independent elected Public Guardian gives those they represent a stronger voice. The Program Committee Chair, Martha Guerrero reminded the Board that the committee made a consistent recommendation in April Program Committee Report and assumed that a letter was sent to the BOS conveying this position as the report had been received by the LMHB. Nicki King stated that due to the vulnerability and the travesties that occur, she strongly supports the original Program Committee recommendation.<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Bob made a motion to send a letter to the BOS reflecting the Program Committee recommendation to maintain the Public Guardian position as an elected post instead of an appointment by the BOS. **Second:** Sally Mandujan, **Discussion:** See above, **Vote:** Unanimous

Bob will draft a letter. Supervisor Saylor added that the BOS voted (May 31) to move forward with the transition of the Public Guardian from an elected position and move into a planning phase where this transition would be mapped out as well as conducting a personnel compensation review. Since that action has already been taken, Supervisor Saylor suggested that we acknowledge that the BOS has already taken action and consider making our recommendation in this context, providing a strong case for why the LMHB believes the position should remain an elected one and requesting that the LMHB's recommendation be considered as part of this planning process. James requested that Bob review the May 31 BOS meeting minutes in conjunction with writing the letter.

- **Partnership Healthplan of California:** In response to a request, Karen clarified the details of update. Partnership Healthplan of California is the managed care plan organization for Yolo County and Karen will be holding the new commissioner seat backfilling the spot vacated by Jill Cook who has transitioned to the CAO.
- **MHSA Housing Project:** As noted in the report, we will be reapplying for the next round of Title 9 tax credits. Confidence in our chances is based on knowing who else is in competition which may put us in a better position to receive funding.

## REGULAR AGENDA

**9. Board of Supervisors Report:** Supervisor Don Saylor shared the following updates and information.

- An event will be held tomorrow, June 28, at UC Davis, recognizing the retirement of the Director of the UC Davis Wellness Center, Michelle Famula. Supervisor Saylor noted that though these organizational changes may have contributed to the recent resignation of LMHB Member Sarah Hahn, the connection between the UCD Student Mental Health and County Mental Health Services continues and is important.
- There are now three LMHB vacancies and all were encouraged to spread the word to interested applicants.

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<sup>1</sup> During the approval of these minutes Member Nicki King clarified statements regarding the County and the Public Guardian, stating that the use of the word "travesties" to describe prior situations and quality of care were not directed to Yolo County but rather situations in other jurisdictions.

- The Youth Regional Treatment Center is a Native American adolescent treatment center coming to the DQ University site. This is one of 10 such sites around the country to blend effective treatments with native practices. The project is currently working through some of the land use challenges in getting the site set-up. Positive attributes of the site include being located in rural northern California though there may be struggles with finding clinicians and treatment staff as this is a known issue for the area. Additionally, there may be road safety concerns which will require mitigation and plans needed for emergency response.
- The Empower Yolo movement is doing well to link services as a result of the combining with the Assault and Domestic Violence Center (SADVC) into a family justice complex.
- Supervisor Saylor expressed his excitement in the recently passed budget which changed the Maximum Family Impacts Act to eliminate a provision where those already on welfare were not allowed additional financial support if they had additional children.
- The County budget has added money to fund review and investigation of human trafficking crimes which often involves foster kids, international individuals, and through the internet, etc.
- Don is interested the degree and impact of opiate use in Yolo County. Suggests this as an issue to look into further. Karen will bring back an update on the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System and opiate treatment in Yolo County
  - Karen notes that the mental health and the substance use arena are often linked and many LMHB have merged into a behavioral health board that addresses both subjects. This may be something the LMHB may want to look into as part of the strategic planning. Several members cited supporting reasons for expanding the LMHB scope in this manner. James suggested an ad hoc committee to consider this process and/or have this be part of the strategic planning process which will be reported on in July or September.

**10. Chair Report:** Chair James Glica-Hernandez led through the following items.

- a. Member Resignations, Appointments, and Re-Appointments: There are currently three vacancies. Makayle Neuvert will obtain and share a current LMHB roster of members at the next meeting.
- b. Request for Recommendation of Support for the Yolo County HHS Behavioral Health Services Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget: This items was tabled until the next meeting allowing an opportunity for the Budget and Finance Committee to meet and prepare a recommendation for the July meeting.
- c. Proposal for Immediate Correspondence from the Board Chair: James posed the idea of allowing the Chair, with Executive Committee approval, to send timely responses in the form of letters or other correspondence in advance of ~~Board~~ full Board review and approval. The Orlando shooting letter of response was noted as an example. The concept was supported by LMHB members and Supervisor Saylor shared the that at the County there is a legislative committee which is empowered to respond based on guidance from the advocacy they have already established and if the LMHB makes a policy to authorize the Chair to consult with a certain number of members they could potentially come up with a standard for replies and correspondence. Additional discussion followed and the Strategic Planning group lead by Bob will consider this and potentially create a list of guiding principles to guide responses, bringing the topic back in September.
- d. Member Tours of Local Provider Facilities: This items was tabled for a future meeting.

- e. Proposed Facebook Community Page for the LMHB: This items was tabled for a future meeting.
- f. LMHB Resource Pamphlet: This items was tabled for a future meeting.
- g. Strategic Plan Update: This items was tabled until the September meeting.
- h. Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report: Martha shared ideas around SSI advocacy and recent legislation. Karen confirmed that Yolo County has a local SSI advocacy group and this new legislation may give us an opportunity to expand.
- i. Board Committee Meetings: Due to the regular meeting being over time, the planned LMHB Committee Meetings were cancelled and are to be rescheduled at a later date.
  - Communication and Education Committee: Cancelled
  - Budget and Finance Committee: Cancelled

## ADJOURNMENT

### 11. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment:

- The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Community Conference Room at 600 A Street, Davis, CA 95616
- Planned Community Health Improvement Plan presentation by Emily Vaden of the HHS Community Health Branch
- Due to vacation schedules of members and staff, a motion was made to cancel the August 22, 2016 LMHB meeting. **Motion:** Nicki King; **Second:** Bret Bandley; **Discussion:** It was proposed that the July meeting be cancelled in lieu of the August meeting however the motion was not amended. **Vote:** Passes, 1 No vote (Bob Schelen)
- A desire was voiced to not have Public Forum and committee meetings at the same time.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM