



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Putah Creek Conference Room 111 East Grant Ave. Winters, CA 95694

Members Present: Bret Bandle, Sally Mandujan, Nicki, King, Antonia Tsobanoudis, Serena Durand, Richard Bellows, James Glica-Hernandez, , Ajay Singh, Brad Anderson

Members Excused: Martha Guerrero, Don Saylor, Laurie Ferns, Ben Rose, Robert Schelen, Reed Walker, Karen Larsen

Staff Present: Samantha Fusselman, Deputy Mental Health Director and Manager of Quality Management Services, HHS
Sandra Sigrist, Adult and Aging Branch Director, HHS
Laurie Haas, Chief Deputy Public Guardian, HHS
Iulia Bodeanu, Administrative Liaison to LMHB, CAO

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** The April 30, 2018 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 7:08 PM. Introductions were made.
- 2. Public Comment**
None
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve: Richard Bellows **Second:** Antonia Tsobanoudis **Vote:** Unanimous
Abstentions: None
- 4. Approval of Minutes from [April 30, 2018](#)**
Discussion: Minutes to be amended with considerations to the previous presenter, Sandra Sigrist and Leigh Harrington, edits were sent out to the administrative liaison and updated in the minutes.
Motion to approve minutes with the intention to have edits implemented: Bret Bandle
Second: Richard Bellows **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstentions:** None
- 5. Member Announcements:** Antonia Tsobanoudis' son is graduating from High School
- 6. Correspondence: [Jail Visitation](#)**

The Davis Enterprise had a report on jail practices and the utilization of computerized visitation rather than face to face visitation. According to June Forbes, family support is essential to the jail population. James Glica-Hernandez stated that there is a need for someone from the sheriff's department to speak with the LMHB and encouraged board members to generate questions to send prior to the presentation. Nicki King suggested doing this after the election, as the leadership in the sheriff's office might change. James Glica-Hernandez urged that the group have a structured discussion at the August or September meeting.

TIME SET AGENDA

7. **HHSA Public Guardian Presentation** by Laurie Haas, Chief Deputy Public Guardian, HHSA

Members of the LMHB presented the following questions to the Chief Deputy Public Guardian. Richard Bellows asked how the department is funded. Laurie Haas stated that the Public Guardian is funded through the general fund and under the social services budget in HHSA. The Public Guardian generates some revenue from fees through court accounting. Through better record keeping and time tracking there is better revenue and expenditure accounting occurring.

James Glica-Hernandez asked clarification on those individuals denied conservatorship because the families are the appointed conservatorship officer, Laurie Haas stated that usually the two reasons that conservatorship is denied is because the individual does not meet the criteria by letter of the law or there are reasonable accommodations to the conservatorship. James asked if it was possible to differentiate those conservatorships that are held by the county and those that are held by the family. Laurie said for cases that come through the office it is possible to provide that information. LPS and Conservatorships are usually the last resort for individuals.

Richard Bellows asked if there is a substantial estate and there is evidence of self-dealing by the family. Laurie Haas stated that there is a case investigator that is assigned to ensure that the conservator is adhering to regulations. The Public Guardian's office also works with APS to determine if there is evidence of abuse, injury or harm to the individual, and APS is able to respond immediately.

Nicki King asked what the metrics are for assessing how well the department is doing. Laurie Haas said that the Public Guardian is working on expanding their database and technological capacity to assess this. The frustration with the current system is to get statistics from a given date. Increasing the reporting features into the current system and this is part of the correction plan generated from the audit. The department is working on getting useful statistics and implementing results based accountability measures within the department. A checklist for meeting with conservatees has also been developed so that data matches across the various assessments. Nicki King also asked what the indicators of failing health are, such as an early warning system for declining health of a conservatee. Laurie stated that their direct supports are the best resource for conservatees, so making sure that conservatorship officers are communicating with those individuals in the facilities often.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **Mental Health Director Report** by Samantha Fusselman, Deputy Mental Health Director, HHSA

- c. Yolo Family Services Agency – Antonia Tsobanoudis wanted to congratulate those involved and the County on the handling of the closing of the Agency.
- e. Governor's May Revise – Antonia Tsobanoudis asked about the breakdown of the funding and how much of the funding will be continuous and how much the allocation for Yolo County will do. Samantha Fusselman stated that the breakdown of funding has not yet been announced.

- j. First Responders Mental Health Urgent Care – The first responders initiative was designed to provide an alternative location where law enforcement or paramedics would be able to bring patients to the HHSA clinic. However, there is a law that prohibits individuals from being delivered only to emergency rooms. The challenge is that EMTs are not able to currently deliver clients to the clinic. HHSA is anticipating having nurse practitioners starting in August and will anticipate having more clients when have prescribers on site. AB1795 is in committee now determining where paramedics can deliver patients.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Election of Officers

All positions are open. **Motion** to elect current members into their current positions. James Glica-Hernandez as Chair, Nicki King as Vice-Chair and Reed Walker as Secretary/Treasurer. **First:** Antonia Tsobanoudis **Second:** Bred Bandlely **Vote:** unanimous. James said that serving on this board is the highlights of his life and as times goes on the board is getting more organized and looking a more issues that reflect the important work we are doing. Supervisor Don Saylor is pleased with the vibrancy and efficacy of the board.

10. Name Change Discussion

Discussion: The Board discussed the benefits of changing the board's name and discussed the various iterations of the board's name.

Motion to change the board's name from the Yolo County Local Mental Health Board to the Yolo County Mental and Behavioral Health Board **First:** Richard Bellows **Second:** Nicki King **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstentions:** None

James will look into the logistics of the name change and the development of the bylaws within an ad-hoc committee with the following members: Nicki King, James Glica-Hernandez, Bret Bandlely, Reed Walker.

11. Board of Supervisors Report – Supervisor Don Saylor

- None

12. Chair Report – James Glica Hernandez

- None

PLANNING AND ADJOURNMENT

13. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment: James Glica-Hernandez

- [Long Range Planning Calendar](#) Discussion and Review.
- [Next Meeting Date and Location](#) – May 21, 2018 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the AFT Library, Community Meeting Room, 1212 Merkeley Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Motion to adjourn the meeting **First:** Richard Bellows **Second:** Nicki King **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstentions:** None. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.