

Local Mental Health Board Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022

Online/Call-in ZOOM

Members Present: Aleecia Gutierrez, Maria Simas, Beverly Sandeen, Serena Durand, Nicki King, Inesita Arce, Sue Jones, Nick Birtcil, Carol Christensen, Robert Schelen, Johnathan Raven, Brad Anderson, Xiaolong Li, Robin Rainwater

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. **Welcome and Introductions:** meeting called to order at by Board Chair, Nicki King at 6:03 pm
- 2. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Safe Harbor is having 2 of their 6 beds removed by HHSA, creating a \$250,000 shortfall. HHSA responded that year long data shows only 3 of 6 beds is in use at any given time. HHSA will display the data used to make this determination at Feb 2022 meeting.

3. **Chair Report:**

- a) Introduction of New Board Members
 - District 1-Beverly Sandeen
 - District 2-Inesita Arce
- b) Health Council is focused on the unhoused community and Omicron

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

Yea "I"- 14	Nay- 0	Abstention
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Motion:

5. **Approval of AB 361-Brown Act:**

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Motion:

6. **Approval of Minutes:**

Yea "I" - 10	Nay- 0	Abstention- 4
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Motion: Maria, seconded by Aleecia

With changes to Richard Bellows Statement

Changes to Mental Health K-12 Contract section. Alicia asked if these contracts could be used for curriculum development around mental health.

Under Chair Report: Meetings moved to 4th Monday (under item 3)

One meeting per quarter should be virtual to support public comment space.

7. **Member Announcements:**
 - a. NAMI Celebrate Hope and Resilience Event on March 27th 2-4 PM
 - i. Masked, in-person and outdoors
 - ii. Pat Williams Mental Health Luminary Awards
8. **Correspondence:** Letter received from Petrea Marchand

Time Set Agenda:

9. **Naming Opportunity-Board Recommendations**
 - a. June Forbes
 - b. Guille Libresco
 - c. James Glica-Hernandez
 - d. Cap Thompson
10. **MHSA Spending Plan**
11. **MHSA Mid-Year Update**
 - a. Carol Christensen recommends a Steering Committee to direct surplus funding
 - i. Bob Schelen seconds for the purpose of discussion
 - ii. Nikki proposes a Doodle poll this week, ad hoc subcommittee meets to review and make recommendation, with a half hour call special committee meeting to present recommendation. Ad Hoc subcommittee would continue to meet around Annual surplus
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
 - iv. Participant volunteers: Bob Schelen, Sue Jones, Babs Sandeen, Carol Christensen, Nicki King
 - v. Supervisor Provenza recommends subcommittee meets with Karen to review their recommendations with Karen prior to going to BOS

Consent Agenda

12. **Mental Health Directors Report:**
 - a. Crisis Now
 - b. K-12 Services: Medical necessity criteria is no longer applicable as of 01/01/2022. Any child experiencing trauma is eligible for services, creating a significantly lower threshold to access services.

Regular Agenda

1. **Board of Supervisors Report-** Supervisor Villegas and Provenza
2. **Criminal Justice Update:** MHC- Jonathan Raven
 - a. Mental Health Diversion Program will not necessarily require an SMI, low to moderate will qualify for services. CommuniCare is staffing. First participant will potentially be approved on 2/26/2022
3. **Public Comment on Agenda Item**
 - a. Marilyn Moyle: Concerned Safe Harbor's HHSA funding is being cut without community involvement or response. Response requested from Karen.

- i. Karen states that Safe Harbor was supplied six months' notice and has been receiving funding for 6 beds when only 3 are in use for multiple years. If need increases, HHSA is willing to consider increasing funding again at that point.
 - b. Anya McCann: Homestead received a quote was received for a one-time expense to convert facility to solar panels that would decrease county spending going forward.
 - c. Marilyn Moyle: If COVID effected bed use at Safe Harbor, could ARP funds be used to maintain funding?
- 4. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment:**
- 5. **Next Meeting:** February 28th, 2022

Meeting Adjourned