



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019

AFT Community Library

1212 Merkley Ave, West Sacramento Ca 95691

Members Present: Bob Schelen, Antonia Tsobanoudis, Jonathan Raven, Brad Anderson, Bret Bandley, Nicki King, Maria Simas, John Archuleta, Sally Mandujan

Members Excused: Richard Bellows

Staff Present: Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHS Director
Sandra Sigrist, Adult and Aging Branch Director
Anthony Taula-Lieras, HHS MHS Program Coordinator
Timothy Pruitt, HHS MHS Analyst
Tessa Smith, HHS Outreach Specialist
Samantha Fusselman, HHS Deputy Mental Health Director

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The May 20, 2019 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Introductions were made.
2. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Public comment in support of Pine Tree Gardens. She was eager to find a solution that works for the community.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Change: Move elections to after correspondence.
4. **Approval Minutes:** Minutes approved for 3.25.19 and 4.25.19
5. **Member Announcements:**
 - a. Jonathan Raven announced an increase in funding to augment Mental Health Court.
 - b. Karen Larsen shared the City of West Sacramento Proclamation
 - c. Karen Larsen shared a handout from the California endowment "Reimagining California's Mental Health System."
6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Elections:** James and Nicki were reelected and as Chair and Vice Chair. Bob was elected as Secretary.
8. **Time Set Agenda:** Resource Development Associates (RDA) presented the MHSA Update for the 19/20 Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. **Mental Health Director's Report** by Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA
 - a. Mental Health Awareness Events
 - b. Pine Tree Gardens (PTG)- Karen talked about the meeting she had on May 20th with Social Security Administration regarding enhanced rates for PTG clientele. The County is trying to make sure these residents are taken care of as best as possible. The conversation also included information about SSI Cash Out. Karen also shared the support letter for additional funding for Adult Residential Facilities. The County is working on scheduling another community meeting. Nicki King commented that from her experience with the legislature, they usually throw anything for mental health in MHSA. Nicki is concerned about MHSA funding being syphoned off for other causes.
 - c. Pacifico- Jonathon Raven wanted to share his concern about what he's read and heard about the "not in my backyard" situation occurring in South Davis. Karen suggested that tuning in to Davis City Council's meeting from last week would help to provide context for the current situation. The City of Davis is using an RFP to replace the management (currently Yolo County Housing Authority is the property manager). The City heard loud and clear from the community that they didn't want additional people coming to the Pacifico location, so the navigation center needed to be relocated. There is slightly less push back around the Adult Residential Facility. Karen mentioned that if the resistance persist HHSA might have to find another location for the Adult Residential Facility. Jonathon asked how we (LMHB) can support the project. Karen said any advocacy that can be directed towards the Davis City Council is helpful. James mentioned that we can write a letter in support of the project. The board discussed whether a letter should be written to Davis City Council or the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Writing an Op-Ed was also discussed as an option. James said his inclination is to send one to the governing bodies on behalf of the LMHB, but wanted feedback from Karen. Karen said letters to Board of Supervisors have been done before. James said he would look in to sending a note.
 - d. Medication Assisted Treatment
 - e. SAB-G/DMC-ODS Audit
 - f. Governors May Revise- Nicki stated that Yolo County has been getting the same realignment rate for a long time. She asked if the Realignment equation could be adjusted so counties like Yolo could see more money. Karen explained that she's expecting the Governor's appointment of the Mental Health Czar will affect the system and she anticipates a reimagined Mental Health System, from MHSA to realignment etc. Karen thinks a "refresh" might be in order due to the many things expiring at once. Karen acknowledged that the large amount of money in unused MHSA dollars

sometime gives the legislature a pause. Nicki is concerned about Mental Health is managed at DHCS. She mentioned that Jerry Brown dismantled the Mental Health Department. Karen said the leadership at DHCS today came from managed care and therefore they see their role as managing contracts. This may change in the future.

- g. Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Round Table
- h. Homeless PIT Count Draft Report- John Archuleta wanted to know more about the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Project in West Sacramento. Karen explained that 2 Cities in Yolo County (West Sacramento and Woodland) applied for the grant. The West Sacramento location is on West Capitol and 42 of 85 of the homes will be for FSP clientele. HHSA will be providing Mental Health services for those who qualify. Karen mentioned that HHSA may be involved with other residents, ie: CalWORKS families. John wanted to make sure the public knows what kind of services will be provided for residents. Karen said FSP clients will have services available 24hrs/day, 7 days/week as needed. Antonia wanted to make sure that the development is a housing first project and Karen confirmed. John wanted to know how much our HHSA works with partner programs to get people housed and services as needed. Karen said, local law enforcement, HHSA, the DA work together on a regular basis. James asked about the Tiny Home development in Woodland. Karen let the group know that Woodland City Council recently heard about many housing opportunities in Woodland and a Tiny Home Village is one of them, the future is TBD.
- i. Forensic ACT Team RFP- Karen said, one of the things we've heard from the community is the need for getting services for people involved in the criminal justice system. As such, HHSA will be putting out an RFP for a Forensic Act Team. Karen suspects that the target audience will be unsheltered or unstably housed individuals (involved in the criminal justice system with mental illness). Jonathon said the mental health court team is really excited about this and wants to know specifics about the target population. Jonathon said that he has a concern about a large population of people who are unserved or underserved who are not homeless. He wanted to know if those people will be included in the target population. Karen said that homeless individuals will have priority for this specific project as that's the target for the MHSA funding to be used. Jonathon wants to make sure that Mental Health Court Team is involved in the process of developing the RFP so HSA doesn't miss something in the process. Karen said that she already agreed to have Jonathon review the process.
- j. Children's Mental Health
- k. Strategic Plan 2019/20
- l. Social Security Cash Out- Karen said it's coming June 1st. With the Cash Out, people on SSI can now receive SSI. Karen said that HHSA eligibility staff have to be very careful in helping people sign up since some people may be negatively affected depending on the entire household's income. We're anticipating 6000 newly eligible Cal-Fresh beneficiaries. Karen clarified the change is anticipated to be more beneficial than detrimental.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Board of Supervisors Report – None**
2. **Chair Report –**
 - a. Brad wanted to remind the group of Noah Moyle's memorial on June 1st at 1:00pm at the Church in Davis.
 - b. James said that Nicki brought up a good point that we need to review our bylaws to include substance use and public guardian. James would like to have Bret Bandley review the bylaws. James asked who else would like to take a look at the bylaws with Bret. Bret said that he and Jonathon will look at them together and we'll regroup in a month. Brad and Antonia both said they'll look at them as well. James stated that the goal is to expand the bylaws.
 - c. Data Notebook: James asked how the data notebook is coming along? Nicki was the lead for Data Note book along with Serena, Richard and Brad. The group needs to meet and catch up.
 - d. Karen wanted to acknowledge David Moreno's presence at the Local Mental Health Board as Supervisor Sandy's new Assistant Deputy.
 - e. James mentioned the proclamations from the City of West Sacramento and Woodland as well as the Resolution form the Yolo County Board of Supervisors regarding Mental Health Awareness.
 - f. James mentioned that hopefully our vacancies will be filled and that he needs to share his address with the Board of Supervisors Clerk's Office as he's now in District 5.
3. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment**
 - a. LRPC: Next meeting, 6/24 will include a presentation by Sandra Sigrist on Homelessness and Housing and Kristin Weivoda on Mental Health Emergency Services.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47pm

[Next Meeting Date and Location](#) – June 24, 2019
Mary L Stephens Library, Blanchard Community Library
315 East 14th Street, Davis Ca 95616