



COUNTY OF YOLO

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Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 24, 2018

**Mary L. Stephens Library, Blanchard Community Conference Room
135 East 14th Street Davis, CA 95616**

Members Present: James Glica-Hernandez, Martha Guerrero, Antonia Tsobanoudis, Sally Mandujan, Richard Bellows, Brad Anderson, Reed Walker, Don Saylor

Members Excused: Serena Durand, Laurie Ferns, Ben Rose, Robert Schelen, Ajay Singh, Bret Bandley

Staff Present: Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA
Samantha Fusselman, Deputy Mental Health Director and Manager of Quality Management Services, HHSA
Anthony Taula-Lieras, Mental Health Services Act Coordination, HHSA
Leigh Harrington, Behavioral Health Medical Director, HHSA
Tessa Smith, Administrative Assistant, Partner and Outreach Specialist, HHSA

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** The September 24, 2018 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 7:05 PM. Introductions were made.
- 2. Public Comment:**

The following comments were regarding the proposed Pacifico mental health facility in South Davis.

Community Member lives on Evergreen Court in Davis. The member spotted some individuals along the bike path close to her neighborhood. There is concern regarding the proposed mental health facility and the possible impact to her family's safety. She informed the board that the facility over the years has not been managed well.

Community Member who lives on La Paloma Court. She did not know about the plan regarding the proposed facility. Would like advanced notice regarding public meetings. She is also worried about the safety of the community.

Community Member who lives at La Paloma Court. Lives next to Pacifico since 2004. She has seen an increase of homeless individuals. Her concern is that the proposed facility is not managed appropriately. Her concern is that there will be an increase of homeless individuals if there is a new facility. Within the community there is opposition to how the facility is managed. The expansion of the facility might not be a good fit for the community and there has been a lack of information to the

community regarding the plans for the facility. She advocated for an environment that is safe given there are many schools and parks surrounding the proposed facility where small children play.

Community Member and resident on Le Pescador Court. She has seen the challenges of the community. Tonight is about inquiring how do we take care of the members of our community and how do we get more information? She would like more facts and information on infrastructure and how that population would be managed. When thinking of our neighbors, how do we support individuals and maintain a safe environment for the community? The community member stated she would like to see more infrastructure in place to facilitate a discussion so that the outcome can be successful.

Community Member confirmed that the comments she was hearing are regarding the proposed Pacifico complex. She stated she understood their concerns, but that we need to be not only concerned for our own children being protected, but to think of the individuals who are vulnerable to mental illness themselves and experiencing hallucinations due to their brain chemistry. There are children who are vulnerable to mental illness themselves, hallucinations and delusions. She stated that we need to be concerned about the clients themselves and their housing options. As a community we need to be concerned about our safety and kids safety and need to provide for those needing services as well.

Community Member lives on Evergreen Court. He agreed that there is a need for facilities for mental illness but does not believe that this particular building is not suited for the purpose of serving this community. The best use would be for low-income housing for students. He stated that there is facility going in next to the hospital. That location makes more sense, not in a residential area. He stated there this facility is a public nuisance and is a threat to public safety. There is a problem with the way the facility is managed now.

Community Member lives on Evergreen Court. She shares the concerns of his neighbors. The use and management of the facility would exacerbate a problem that is already there. There are individuals who come out of the facility into the community and harass individuals. The concern is a situation that is disproportionate to the neighborhood, which is a residential area, not near a hospital. It is important to find the right facility and the current location is not ideal for the facility to expand. The city should demonstrate that they can manage the facility properly. He stated that with regard to transparency, there has been little information about what is happening.

Community Member has an adult son in a group home in Davis. She came to learn more about what is available and wanted to thank the board for what they are doing for the mental health population.

Community Member would like to see trust with community members be built before the facility be expanded. He would like to see the area managed properly before scaling up. The facility is not currently being managed well, trust building and stability and then scaling up would be advisable. With regard to transparency, he would like to see statistics pertaining to the facility and statistics regarding first responders involvement with clients.

