



COUNTY OF YOLO

Local Mental Health Board

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Monday, July 27th, 2020
Online/Call-in ZOOM

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Members Present: John Archuleta, Brad Anderson, Maria Simas, Jonathan Raven, Carol Christensen, Rachel Warren, Xiaolong Li, Aleecia Gutierrez, Nicki King, Richard Bellows, Serena Durand, Robert Schelen (Bob). Antonia Tsobanoudis, Nick Burtcil, Don Saylor, Jim Provenza

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, Leigh Harrington, HHS Medical Director, Ian Evans, Adult & Aging Branch Director, Fabian Valle

Guests: Kathleen Williams-Fossdal, Elena Ledesma, Linda Wight, Sara Simmons, Leslie Carol, Nancy Temple, Maggie Fry, Petrea Marchand, Mavonne Garrity, Marilyn Moyal, Patrick Odland, Lindsey Weston, Andrea Weyl, Elena Ledesma, Richard McCann, Anya McCann

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions: The July 27th, 2020 special meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 6:00PM On-line. Introductions were made.

Public Comment:

- Richard McCann-request extension in order to have time to thoroughly review MSHA revisions.
- Rick Moniz- on behalf of University covenant church thank you for the work you do. Our pastor submitted a letter on support of PTG and request an extension of timeline in order to best meet needs at community. UCC reaching out to community. Again, we support save PTG and we support extension of review process.
- Anya McCann-Active on social media but I do watch for public announcements about this. I didn't see the public notification published so I could dive in and do some comments, I believe there are some better outreach mechanisms that could be used. Would like an extension we didn't have enough time to process. There is no cost to entities to push out a month. Would like to ask why there isn't a section on measurements on last round of grants. No way to measure effectiveness on what I received. Recommend we often build into grants a percent of evaluations 1-2% pf total amount could provide high quality eval for next round.

Approval of Agenda: approved with changes to the order and addition of extra public comments after call to order and during Public Hearing following the Time Set Agenda.

Approval Minutes: Previous minutes from July 13th, 2020 Special Meeting not reviewed.

1. **Time Set Agenda: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plans 2020-2023-Response to Public Comment**
 - High level overview, great news that this is first year that we received this much public comment. It really is a testament to investment to our community and all the work we did to get the word out. It was published in newspaper and on social media.
 - Last week you received the summary document; One of the main feedbacks was around outcomes and objectives. MHSA Profile on page 122 of Plan itself where profile stated specifically for FSP Program and in responses that we shared on Friday; we own that we haven't done as good of a job as we could. We will fund an evaluator for this plan it will be RFP'd out and will be a contracted position on MHSA staff.
 - MHSA Plan Revision PowerPoint Reviewed
 - Jonathan- In cultural competence reference throughout document they consistently noted Black/African American community members
 - Antonia- in terms as grammatical corrections we could make, we will be adding all public document to plan and our proposed responses. The last bullet should have been up further adding case plan to Non FSP Clients. Our proposed feedback from our public comments. They aren't seeing revised plan bring proposed responses and to give us feedback as to whether they are adequate, or you want to modify those responses before they go to the board of supervisors. Collection data from appropriate data sources.
 - Nicki- Is the data collected from 200% below poverty level? If you are going to have a yardstick as to how services are, the accurate portion of population would be those people who would be eligible to receive mental health services. A lot of community wouldn't be eligible.
 - Karen- we can take that and do an amendment 200% analysis instead.
 - Antonia- that great you clarify HHSA eval to performance measure, what about having measurable goals that were given from save pine tree gardens data? You could see how it will help. I like the Marin County example used by PTG Group. I think it was imbedded in some of my grammatical errors. Retention of staff, its disruptive to have a change in staffing, salaries that could be adjusted to be comparable to other counties. Not easy to reference previous MHSA funding. I see on 28 is response. PTG Funding included and spread across multiple programs, are all those places that your saying PTG funding is used? Will it be clear in the revision?
 - Karen-states that part won't be clear. The reason its spread apart is because the ages vary for those living in the housing. Its shared across different age group. In term of Marin outcomes and ours. We attempted to give you those same outcomes. But it didn't start until page 122. It was at the end, so it was easier to miss.
 - Antonia-was my point made strong enough to retain quality employees?
 - Karen- states salaries are less control of because we have a union. We offer loan repayment, alternative work schedules and PEU's all to assist with employee retention.

