

**ALAMEDA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
ADULT/FRONT DOOR COMMITTEES
November 3, 2004
1:00-3:00PM
Strawberry Canyon Room**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:15M by Committee Chair Marsha McInnis

Present:

MHB Members: Marsha McInnis

Public: Kathie Zarkin (ACNMHC), Pansy Taft-Butkowski (Sausal Creek) and Mary Suilmann (Telecare)

BHCS staff: Peter Alevizos, Dean Chambers, Maryann D’Onofrio, Michael Lisman & Agnes Catolos

Welcome, Introductions and Announcement:

Approval of Adult October 2004 Minutes:	
No correction was made to the Adult Committee October 2004 Minutes	M/S/C Kathie Zarkin/Maryann D’Onofrio All favor

Chair Report: Ms. McInnis reported on her meeting with John George Administrator Bruce Waldo and Dr. Kurt Biehl. Ms. McInnis stated that it was very amiable and very receptive meeting; the meeting was consisted of the following topics:

- To have a John George (JG) representative attend Adult Committee meeting regularly and provide JG monthly report. Ms. McInnis stated that Dr. Biehl is willing to attend Adult Committee meeting.
- Merging of Unit A and PES-A month ago, the merging of Unit A & PES was still in the early stages not able to describe the affect of the merging at that point in time.
- Services and Programs being provided at JG-JG focus for consumers are active treatment rather than stabilization only; JG has 5 Occupational Therapist, 1 Therapy Aide, 1 Activities Therapist.
- Complaint re: JG Discharge-JG stated that its false info that they do late night discharges of patients; they discharge patient late afternoon up to early evening and that each patient is provided by means of transportation; they do not discharge without knowing a discharge plan ie: where patients are going to and how they are getting there; taxi vouchers are available on a case by case basis and most people use BART or bus.

- Staff changes @ JG due to budget cuts- As of Sep. 29, 2004 no lay offs occurred at the Medical Center and that JG shifted to a Team Module lead by physicians prior to this move different areas were run by nurses.

Ms. McInnis related that one thing she observed with Mr. Waldo versus Ms. Ferguson was that Ms. Ferguson shouldered all the responsibilities to herself unlike Mr. Waldo who set-up a team and distributed the burden of the load a little bit more evenly. Mr. Waldo seemed very confident that he would be able to tackle tasks at JG. Ms. McInnis added that one other thing she requested was a tour @ JG but she did not get a respond will try to ask again in another time.

Sausal Creek (SC) Report: Ms. Taft-Butkowski reported the following:

- SC October report:

	<i>October</i>
○ Admissions	214
○ Walk-ins	95
○ Mental Health Referrals	102
○ AOD Providers Referral	13
○ Oakland Police Dept. Referral	4
○ Average length of waits for services (minutes)	25.8
○ Average length of visits (hours)	8.9
○ 5150's	7

A detailed Sausal Creek report was distributed.

Front Door Project Report: *No report given*

Discussion Topics:

Annual Work Plan-Ms. McInnis would like continued discussion of finding existing resources in Alameda County as one of the committee's goals for the coming year which seems to be running parallel with Prop 63 and also would like to propose to the MHB that this would be the main focus that the committee could work on along with the other continuing reports in other areas ie: Front Door Report, Sausal Creek Report & soon John George Report.

Other Items Discussed:

- **Prop 63-**Mr. Lisman related that Ms. Majak has a synopsis of Prop 63 available which will be helpful to have some info and added that Ms. Majak will be coming out with more info/directions and guidance around what Prop 63 means and the State DMH will also give guidelines; there will be the whole county process for families, consumers and community to have their input on how they would like the money be utilized in developing children, adult and older adult system of care and it also definitely talk about housing and recovery vision.

Mr. Alevizos stated that the BHCS Budget Task Force has reconvened with the same group of members but will be expanded to include larger stakeholders group ie: Police, Social Services, Education Dept. etc as mandated by the Legislation to have community input.

Mr. Alevizos suggested that Adult Committee could keep track of what's going on in the BHCS Budget Task Force and report back to the Adult Committee meeting.

Mr. Lisman suggested meeting and working with the Public Awareness Committee which was discussed in the past Adult Committee meeting re: anti-stigma and anti-discrimination; try to educate the public about mental illness and supporting people with mental illness ie: jobs & housing and try finding out what the additional needs are in the mental health community.

Mr. Alevizos expressed his concern that Adult Committee doesn't have enough representation from the mental health community; need to have a broader group ie: PEERS group, etc.

Ms. Zatkin & Ms. D'Onofrio pointed out that they started coming to Adult Committee meeting as members of the Front Door Project and it was decided to merge both committees to have more people.

Ms. McInnis stated that it's really tough to get people attend Adult Committee Meeting; she tried calling and emailing and some people respond yes but don't show up to the meeting.

Ms. Suilmann suggested placing meeting announcement to Steve Bischoff's-Mental Health Association Newsletter; they distribute newsletter to various agencies.

Mr. Lisman suggested asking the MHB to give stipends to consumers ie: for bus fare to be able to come to and from the meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:10 pm
Minutes submitted by Agnes F. Catolos