Motion: To have Karen Larsen speak about Pacifico and pull the item from her mental health director's report.

First: Brad Anderson **Second:** Reed Walker **Vote:** Unanimous

Karen Larsen, Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, stated that she will do her best to answer the questions raised. HHSA contracts out to provide the services to Pacifico, but does not coordinate the housing piece, since that is managed by the Housing Authority. For concerns about Pacifico and its current iteration, there are other individuals who would have to speak to those concerns.

Karen stated that she understands that the trust has been damaged and there is a hesitance to integrate those with substance use into the community and to bring individuals into a site where there is active drug use. We want to do our best to be good partners, and should this move forward, that it moves forward in a way everyone is comfortable with. Concerns of the growing homeless population has increased in all areas, given the lack of affordable housing.

The proposal plan indicates that the main floor would be an outpatient clinic where individuals would come and go, and don't anticipate an influx of people. A residential facility is proposed for the other building.

Don Saylor informed the public that a community workshop was held on the Thursday before Labor Day in the area where maps and information was provided to the community. There was not effective outreach for the meeting. During the presentation there was information about the service population, description of the use of the buildings, description of the funding streams and a presentation from North Valley Behavioral Health that would operate the residential portion of the program. This was a poorly attended meeting. The intention was the the residents in the area would be noticed and have the opportunity for a factual ground. Don suggested that have another community workshop to have more information regarding the project.

Community Member suggested that utilize electronic/digital outreach that would be more effective.

Don Saylor stated that the outreach should happen in an alternate setting from Pacifico and will have various community partners in attendance such as the Housing Authority and the Police Department.

Martha Guerrero stated that it is a good idea to develop a pipeline of communication with community partners so the residents feel safe.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Martha Guerrero **Second:** Richard Bellows **Vote:** Unanimous
Abstentions: None

4. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2018

Motion to approve: Richard Bellows **Second:** Martha Guerrero **Vote:** Unanimous
Abstentions: None

5. Member Announcements: Antonia Tsobanoudis will be speaking at the YCCC Fundraising Event. James Glica-Hernandez will be speaking at the West Beamer Housing facility.

6. Correspondence: CALBHBC dues are \$1,000 this year. Paid through HHSA. CALBHBC has hired a new executive director. Emails regarding trainings have been sent out.

TIME SET AGENDA

7. **Mental Health Services Act Annual Update Presentation** – Anthony Taula-Lieras
Project Coordinator, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **Mental Health Director's Report** by Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHS
- a. Children's Access and Crisis Response – SB 82 funded a crisis team to go out in the community to service primarily child welfare kids.
 - b. Medical Respite – Homeless individuals who end up in hospitals are released back into the community and don't have a home, so end up coming back into the hospital. It has come up with our hospital partners to have the possibility of a lower-level of care to recuperate for a limited term.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. **Board of Supervisors Report – Supervisor Don Saylor**

- Board of Supervisor's meeting tomorrow and will have the approval of the adopted budget. An action will be to allocate funding from MHSA prior year mandate and an allotment of 1.2 Mill into the program and will have no deficit in that program. 600 A Street in Davis is almost ready. Oct 7-13 Mental Health Awareness week. At the Oct. 9 a resolution to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Day. Will attend a rally on Mental Illness Awareness on Oct. 11. NAMI announcement of Oct. 9 at noon, an interfaith service for prayer and understanding for recovery.

10. **Chair Report – James Glica Hernandez**

- James attended the workgroup for Latino youth in Yolo County put on by the department of Education. There is a training for via CALBHBC on Oct. 19th. James encouraged all members to attend the training.

11. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment:** James Glica-Hernandez

- a. Current Ad-Hock Committees and Members/Reports: None
- b. Long Range Planning Calendar
- c. Next Meeting Date and Location

October 22nd 2018, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. AFT Library, Community Meeting Room, 1212 Merkley Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Adjournment: 8:56pm