- Jonathan- for the last 3-year plan, how many programs reapplied for the current draft plan. We aren't even allowed to issue RFP for people to reapply until the board approves. Were there any programs that request to be funded for next that were funded last time that you didn't fund?
- Karen-states existing were extended for 6 months. Every three years we re-RFP programs and they must reapply. Programs may continue but they may be with different contractors.
- Jonathan-Did the 77% submit any measurable results and were they published, if not how will we know if they were successful?
- Karen-states we haven't tied that into whether we are funding.
- Jonathan- The board is supposed to see the measurable results and that hasn't happened. If they all follow that model and submitted, why wasn't that submitted to the board?
- Karen-Their annual reports are not due until sometime until July.
- Jonathan- What about the years prior?
- Karen-The LMHB always sees outcome for FSP. Your yourself Jonathan brought the outcomes. FSP is our largest program. For FSP you're giving demographics overall. Reduced hospitalization also brings consumer perception results and consumer satisfaction. We don't have measurable results for each program. We separate out the County and Turning Point programs.
- Jonathan-says it's so much money and statues dictate we (LMHB) should be seeing the data from each program that MHSA is funding. We want to know which programs completed what they were supposed to do, if there is data and they have been reporting on success or not success, that we would like to see that information.
- Karen-we don't we need to improve that system. I would love to have the local mental health board reviewing the applications and RFP to be sure we are selecting to right program. For every grant we are required to hire an independent local evaluation.
- Antonia-So, when Anya said put aside 1% to pay for independent review, it will show us which are successful and which ones need to be changed.
- Karen local providers who are smaller may not do as good of a job at reporting out data and we wouldn't want to cut them off we would want to help them to collect and capture the data.
- Jonathan how much money is allocated for consultant?
- Karen- \$150,000 allocated to pay for consultant to come in.
- Brian-states MHSA is a function of our work in Community Health, we need to do better around that but there is a reason it's in our branch now. So, we can get the answers to how well programs are working and how we can make the modifications.
- Jonathan-Since when is Yolo satisfied with being compared to the other counties, we want to be the best.
- Aleecia-there is funding set aside for individual evaluation, is there a small amount set aside for technical support for smaller business to participate? There is comprehensive evaluation designed anyone receive contract would be required to participate, done across the 3-year term. A suggestion for implementation.

- Karen what I am hearing we need to call out on our evaluation contract that apart of their role is to provide technical assistance and support to those who are smaller.
- Rachel Warren- my understanding that as MHSA is approved RFP will be released, one that provided before will they be including previous data.
- Karen yes, we would expect them to include outcome data will RFP response. Take into consideration how much change they think they can make. They could provide them with attachments.

PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD RECCOMENDATIONS

2. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plans 2020-2023 Review

- Linda-very happy with effort to increase number of people involved. I saw Tessa Smith in room. I have submitted a written response of my concerns. In summary with the effort put into writing a comment I would have appreciated receiving a written response that it was received. Follow-up to board and care study, we paid for that study. It should show all current public housing options open to all mental health services. Where our deficits are and where the county will address in future. Offended by assertion that any further delay would prevent the county from moving forward. It's a deceptive way of explaining that and I'd like to see a retraction throughout. Clearly said that as this move forward the new proposal will get funded after the board makes their approval. As Antonia pointed out I got the to take my pen out. We will have better metric, thank you.
- Petreya-PTG Group sends a *Thank you* to Karen, grateful for care and discussion. Support extension to provide adequate time and recommend revisions. Through public process, we understand you made extra effort, review of draft three-year plan is was released on June 19, that was the first time the public has access, LMHB only had 3 days to review. Meaningful stake holder engagement, evaluation and budget allocation. I have read 94-99. Committee appreciated the county will contract out for review. \$62 million it's hard to see how money is being spent. Comment referred to changes has not seen these changes but only given a short amount of time. Some responses are inadequate to be able to respond much less come up will recommendation or revision. Further scrutiny of financial services. Very supportive of new Mental Health Crisis Services, including pilot program with police and case worker team up. Delay is reasonable, we want to get the plan right.
- Patrick Odland-if spending so much on food for example, we can save there. We can save a little in areas then have more to spend somewhere else. If you can make it better, you should do it. Just a general idea.
- Mavvonne Garrity-Case management for Non FSP clients, thank you for addressing it's an important issue to us. How much are you setting aside and how many seriously mental ill clients are non FSP.
- Karen-we fund case manager for homestead-do we need more than we already fund, if it's only a part it's easy enough to add a ½. in terms of Mavvonne question total SMI are our responsibilities that need us. We have a lot that are meds only and don't need us and then at the other end we have a couple hundred. In the middle we have been trying to provide that case management. For meds only we have several hundred. We would need more than two case managers to fill that need. Only about a hundred at a time that would need that case management services. At moment it's not a large number but we want to have the capacity to take on more.

