

Alameda County Mental Health Board Minutes
June 11, 2007 ♦ 12:00pm-2:00pm
Bay Fair Mall Community Room 2nd Floor
San Leandro, CA 94578

Meeting called to order @ 12:10 by Chairperson Marsha McInnis

HOUSEKEEPING

Roll Call / Introduction of Guests

Mental Health Board Members:

Present: Teresa Basa, Karen Bridges, Rochelle Elias, Marsha McInnis, Jose Reyes and Sup. Gail Steele

Excused: Deborrah Bremond, Pat Buchanan and Ron Tauber

Absent: Anthony Hare

BHCS Staff: Diana Cunningham, Barry Hall, Barbara Majak, Carolyn Novosel, Gary Spicer, Marye Thomas, MD and Agnes Catolos

Public: Francesca Tenenbaum (Patients Rights), Michael Diehl (BMHC), Regina Simpkins (Peers/BMHC), Howie Harp Representatives-Jerome Attaway, Lorenzo Kearney, Rick Herrera, Traveler's Aide-Martina L., Gregory Ash and John Cummings

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<u>Approval of May 2007 MHB minutes</u>	No correction was made to the May 2007 MHB minutes.	Approval of May 2007 minutes... All favor
<u>Correspondence</u>	Invitation to the Open House of the Willow Rock Center on June 29 th at 2pm, 2050 Fairmont Dr. San Leandro, CA 94578	
<u>Presentation</u> A. Patients/Family Rights by Francesca Tenenbaum	The Director of Alameda County Patients' Rights Advocates (PRA), Ms. Tenenbaum presented an overview of the PRA program as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHCS contracts with Mental Health Association (MHA) to provide patients' rights advocacy services for the county. MHA has several programs i.e. PRA; family caregiver advocates; mental health advocates programs. MHA also sponsors NAMI of Alameda County; holds educational meetings; sponsors 2 support groups; publishes a newsletter; provides community education and working to change public policy that affects mental 	

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<p><i>Presentation: Patients/Family Rights... (Cont.)</i></p>	<p><i>health services.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>is a state mandated program, every county has to have PRA.</i> • <i>PRA's most important role is the Title 9 of the CA. Regulations which specifies what PRA do and one of the major part that PRA do is to assure that patients constitutional rights are protected.</i> • <i>provides education in the community re: codes and regulations and it include people who are held voluntary or involuntary in facility</i> • <i>is in charge of protecting the rights of people in board and cares, sub-acute facilities and adult residential facilities.</i> • <i>is available to all consumers of mental health services in the county.</i> • <i>is also in charge of doing investigation of complaints and monitoring facilities for compliant with patients' rights.</i> • <i>provides consultation to anybody in the community i.e. facility staff, doctors and administrators call PRA for consultation before doing something to make sure that they are in compliant and not violating anyone's rights.</i> • <i>lies in concept that come from the constitution that people have a right to have individual liberty and the only way to deprive individual liberty is through due process, there are certain steps that are set up in the law that need to follow before depriving someone's liberty.</i> • <i>represents patients whom the facilities are seeking to treat them involuntarily, involuntary hold them or involuntary medicate them. Patients must meet the criteria that show there is a probable cause to hold someone against their will; there are 3 criteria: 1) danger to self 2) danger to others 3) gravely disabled</i> <p><i>Ms. Tenenbaum stated that they want to hear feedback from the community i.e. family members and consumers in order to do their job well in providing services to the county.</i></p>	
<p><i>B. AB1424 by Diana Cunningham</i></p>	<p><i>Ms. Tenenbaum stated that the Bill AB1424 was developed to help support family members who felt that when there was an intent to determine whether or not a loved one or family member was going to be held involuntarily they felt that their input was not being listen to, doctors and police officers did not want to listen to family members re: the history of a person's mental illness or experience to help decide whether or not a person did meet the criteria to held involuntarily. Bill AB1424 made it mandatory for police officers or who are deciding whether or not someone meets the criteria to be held involuntarily they must listen to info about the historical course of the person's illness and decide whether or not they meet criteria; it has to be recent and relevant history.</i></p>	

