

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

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:35PM by Committee Chair Marsha McInnis

Present:

MHB Members: Marsha McInnis

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

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

Welcome, Introductions and Announcement:

Approval of Adult/Front Door May 2004 Minutes:	
No correction was made to the Adult/Front Door May 2004 Minutes	M/S/C Michael Lisman/Pansy Taft-Butkowski All favor

Sausal Creek (SC) Report:

Ms. Taft-Butkowski stated that due to John George (JG) strike that occurred last Sunday night until Monday night, Sausal Creek was asked to be prepared to see clients because JG will divert clients to SC. SC prepared and had more staff coverage than usual but no clients showed up; a number of clients called SC and said that JG told them to call or come to SC. Ms. Taft-Butkowski stated that they were willing to help out and they did what they were asked to do.

Ms. Taft-Butkowski related Sausal Creek’s 2nd anniversary on: August 26th for the staff and Sept 9th for the clients.

Ms. Taft-Butkowski presented Sausal Creek report for April, May, June and August; July report was already presented at the August meeting.

	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>*August</i>
▫ Admissions	193	180	194	207
▫ Walk-ins	64	64	81	-
▫ Mental Health Referrals	96	96	74	-
▫ AOD Providers Referral	28	16	28	-
▫ Oakland Police Dept. Referral	9	4	11	4
▫ Average length of waits for services	25.1	21.7	51.4	-
▫ Average length of visits	3.3	3.2	3.5	-
▫ 5150's	2	6	4	5

*August data was not complete; will be available next month's meeting.

A detailed Sausal Creek report was distributed.

Front Door Project Report: *No report given*

Discussion Items:

Committee Plan: Ms. McInnis stated that its been a year since she chaired the Adult Committee and related that she went through the past discussions that the committee had for the past year and that she came up with 3 things that seems to be discussed consistently ie: John George, Ten key Questions and 911 diversion for mental health calls and housing.

Ms. McInnis related that MHB formed a Housing Committee, will ask Mr. Hare on details ie: who's chairing Housing Committee and meeting times.

Mr. Lisman pointed out that the new Housing Committee chair should be informed about the multi-planning process that's currently taking place between BHCS and Community Development Agency.

Ms. D'Onofrio gave an update on 911 diversion for mental health calls, Ms. D'Onofrio related that she together with Mr. Alevizos, Janet Gorowitz (Crisis Support) and Suzanne-a consultant for BHCS have been meeting with the Communication's Director Officer Ken Paris; they are trying to determine if its doable, who would answer the phone if diverted. Ms. D'Onofrio stated that they are actually at the point where they are looking at spending time at dispatch with the headset on actually hearing the calls coming in because its not clear how dispatchers determine what is a mental health calls versus specific 5150 request. Ms. D'Onofrio stated that they are moving forward and looking at how doable is it and does it make sense and added that the OPD's reception is positive and that it would be helpful to have another direction for at least a percentage of a call that OPD received.

Mr. Alevizos added that they are in a “getting to know one another” stage and that the OPD has concern around liability.

John George (JG):

- Mr. Alevizos stated that there was a strike at JG from Sunday night-Monday night, traveling nurses were acquired to cover a large amount of work at JG; JG planned to divert clients but didn't appear that the diversion happened; JG announced converting Unit A to PES.
- Ms. Zarkin would like to know if JG continues providing occupational therapy.
- Ms. D'Onofrio addressed a rumor need to be clarified re: people being discharge in the middle of the night without transportation.
- Ms. McInnis stated that she's still trying to contact and set a meeting with JG Administrator to be able to introduce MHB and Adult Committee and invite him or a JG representative to attend Adult Committee to be able to address committee members concerns and questions regarding various issues.

Prop 63 (Mental Health Initiative) Mr. Lisman stated that one other thing that's pretty critical is the Prop 63 because the counties hands are tied to do anything actively around Prop 63

Committee and Public Comment: *None*

Next meeting 10/6/04, 1pm-3pm

Meeting adjourned @ 2:50 pm
Minutes submitted by Agnes F. Catolos