- Kathleen Williams-Fossdahl- very impressed such a depth of coverage of so many different aspects caring for people with different levels of mental illness. One thing that was little troubling was the part for instance of public comments agency responses housing permanent supportive housing it list over 400 housing for people with low income but since this is a program with people with mental illness especially people with serious mental illness, mentally ill people to be lumped into low income. Yes, they have low income but it's confusing to include housing for low income when it's not specific to mental health. Many people with mental illness cannot handle regular low-income housing. I'd rather see a list of the units specifically with mental illness. I don't mind seeing the other housing that shows the number of placements for each.
- Karen response-of the 400 plus more than 300 are designed specifically for supportive housing for those living with mental illness.
- Nicki King-question there is a quantity of money being propose for both Pine Tree Garden, but the money proposed is for West House?
- Karen, they have separate operators for both homes we have proposed one operator. We are paying for the operation of both east and west house paid out of MHSA \$800,000 for year. Haven't finalized, it still must go to the board. The clients will continue to pay SSI to operators and that will go towards defraying some of the cost, there will be some kind of rent so that we can come up with a way to pay for repairs over time, they will be responsible for utilities or what not. At some point TP will not own West House. TP and North Valley BH are in discussion for North Valley BH owning. West house is larger and larger lot, so it appraised higher. North Valley BH will be operator for both homes.
- Nicki-states timeline is too tight. Getting to read and feedback from all board members within next week
- Richard Bellows-Motion to delay until 1st meeting in September. 2nd by Bob, we recommend the board delay for 1 month to vote on the package, which does delay any of the new programs that will be funded.
- John Archuleta-all programs start over every three years is MHSA when it started supposed to be programs that are not one that are in "box" so to speak, (no sublimation language) not supposed to use funds that other funds can be used for.
- Karen- We often use MHSA dollars to draw down Medi-Cal funding. We have done that several times, Police Department matching, college is matching, and school districts are providing resources to help us spread dollar as far as we can.
- John-states that he feels strongly that he needs the extra time.
- Karen- part of reason I disagree, is that it puts off our new programming, we can't do our racial equity program, we can't do our K12 or woodland community college. All new programs we are excited about will get put off. We can implement these changes immediately and have them to you this week.
- John- Don't you need to the RFPs on these? If they are MHSA programs you can't RFP them until its board approved.
- Dick—follow up motion isn't going to affect new programs. I am reluctant to approve the program when I haven't read the program. School is like to be delayed and it wouldn't affected.
- Rachel Warren-states schools are working now and would need those services now because we are actively providing those services.

- Brad Anderson-I want to change my mind and back Karen right now, Karen's responses were satisfactory enough. I have concern we are moving too fast but also concern there will be a recession from this corona virus. Make sure we aren't following fancy thought and innovations are awesome but with recession coming maybe we should have what we have always had. Karen really answered all my questions very sufficiently. So sorry for speaking out of turn. Thank you, Karen, for taking care of PTG. It's still a jewel in a dying era of residential care.
- Aleecia-thought all the discussion on funding categories was well done. When you put together the tree year plan are you able to pivot if you are finding more success. Karen-every year we go through similar process so every year we go through the process every year we update If something isn't working out or we have a new emerging need. We bring to LMHB for input and guidance just like now.
- Antonia-echo what brad was saying, every time I talk to Karen, I feel reassured but when I read the plan I am not as sure. Something just isn't coming through. I agree that maybe the contractors or someone writing may need time to revise it. I don't know how long we can talk about it and make a vote. I recommend we make a motion to follow up on that study. Other counties are having difficulty with their board and cares as well. I recommend we make sure county BOS knows we need to fund RBA measurable goals with 1 or 2% plan. Needs to be conveyed in report. Anyone coming in can reference it.
- X-RBA's good plan. I am just wondering if we have an RBA, how do you measure? At end of document a bunch of data on demographics and I saw Marin proposal and how they handle it. What are we going to be asking the providers?
- John Archuleta-asking if we have anything measurable so we can see what contractors did last year or year before. What are we going to do if it's a good program or not? I need time to digest before I make a comfortable decision.
- Jonathan-tremendous amount of work went into building this 3-year plan. MHSA got comments on Monday, they organized in 4 days which is amazing. LMHB got document on Friday and that's a lot to digest in such a short period. I want to see a lot more information in the plan. It's a draft plan and I believe it was rushed. COVID put a lot of delays on it. But that not the same as getting to review draft plan. We got revisions at 3:30 less than 2 hours before meeting. Section code stated: delay will be 23% of programs but we just do not want to be rushed. Worked on numerous grants and almost all of them are delayed. Some many months. 2 reasons; 1 because of COVID and one budget crisis and hiring freezes. We aren't talking month and months for delay we just need a little more time to review plan. I'd like to see the revisions made and to see public comments and responses that have been made. Changing what we are doing because it sounds like we haven't been doing what we needed in past. We want to see some more things.
- Nicki-if we vote to delay on one hand, we are delaying our program for a month and there are some great programs we want to get started. Probably a vote by mail so we don't have to meet again. This is first time we have had to do the approval and digging into the plan. AB1352 makes it clear that we are to be able to review and approve.
Brad-can we agree as long as changes were made, we review again once changes are made. Just want the best of both worlds.
- Jonathan-your thought are insightful Brad if we could get this done before the board vote, if we had a little more time and planned better it would be great to get the revised plan, but unfortunately everything was scrunched for time. Initially our meeting was on 21st and vote 22nd. I just wish that August 4th date wasn't coming so soon. Can we ask the BOS to push back one week?
Don Saylor-comment on that suggestion at this time the BOS only has one meeting schedule in August but there is a possibility that a second meeting will be held

