



COUNTY OF YOLO

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Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019

HHSA Bauer Building, Thompson Conference Room

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Members Present: James Glica-Hernandez, Bob Schelen, Maria Simas, Bret Bradley, Karen Larsen, Richard Bellows, Nicki King, John Archuleta, Sally Madujan, Antonia Tsobanoudis

Members Excused: Serena Durand, Reed Walker, Brad Anderson

Staff Present: Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA
Dr. Leigh Harrington, HHSA Medical Health Director
Jessica Jones, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Don Saylor,
Samantha Fusselman, HHSA

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The March 25, 2019 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Introductions were made.
2. **Public Comment:** Linda Wight wanted thank the board and James for all the advocacy that LMHB does. Encouraged audience to join NAMI walks and express sincere appreciation for all the help HHSA has provided her.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve from Richard, second by John.
4. **Approval Minutes:** Minutes approved with comment from Richard as a request for the more information from regarding the Mental Health Court.
5. **Member Announcements:**
 - a. James wanted to provide a moment of silence for Noah who recently passed.
 - b. Antonia announced that the system helped her get through a difficult time recently and she's glad the system is working.
 - c. Bret Bradley expressed gratitude for having Jonathon Raven on the LMHB. James agreed and feels fortunate to have Johnathon, Bret and Sheriff Lopez here.
 - d. Jonathon introduced himself and shared his connections with the LMHB as both an advocate and community member.
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. Sheriff Lopez presented an update on the Jail Construction and CIT training.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Mental Health Director's Report by Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA

a. Pine Tree Gardens-

1. Nicki asked about Pine Tree Gardens and Supervisor Saylor expressed his sincere concerns regarding the people that live there. He knows the community needs to exist and he believes that the meetings will cut down on mis-communications and will help bring people together. Nicki said the people don't understand the money situation. Supervisor Saylor would like to have a conversation with some people so we can all have a shared understanding of the conversation. Supervisor Saylor expressed how complicated the situation is and that Turning Point is not the operator. There are two operators who run the daily operations. Statewide facilities like PTG are closing because there's not state funding to keep them going. We think there's a statewide need for this and we're thinking about doing some legislative advocacy. Nicki wants to know what the state maximum is for Board and Care. Antonia said she believes that Turning Point has to charge the minimum (about \$1100/month) even if people have different income. Nicki wanted to look in to Regional Center funding and Karen mentioned that regional centers don't compare.

b. Juvenile Detention Facility Mental Health Services-

c. Suicide Prevention Sustainability Planning-

d. Legislative Informational Hearing on Medi-Cal Mental Health Delivery-

e. California Healthcare Foundation of California-

1. Nicki asked about how the presentation went. Karen talked about the plans include eliminating the carve out. Washing, Arizona, New York and Michigan have done its so we have some models to work from.

f. Partnership Health of California-

1. Antonia asked about Partnership Health Plan. Karen said that all Medi-Cal mild moderate are on Partnership Health in Woodland. During the expansion of Medi-Cal mild to moderate Partnership contracted with Beacon. When people come in for services we align them with level of care they need.

g. Yolo County Outpatient Mental Health Services Utilization: Woodland-

1. Sally asked about similar numbers for West Sacramento regarding access. Samantha let her know there was typo on our staff's part and this information is only about Woodland.

h. Drug Medi-Cal SUD Treatment Update-

i. REGULAR AGENDA

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

- a. Supervisor Saylor shared that tomorrow (3/26), the Board of Supervisor would be meeting as part of the Strategic Planning Process, with the Community Engagement presentation tomorrow. About 500 community members participated in the survey and data collection. Based on what Supervisor Saylor has seen so far, homelessness, and mental health are big priorities for the community.
- b. Pacifico: Over the last couple months there are been many community meetings to discuss these licensed facilities. Pacifico was a privately owned dorm that is now owned by the City. The local residents are concerned about making it an adult residential facility and the delay jeopardizes the project timeline and financing. Supervisor Saylor expressed that we want to do a lot of educating and information sharing to try to work with advocates. It's currently primarily operated by Yolo County Housing and tenants pay rent. Supervisor Saylor is optimistic that there's a path forward.
- c. Pacifico Navigation Center: Supervisor Saylor mentioned that it may not be the right place. Karen mentioned that the money for navigation is not tied to the funds for the Adult Residential Facility so they are not reliant on each other to happen.

2. **Chair Report** – James Glica-Hernandez

- a. Call with CalBHBC
 1. White paper on Emergency Preparedness: James updated the board on the topic of mental health emergency preparedness. He reached out to the County EMS administrator and found out that the County has adopted a crisis response plan. It's not complete, but the County is actively working to improve and to be prepared for a response. James would like to have the EMS administrator attend a meeting to answer questions.
 2. Site visit Ad hoc: Richard shared that he identified 9 places for Site Visits. He would like to prioritize visits to about 1 per month, with the committee appointing a site visit leader. Each visit would have total of 5 visitors (LMHB, NAMI members etc) and the visitation leader would share out at the next LMHB meeting.
 - a. James asked who else would like to participate in site visits. Nicki King and Antonia Tsobanoudis are interested.
 3. Brown Act Reminder: Board members, please send everything to James or Brittany, then James can send out with his approval.
 4. Ethics training reminder: Board members, if you've taken your ethics training, please copy your certificate and send it to Brittany.
 5. Mental Health Court Update: Bret and Jonathan- Jonathan participated in the Forensic Mental Health 43rd annual conference. He presented on the addiction and mental health courts as well as all restorative justice efforts. He said, it was very exciting to have so

many people in the audience and interested in starting similar programs in their respective counties. Jonathan announced that there's a new judge (Dave) to replace Judge Guard. He explained that these systems require everyone to work together and it's a much happier place to be than regular court. Jonathan feels like all the partners are evolving together to get people through the system and diverted from incarceration. We want to add numbers to these programs because there are still gaps. On an anecdotal basis these programs are remarkable. James asked if Jonathon and Bret and keep their eyes out for a potential former participant to join the LMHB.

6. Nicki wanted to know more about the innovation and incubator. Karen let her know that there are couple possible programs to look at.

3. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment – James Glica-Hernandez

- a. LRPC: Next meeting, 4/29 will include a presentation from HHS Deputy Director, Rebecca Mellott on the Agency's Budget.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54pm.

[Next Meeting Date and Location](#) – April 29, 2019

Esparto Community Library 17065 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627