

Alameda County Mental Health Board Minutes
January 8 2007 ◊ 12:00pm-2:00pm
Lakeside Plaza Building, 1401 Lakeside Dr. Room 1107
Oakland, CA 94612

Meeting called to order @ 12:09 pm by Chairperson Marsha McInnis

HOUSEKEEPING

Roll Call / Introduction of Guests

Mental Health Board Members:

Present: Deborrah Bremond, Marsha McInnis, Jose Reyes, Sup. Gail Steele, Anthony Hare and Dr. Ron Tauber

Absent: Karen Bridges, Dr. Marye Thomas, Hal Zawacki

BHCS Staff: Barry Hall, Sam Jones, Barbara Majak, Carolyn Novosel, Gary Spicer

Public: Linda Smith (BMHC), Michael Diehl (BMHM), Lorenzo Kearney (Howie Harp Multi Service Center), Jerome Attaway (Howie Harp Multi-Service Center)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<u>Approval of December 2006 MHB minutes</u>	One correction was made to the December 2006 MHB minutes.	Approval of corrected December. 2006 minutes... 5- favor 0-Abstained
<u>Correspondence</u>	None	
<u>Presentation</u> <u>TV Community Access Program proposal by Minister Barbara Meyers</u> <u>Item for possible vote to create a committee to develop the orientation manual</u>	<p>A half hour community access television show focusing on Mental Health Stigma In interview format with a host and 2 people. One family member and one will be a consumer from Health Services. Her idea originated from a parishioner who hosts a CA TV show for 8 years. This individual will donate services as director and buy time at the studio. They'll choose two people from the stigma speaker's bureau to be interviewed about their experiences. This will take place sometime in March for market to various cable stations for broadcast during May.</p> <p>Ms. McInnis had a conversation with Elaine Friedrich – and the consensus was to develop an orientation manual detailing processes changing due to the MSHA. Wanted to bring up suggestion of hiring Elaine Friederich to teach new board members.</p> <p>Mr. Hare suggested to ask Elaine to update the county version manual, which was copied by the statewide version of the manual. Ms McInnis responded that Elaine has offered to consult. Mr. Hare added that while improvising the manual, heads of various services can attend a full day of training. This gives new members a</p>	<p>Information only</p> <p>Ms. Majak requests Elaine to send estimate to Barry before 25th</p>

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<p><u><i>Formal Committee On Developing a Manual</i></u></p>	<p><i>Mr. Anthony Hare moves that we approach Elaine Freidrich to submit a proposal to revise the manual</i></p> <p><i>Ms. McInnis suggested that it be put on the agenda for the executive committee and include operational specifics of how to move forward on this. Said Elaine could put together something by the deadline of the twenty-fifth.</i></p>	<p><i>Move to approach Elaine Friederich with a request that she submit a proposal to revise the orientation manual and conduct orientation</i></p>

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p><u>Item</u> <u>Developing a Committee for Orientation Manual</u></p>	<p><i>Ms. Majak – said Elaine would do an orientation and the manual, and that the Dept could do some of the afternoon presentation via visual, verbally and meet the public. Some of her staff can't afford to come. She thought it would be good to have some of the board members have contact information in case they had a question about something.</i> <i>Suggested that A number of board members may not have knowledge of the depth of our system</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele responded did we not have that plan laid out?</i></p> <p><i>Ms. McInnis said were still in the discussion portion</i></p> <p><i>Gail Steele suggested that a meeting between children services and the person who puts this together. This would become an educational tool for us to learn. Wanted a few more people interested in children services on the board.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak suggested that with the organizational diagram has additions (housing coordinator, training coordinator, director of transition age youth) and numerous changes</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele – said we should have changes at least every six months</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hare considers the request to Elaine as an item and two other items waiting to be named for action.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Tauber asks for reiteration of the request</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hare corrects and asking Elaine to submit a request for BHCS to be funded to do that since she is the original author</i></p>	<p><i>Marsha states it has been moved to ask Elaine Friedrich for request of a proposal to help revise the orientation manual and then also conduct a half</i></p> <p><i>Marsha's move for day orientation is brought forward</i></p> <p><i>Motion Seconded by Deborrah Bremond</i></p> <p><i>3 in favor passed by aye No abstention.</i></p>