around August 18th. If that was the case would that allow this to proceed? You could write in contingencies.

- Nicki-Is it the pleasure of the Board to vote on motion as is Dick, LMHB recommends delay until 1st meeting of September?
- Jonathan Raven-Saylor has excellent suggestion moving two weeks will we get revised plan in time to look at it. Amendment approve it and get programs as soon as we can Dick will accept if the meeting is at end of August and Nick will second if they can get it in time. Our plan will be to get it back to you by this week. We will send an overview of what will be changed so you don't have to read the whole document
- Aleecia-ask if there are recommendations that each of board members want to see incorporated that could in reality be satisfied in time frame so we feel comfortable approving. Building into RFP for technical assistance down line and I wouldn't expect it to be completed in this plan. No person recommendation or hard lines that I'd want to see incorporate, maybe we can give them this forum to add their input. Board delay consideration MHSA Plan until the middle of August. Don-Chair will work out agenda and meeting dates, we have made a request for an additional meeting. I can't commit to the likelihood that it will happen.
- Dick-Significant 2nd Jonathan with the inclusion that all program of more than 1 million be accompanied in plan by measurable goals

3. Wrap Up-Next Step

- Karen-will be to add response as well as summary of changes we incorporated. Will board be anticipating another meeting? Nicki would like to see plan and talk to board members. Staff can send out for board members then they can tell if issues and concerns are addressed. That's one way you could do it. Presuming it's going to be everything you want it to be.
- John-if we are going to get revisions and measurable still on Wednesday. Plan is to get the revised plan this week, by Wednesday but it may be close of business by Wednesday most likely by Thursday am. Revised plan a week before. So, you can post additional comments that could go to the board for their consideration. Thursday, this week. The vote would hopefully be the 18th. So that sounds pretty good. We generally post Wednesday before the board meeting. All our comments would need to be returned to them by Tuesday August 11th. Still gives us a good 10-11 days.

4. PTG Sustainability—Calendar Year

- 1st bullet point Short term. For East House New Hope with money left over. For West House TP would be focusing on those items.
- Long term-2nd bullet one of those programs is going to MHSA program, some of funding may come from other places. Add and identify funding sources
- Brad-more funding, didn't PTG do fundraisers? Donated out of goodwill, well I think PTG is taking a more active role in fundraising.
- Nicki if there are going to be new programs, we need to identify the funding sources on those programs.
- Supervisor Provenza, we said date should be 2023 so date coincides with MHSA plan. -Nicki great idea.

- You can vote with proposed edits and it will need to go to Save Pine Tree Gardens and Ad Hoc to accept any edits. Then we will take to board of supervisors how that happened.
- Nicki-Calendar Dec 31, 2020
- All repairs by TP or new owners
- Identify funding source for new programs.
- Thank you to board for creating this we are pleased to have the focus on PTG we are supportive of document
- Nicki, we adopt or approve PTG Sustainability plan with changes noted 2nd Richard-Roll Call Completed and Approved with 1 abstention.

5. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment

- Nicki-Table discussion to call recess in August. Instead we will set tentative meeting for August 10th pending response from LMHB on need for additional review once revisions to MHSa plan are made and reviewed. Christina to send out request for response by Monday, August 3rd.
- Jim-after draft is received you can ask if meeting is necessary, but you shouldn't be circulating comments. Or you can set a meeting and cancel if majority see no need to. Not doing a canvassing of topics but whether there is a need for a meeting. Admin will send out document produced, and it will say does this meet need and if you feel it does than you are fine and happy, you could submit comments and ask to be incorporated but if it requires second review. Expect that Karen is going to address the comments that came forward. Then fail safe if the board feels you need a meeting you can ask for it.
- Brad-in my mind everyone was happy with what Karen was saying and they wanted to look at it one more time. Could be getting too complicated. We are doing something for first time.

Next Meeting: August 10th 6pm (tentative). Karen and Brian will not be participating

Adjourned 8:34pm