



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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## Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691

**Members Present:** Jonathan Raven, Brad Anderson, Robert Schelen, Sally Mandujan, Antonia Tsohanoudis, Maria Simas, Nicki King, John Archuleta, Richard Bellows, Brett Bandley, Serena Durand, Carol Christensen

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Don Saylor, Jessie Tessler

**Staff Present:** Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA Director  
Leigh Harrington, HHSA Medical Director, Mila Green, Deputy Branch Director/Deputy Mental Health Director

### CALL TO ORDER

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** The January 27, 2020 meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 6:09 PM in Woodland. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Comment:**

- Linda from Nami invites everyone to Pat Williams dinner on February 20<sup>th</sup> with featured speaker, James Glica-Hernandez
- Lupita Torres states there is an issue with link to internet and public concern in regard to Davis Police Chief was expressed.
- Lindsay Westin, visiting Criminal Defense Attorney
- Alicia Gutierrez from Mercy Coalition, states she has applied for district 1 seat

**Approval of Agenda:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Bret Bandley

**Approval Minutes:** Minutes approved with the following amendment: Jonathan Raven request name corrections to previous meeting minutes and agendas. Bret Bandley states he was in attendance to previous meeting and would like it noted.

**3. Member Announcements:**

- a. Bret Bandley and Sally Mandujan announced that this will be their final meeting and expressed their appreciation for the time they spent with Local Mental Health Board but that it was time for them to move on.

**4. Correspondence:** None

**5. Time Set Agenda:** CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Presentation:** None

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

**a. Governors proposed 2020/2021 Budget**

- Nikki-department of corrections fund, populations expected to decrease because drug charges are about to go away.
- Aces program-encourage other programs to invite the Surgeons General to come and talk. It would be difficult to get her to come to Yolo County, but we could get her to tag along to another program.

**b. Mental Health Urgent Care**

- System works great for clients that show up, but we need to find a system that is works and is sustainable. Difficulty getting Woodland Police Department to drive over the bridge to do transport from Woodland to West Sacramento. West Sacramento location was chosen because they do not have hospital. A standing building is not a good model, showing up in the field with First Responders seems to be a better model. Looking for a way to pay for that program.

**c. Pine Tree Gardens**

- Brad-Operators Diedre and Maritza day to day functions and Turning Point owns the homes and takes on all the risks. The budget is for operator side of house. Money coming and money going out shows its not a sustainable model. Pine Tree Gardens is trying to figure out how to assist operators to make more sustainable.
- Niki states they are having difficulty receiving responses from the operators which is why you only see one operators' budget.
- Is there any progress being made? Of the flex fund in governors' budget we are pushing forward legislation to assist facilities and ongoing funding for those who are in board and care.

**d. Adult Residential facility (ARF) Update**

**e. Partnership Health of CA and Dignity Health**

- Karen states a letter went out over a month ago to all Medi-Cal recipients 18,000 recipients will be affected. Karen states it looks like they are getting close to an agreement. Expecting update this week. Karen to send update to Board once she receives the notification.

**f. MHSA 3-year planning process**

- Karen states everyone is looking for way to solve. Steinberg believes MHSA is a way to solve it. Focus is that MHSA should be able to be more flexibly used. County and outside folks would like more flexibility within MHSA. There is a push that MSHA should be used for substance use. Those conversations will be ongoing. Steinberg institute looking at focusing at 3 key priority populations from governor's perspective.

**g. LEACC Presentation**

- Presentation was done by Jonathan and Karen to local chiefs and FBI
- Look at attached presentation we show how many officers are trained our training is 32 hours long and unable to be off the street that long

- 5150 discussed moving away from 5150 unless a crime has been committed. If it's a danger to self or danger to others. If it's a grave disability call, they are reluctant to respond and will not put their hands on and restrain. Some are declining to assist because they are liable and facing exposure and they don't fair very well because it doesn't make them look good.
  - Mila has seen hold have been written but police will not transport, they are calling EMT's to transport.
  - Needs to be an ongoing conversation because there is a huge liability. Officers are feeling unprotected.
- h. **Sutter/Dignity 5150 Response**
- i. **Yolo/Sacramento Homeless Coordination**
- j. **School-based mental health**
- Working with local school districts k-12 to used LCAP funding to grow Mental Health Services on campuses. Submitted a letter of intent to apply for funding. Met with woodland community college, they will lend us money and help them grow mental health services on campus
- k. **Mobile Medical Unit**

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Board of Supervisors Report**
  - a. none
2. **Criminal Justice Update: Jonathan Raven & Bret Bandley: Mental Health Court (MHC)**
  - a. Working on exercise training program to run 5 k
  - b. Having an artist help coordinate with our clients who are artistic to paint a mural on the DA office wall
  - c. We were one of three counties to present on LMHC to 58 counties
  - d. Got some money from department of state hospitals to try and divert clients from the criminal justice process. We will try and hire staff. These clients wouldn't be able to be treated in regular hospital, they would need locked hospital and there are no beds available. State hospitals are saying we can't handle the numbers, the money pays for treatment to be provided locally.
3. **Chair Report**
  - a. Have ideas on how to make the meeting a more meaningful experience. Looking at what we can do to get more public involvement. How to publicize the meetings, including flyers at public offices.

- b. Look into live stream capabilities-Christina to discuss with IT
- c. Orientation Document needs to be created and available to the public

**4. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment**

- a. Karen to reach out to Fiscal for Budget Overview with LMHB before it goes to BOS.
- b. Nicki to reach out to Chief John Erck for a letter of support for the Vitals App that LMHB will submit to BOS. Will be on next agenda for LMHB review before sending.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm