



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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## Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 25, 2017, 7:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**137 N. Cottonwood St. Woodland, CA 95695**  
**Thomson Conference Room**

**Members Present:** James Glica-Hernandez, Laurie Ferns, Ajay Singh, Reed Walker, Don Saylor, Bret Bandley, Brand Anderson, Martha Gurrero, Gabriel Lockshin

**Members Excused:** Richard Bellows, Robert "Bob" Schelen, Tom Waltz, Niki King, Sally Mandujan

**Staff Present:** Karen Larsen, HHS Director  
Samantha Fusselman, HHS Deputy Mental Health Director  
Ian Evans, HHS Alcohol and Drug Administrator  
Iulia Bodeanu, LMHB Administrative Liaison

### CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** The September 25, 2017 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 7:03 PM. Introductions were made. James introduced the newest board member Gabriel Lockshin. Gabriel is a client and works for Turning Point Community Programs as a Peer Support Specialist. He graduated from Sac State with a degree in Social Service and currently working as a para-educator for the Woodland School District.
- 2. Public Comment**
  - Linda Wight is a parent of a mental health client who voiced her concern over the loss of the Community Intervention Program (CIP) in a letter she read to the board ([LINK HERE](#)).
  - Karen Larsen addressed the concerns of Linda Wight. The County is looking at keeping CIP or a version of the program running by continuing to keep one Turning Point position through the end of the calendar year. The County is also going to have a meeting with law enforcement, hospital partners and first responders together to strategize on ways to make the program sustainable. One of our city partners are interested in providing funding as well as the possibility of combining resources with the first responders initiative mental health urgent care facility to develop creative strategies moving forward. Karen thanked Linda for her thoughtful letter.
  - June Forbes of NAMI Yolo stated that the next version of CIP should be mobile so that the clinician can meet clients where they are in crisis in the field and not at the hospital. NAMI In Our Own Voice presentation aligned with Mental Health Awareness week will target working with landlords, property owners, merchants and potential employers. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Woodland Community Center.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve:** Martha Gurrero **Second:** Laurie Ferns **Vote:** Unanimous

**4. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2017:** Correct made by Reed Walker, minutes reflect Reed Walker's absence from the August meeting. Motion to approve minutes as amended with Reed not present at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Bret Bandley **Second:** Martha Gurrero **Abstention:** Reed Walker **Vote:** Passes

**5. Member Announcements:** None

**6. Correspondence**

- Letter from Linda Wright

### TIME SET AGENDA

- 7. Budget Presentation from 9/20/17 Meeting** regarding HHS Mental Health Budget Approval by Connie Cessna-Smith, who provided an overview of the major changes from the initial planning for the budget to the updated numbers that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisor's for approval. The Board discussed addressing their concerns regarding the loss of CIP funding as part of the budget recommendation to the board. James Glica-Hernandez stated that he would be willing to add a paragraph regarding CIP. **Motion** to approve budget with the following changes: To change the word removal of the ACA to repeal of the ACA in the third paragraph of the budget summary with the addition of a paragraph regarding the continued need of CIP in the community. **Motion:** Laurie Ferns **Second:** Ajay Singh **Vote:** Unanimous

### TIME SET AGENDA

- 8. Substance Use Disorder Services Presentation** – Ian Evans, Alcohol and Drug Administrator

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 9. Mental Health Director's Report** – Karen Larsen
- a. West Sacramento Support: City staff and HHS met with a city council member and Supervisor Villegas to discuss community members navigating the mental health system. The City of West Sacramento has mental health as part of their strategic plan and would like to discuss where gaps in communication and resources can be filled. Karen will keep the board informed as this partnership moves forward.

### REGULAR AGENDA

- 10. Board of Supervisor's Report** – Don Saylor
- Tomorrow (September 26<sup>th</sup>) is the budget meeting for the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Saylor will be asking for a report back on CIP and is there an element of it that we would like to preserve and to do a grant reassessment for the program. Supervisor Saylor would like to congratulate the HHS team on their pursuit of Public Health Accreditation. He was glad to participate in helping answering questions

regarding the roles of health council and local mental health board and how these entities feed into board of supervisor discussions. Supervisor Saylor is also glad to share that the contracts and plans for the 600 A Street remodel is underway to expand the increase of social services. There are currently 10,000 people in Davis who are receiving support from Yolo County HHSA. Davis will have a place for consumers to receive services. The facility will have mental health clinicians and a wellness center, which will be completed in the next 6 months.

#### 11. Chair Report – James Glica-Hernandez

- Board Recruitment. We currently have two vacancies, one from District 4 and one from District 5. We encourage consumers and from every walk of life to join the board and to increase the diversity of the board. We are required to have 50% of the board be peers or family of peers. Karen Larsen stated that she would like to see the parent of a minor who is a client on the board. James also encouraged through that have substance use disorder as board members. To apply to become a board member apply ([LINK HERE](#)).
- James encouraged everyone to sign up for the October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Local Mental Health Board Training. ([LINK HERE](#)).
- MHSA Annual Update and Community Input Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room at 8:30am, 1:00pm in West Sacramento Community Room, in Esparto at 4:30pm at the RISE office, Community Center. We are adding a fourth meeting in Davis before the next Local Mental Health Board meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Joan Beasley is retiring and the Local Mental Health Board would like to support recognition of Joan **Motion:** Martha Gurerro **Second:** Bret Bandley **Vote:** Unanimous

### PLANNING AND ADJOURNMENT

#### 12. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment: James Glica-Hernandez

- Long Range Planning Calendar discussion and review: Child Welfare Services and Foster Youth Presentation by Jennie Pettet, Child, Youth and Family Branch Director will be presenting at the next local mental health board meeting.
- Next Meeting Date and Location – October 23, 2017 at 600 A Street, Davis Community Conference Room.
- This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.