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## Yolo County Local Mental Health Board 2016-2017 Annual Report

In the last 18 months since the last report to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) from the Yolo County Local Mental Health Board (LMHB), we have seen several changes in leadership and acted on several important issues before the LMHB. After many years of excellent service, including six years as chair, Bob Schelen stepped down as chair of the LMHB, and James C. Glica-Hernandez became the new chair. We are grateful Bob has chosen to continue as a member of the LMHB. Nicki King is the current vice-chair, and Sally Mandujan is the current secretary.

### Growth and Action:

The LMHB continues to oversee and provide support during the transition from several county departments into one agency, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Although we had originally believed that the process would take a more extensive period of time to accomplish, we were part of the team that ensured the transition happened in a single year. During this process, we gladly welcomed Karen Larsen as the HHS Director. Additionally, we are focusing on the effectiveness of this transition from the vantage point of those utilizing our services. Here are a few of the LMBH initiatives that we have taken on this past year:

- We updated and published the LMHB Bylaws, and presented them to the BOS.
- We updated and published the LMHB Strategic Plan for 2017-2018.
- We provided, or will shortly provide, the following trainings to our Board members:
  - a. Ethics training as required by California law (AB 1234, Chapter 700, Stats. of 2005)
  - b. How to Be a Better Local Mental/Behavioral Health Board.
- We have undertaken the responsibility of advising the Public Guardian, Karen Larsen, on issues regarding this office to ensure the transition to an appointed position is smooth, and potential issues are avoided, as we committed to the BOS.

- LMHB Board members actively participated in or provided input into the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Plan, as developed between HHS and the Resource Development Associates (RDA).

We are in the midst of our second set of public forums, entitled “Your Voice Matters,” which invite residents of Yolo County to express their concerns to the LMHB. Forums were held in Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland. Issues surrounding housing, transportation, adequate service to those who are conserved, and finding available psychiatric services are all common themes throughout the forums.

Members of the LMHB continue to actively participate in mental health-related committees, such as the Community Health Improvement Plan, Healthy Yolo, Quality Improvement Committee, Cultural Competence Committee, Health Council, and many others. Our members also provided their expertise and passion to mental health activities at the regional and state level.

We provided input and recommendations regarding the MHSA budget process.

**Challenges:**

- We had a significant turnover of board members, with four new members and one current vacancy in District 5. We are hopeful to see someone from the rural area of Yolo County join our board.
- We did not complete the 2016 Data Notebook this year as we had hoped to do. Although this is not a required activity, it is one that is an excellent activity for our board to complete for both our county, and for other counties to assess each county in comparison with others.

**Upcoming Activities:**

- For the 2017-2018 year we look forward to increasing outreach to the community, creating more accessibility for unserved or underserved communities, such as Spanish and Russian speakers, the LGBTQ community, and those workers who are not documented and have increasing concerns about deportation. We also anticipate more focus on increasing the number of board and care facilities in Yolo County to keep our residents local during their care and treatment.

**Summary:**

With the changes in board members, the important foci of the MHSA Three-Year Plan, the HHS transition, the additional responsibilities to the Public Guardian’s office, the LMHB has shown a steadiness and success in most activities; not only completing the tasks, but doing so as a cohesive and productive group. We are indeed fortunate to have the team we do, with their ample insight, varied experiences, and willingness to work toward our residents’ greatest health outcomes. We look forward to the year ahead as we fulfill our Strategic Plan, and address the issues that arise throughout the coming months.

Sincerely,



James C. Glica-Hernandez  
Chair, Yolo County Local Mental Health Board