	<p><i>Mr. Hall talks about the letters that go out to the Community Based Organizations and nominations of people they feel should receive Community Service Awards. And the planning of a May event and preparation during February</i></p> <p><i>Ms. McInnis says the department can help with the logistics and the renting of space and that same</i></p>	
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<p><u>Awards Committee</u></p>	<p><i>committee does the selection, making sure applications gets mailed out.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hare includes dates and specifics of who decides criteria, nominations and 3 people go through it for recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hall says that the timeline for nominations to arrive would be the 3rd week of April. He'll put together a plan regarding possible venue locations and getting trophies made</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak suggested a plan to get the board interested for an awards plan in May, and to get possible volunteers. (Rochelle, Karen mentioned)</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Tauber says that this should be a larger event and emphasizing the importance of honoring people who work for children's health care. Communication should be encouraged in nomination of candidates and promoting the event.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak gave the Aquatic Center venue and asks if Karen Bridges would be interested – requested Mr. Anthony Hare to call her. Talked about past presentations to the Board of Supervisors and gotten proclamation of May as Mental Health Month and a resolution from the Board of Supervisors and a presentation to them (since May is Mental Health Month)</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak indicated that Homeless Adult of North County has been selected and the recommendation is going to the board.</i></p> <p><i>Awards Committee report. She also highlighted The Stay Recommendation for award to Fred Finch Youth Center. Tri-City Coalition and other service groups.</i></p>	<p><i>Tabled until February Meeting – (with 3rd week of April as deadline and award show in May for Mental Health Month)</i></p>
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<p><u>Barbara Majak</u> <u>Chair Report</u></p>	<p><i>Ms. Majak mentioned 1-800 numbers and the language capabilities of our community based (LaClinica or Asian) organizations to serve the Access function and its expansion to include a varied number of clients. Next month an increase was mentioned, and more revenue would be coming into this fund. Next month they'll give an update about raising the allocation of funds to all counties</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prevention, Early Intervention, and mentioned a meeting in Sacramento.</i> • <i>Mentioned the oversight and accountability commission (state appointed body oversees the implementation of the Mental Services Act) suggested going on DMH website for interested parties)</i> • <i>Talked about sub-committee chaired by Mary Hayashi of the OAC detailing prevention and early intervention criteria.</i> • <i>Majority of the money decided toward Children Services, but can used for all populations.</i> • <i>Statewide initiatives centered on stigma reduction and suicide prevention. Dollars statewide in addition to dollars allocated specifically for counties</i> • <i>Capital Guidelines available by March</i> • <i>How do you attract professionals into the workforce</i> • <i>Moving forward with implementation of Adolescence Crisis facility and opening by April or May</i> <p><i>Seneca will be doing crisis services, and Telecare will be doing the psychiatric health facility 1st time this county has had an adolescent crisis capability. Included the budget process, and asked Gail Steele. Asking for representation to sit in budget process</i></p> <p><i>Counties are really struggling even in spite of the mental services health act – such as Contra Costa and Santa Clara making major cuts in their basic mental health program.</i></p> <p><i>Santa Clara mental health has to cut 30 mil dollars Contra Costa may have to cut 3 million. This year and may need to cut more next year.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak had emphasized that it's a challenging time for county departments with basic funding not being solid, and that the MSA cannot be spent on sup plantation. You can't replace anything that's been cut</i></p>	<p><i>Dave would let the board know sometime in March when a plan is moved forward – move report forward to February's meeting for action.</i></p>
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<u>Public Awareness and Housing</u>	<i>No Report Given</i>	
<u>Liaison Committee Report</u>	<i>No Report Given</i>	
<u>Public comments</u>	<i>Public comments from Jerome Attaway (Howie Harp Multi Service Center) talked about damaged elevator at the center. Highlighted Traveler's Aid need for vouchers for the needy.</i>	
<u>Board Comments</u>	<p><i>Mr. Gary Spicer recognized responsibility of owner of the building to process a request for the damaged elevator. Promised to follow-up. Emphasized that voucher should usage by program participants only (shelter plus care) only a few of the centers overall users are in a Shelter Care Program.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hare reinforced that the idea of the program staff to encourage Harp users to formalize their relationship with treatment. Sign them and get them to come to appointments.</i></p>	

*Meeting was adjourned @ 1:48 p.m.
 `Minutes submitted by Sam L. Jones*