

**ALAMEDA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
ADULT/FRONT DOOR COMMITTEES  
April 6, 2005  
1:00-3:00PM  
Strawberry Canyon Room**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1:05M by Marsha McInnis

**Present:**

*MHB Members:* Marsha McInnis and Joe Shimizu

*Public:* Kurt Biehl, MD (John George) and Pansy Taft-Butkowski (Sausal Creek)

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

**Welcome, Introductions and Announcement:**

<b>Approval of Adult Committee February 2005 Minutes:</b>	
No correction was made to the March 2005 minutes.	M/S/C Michael Lisman/Maryann D’Onofrio All favor

**Sausal Creek (SC) Report:** Ms. Taft-Butkowski stated that they had an internal quality review; it’s for preparing for the Commission of Accredited Rehabilitation Facility (CARF),

SC March 2005 report:

	<i>March</i>
▫ Admissions	255
▫ Walk-ins	94
▫ Mental Health Referrals	142
▫ AOD Providers Referral	18
▫ Oakland Police Dept. Referral	1
▫ Average length of waits for services (minutes)	60.5
▫ Average length of visits (hours)	7.8
▫ 5150’s	12

A detailed Sausal Creek Report was distributed.

**Front Door Project Report:** Ms. D’Onofrio stated that the training for the Oakland Police Dept. (OPD) is ongoing which will last for the whole year and mentioned that the OPD are very grateful to have the training. Ms. D’Onofrio stated that they’re really engaged with the OPD now; they’re heavily involved in dealing with 5150’s and that everybody’s pleased with the interaction and hoping that it continues.

Mr. Alevizos asked if the OPD are diverting people from 5150.

Ms. D'Onofrio's response was that she believed that they are diverting people. Ms. D'Onofrio mentioned that the Service Team thought that the prospect of Detox would be helpful especially in Downtown Oakland where there's a primary need for a sobering station type of service.

Ms. McInnis asked if the on-going training of the OPD will ever move to other police dept.

Ms. D'Onofrio's response was that she's hoping that the training will move to other police dept.

**John George Report:**

- 1) Dr. Biehl stated that they have a national search for a PES Nurse Manager.
- 2) Dr. Biehl addressed his concern re: John George continued to be backed-up in beds; they had about 40% Admin. Days and about 27 people waiting for placement; some of the people were already accepted at Villa but there's not enough capacity for everyone because they only have limited beds. Dr. Biehl stated that it would be helpful to have more like ACT Teams and STRIDES kind of level of intervention.
- 3) Dr. Biehl related that he discussed with Michael Lisman re: starting to get more involve with the community providers and case managers into sharing decisions and helping people in the community understand that not everyone can go to Villa.

**Discussion: Develop a subcommittee to look at adult services in the MHSA**

Ms. McInnis asked for committee input re: developing a sub-committee with public participation and a group of voting members and it will be a separate meeting from the monthly Adult Committee meeting. Ms. McInnis asked how they can increase public participation and asked for suggestions about guidelines for the sub-committee meeting ie: when to meet.

Mr. Alevizos related that there are some concerns re: Adult Committee being part of the MHSA Planning Panel.

Mr. Shimizu stated that in his opinion the concern was that the MHB Adult Committee already has so much other issues/concerns and to combine MHSA planning process would be too much burden for the Adult Committee.

Ms. McInnis stated that she felt that it would be a positive direction for the Adult Committee and that it's a great opportunity to be part of the MHSA Adult Services planning process.

Mr. Lisman stated that the MHSA planning process is a short time span; it would be a window of opportunity for the Adult Committee to be involved and to have an impact on the planning process. Mr. Lisman suggested that may be shorten the regular Adult Committee discussions ie: reports and focus on MHSA for a few months and related that the deadline for plan submission is Sep. 9.

Mr. Shimizu felt that with the short planning time...the MHSA planning process should be separate from the Adult Committee because it needs a lot of attention, detailed work and needs a lot of manpower.

Mr. Alevizos distributed and described the graphic of the ACBHCS Adult Services Planning Structure that he developed and he stated that the Adult Committee should decide whether to be part of the MHSA

planning process or not. Mr. Alevizos stated that no matter what the committee decided would be fine with him, he just wanted to offer the opportunity and also it would help him identify people that might have some interest.

Discussion took place re: the ACBHCS Adult Services Planning Structure which describe the following:

- BHCS Administration
- Stakeholder Group
- MHSA Work Group
- Adult C S & S Planning Panel (Planning Groups: Recovery System Development; Housing & Homeless; Criminal Justice Mental Health and Crisis & Mobile Services)
- Understaffing & Resource Deployment
- Medical Services and Support
- Associated MHSA Planning
- Adult System Mapping
- Unserved, underserved & inappropriately served
- Innovative service proposal
- Early Intervention

Ms. D’Onofrio made a motion that the “Adult Committee will be part of the planning panel for the Adult Services MHSA and that this group or some members of this group specifically will become the core group and will continue some portion for general topics based on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed meeting, there would be an additional meeting scheduled specific to panel planning activities.”

Mr. Shimizu stated that depending on the situation the committee may spend more time for the planning panel issues, this committee will be in charge of overseeing the panel activities and that Ms. McInnis will continue to be the Adult Committee Chair and will co-chair the Planning Panel.

Mr. Lisman stated that it would be important to clarify the meeting time for Adult Committee regular meeting discussion and the MHSA planning process discussion because some people may not want to participate in the regular Adult Committee meeting.

Dr. Biehl suggested that may be for a few months to shorten the Adult Committee monthly meeting discussion: First ½ hour for the reports ie: John George & Sausal Creek and the remaining 1 ½ hour for the MHSA planning panel.

The committee agreed with Dr. Biehl’s suggestion.

M/S/C Ms. D’Onofrio/Mr. Shimizu  
All Favor  
Motion Passed

### **Public & Committee Comment:**

Mr. Shimizu would like to invite UC Berkeley School of Public to do a presentation re: “Measuring Mental Health in CA. Counties What Can We Learn” which stated that the mental health service quality is not related on the amount of money you spend.

*Meeting adjourned @ 3:00 pm*  
*Minutes submitted by Agnes F. Catolos*