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<i>AB1424 (Cont.)</i>	<p><i>Ms. Cunningham stated that the challenge they had to manage was how they will implement the Bill AB1424. The county did several steps implementing AB1424...they had a planning group, hired a consultant and formed a stakeholders committee that included members i.e. BHCS staff, family members, consumers, outpatient providers, inpatient providers, conservators office; they held several meetings discussing the law. A form with historical info of an individual was created as part of implementing AB1424; AB1424 info is included in the training for the Oakland Police Dept.(OPD) and the Dept. is working toward providing info to other police jurisdiction other than OPD; EMS carry forms in the ambulance along with “quick guides” that the family group also developed. The quick guide provides resources and info to help families and friends who are caring for loved one who has a mental illness.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Tenenbaum added that the family caregiver advocate who works at JG 4 days a week distributed forms to JG staff to incorporate the form in the chart; the advocates track if the form is still part of the chart.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Cunningham added that hearing officers are also trained around the AB1424 process.</i></p>	
<p><u>Action Items</u> A. Election of Officers</p>	<p><i>Ms. McInnis made an announcement that she is resigning from the board beginning August due to personal reasons.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Bridges stated that the Nominating Committee had a slate of officers prior to the board meeting but the person who was interested to become the chair changed his mind due to personal reason and stated that Ms. Bremond agreed to be the vice-chair and Mr. Reyes agreed to be the secretary. Ms. Bridges asked if the board could go ahead with the election of vice-chair and secretary or should they wait to put forth nominees for the chair.</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele suggested going ahead with the election of the vice-chair and the secretary and tabling the election of the chair until next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Reyes stated that he would like to have an active role in the board and felt that by accepting the nomination will be a good start.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Bridges made a motion to elect Ms. Bremond as Vice-Chair and Mr. Reyes as Secretary and table the election of the Chair until next board meeting.</i></p>	<p><i>M/S/C Ms. Bridges/ Sup. Steele All Favored</i></p>
<p>B. CALMH (CA. Local Mental Health) Board Membership</p>	<p><i>Tabled until next board meeting.</i></p>	

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<p><u>Discussion Items</u> A. Feedback on MHB Community Service Awards 2007</p>	<p><i>Ms. McInnis stated that the MHB Community Service Awards 2007 was really a terrific event, there were a great group of people, they had the “Pool of Champions” consist of consumers; it was a really celebratory time and that she never had that experience before, she walked away feeling wonderful. Ms. McInnis complimented Mr. Hall for a terrific job and added that it is really important that all board members experience it and have the honor to recognize people who are hard workers.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hall stated that he started a diary for next year’s awards ceremony to note things that went well and things that could be done better. Mr. Hall asked everyone for suggestions to be added to the diary.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Thomas commended the board as well as Mr. Hall and that she had gotten so much positive feedback re: this year's awards.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. McInnis stated that it was a wonderful experience, it showed the strength of the board.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak stated that it was wonderful having somebody introduce the award recipients, there was a personal touch.</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele suggested sending out announcement of the date a little earlier and may be ask the Board of Supervisors or their staff to be part of the awards.</i></p>	
<p><u>Director’s Report</u></p>	<p><i>Dr. Thomas’ report were consisted of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MHSA Update-Mr. Spicer stated that they are expecting this week to receive the guidelines on the Prevention/Early Intervention (PEI); the Oversight Accountability Commission (OAC) will be the approval authority for the PEI. BHCS Ongoing Planning Council will be developing a planning process around PEI, this process will be driven by the guidelines issued by the state; the guidelines is expected to be completely finalized by August and most of the planning will be concentrated in the fall of 2007; the Dept. hope to be submitting their local plans for PEI funds by Dec. and looking for approval process in early part of 2008 then implementation to follow.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Update on the implementation of the Community Services and Supports (CSS)-</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>on May 30th, the first FSP client was served and housed through the HOST program operated by Bonita House</i> 2) <i>finalizing contract with the TAY FSP as well as Older Adult FSP</i> 3) <i>the ongoing planning council approved the distribution of about \$2 ½ mil out of the \$4.2 mil funding augmentation; at their next meeting they will look at programs from the CSS planning process and will look at prioritizing those programs for the remainder of the \$4.2 mil funding</i> 	

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<p><i>Director's Report (Cont.)</i></p>	<p><i>4) By the end of July-progress report for the 1st 6 months of implementation of CSS will be brought to MHB for review which is a requirement set by DMH statewide</i></p> <p><i>5) Position for Director of Older Adult Services is being filled and interviews for the Wellness and Recovery Resources Hub will take place next week.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>o Update on Workforce Development Education and Training portion of the MHSA funding-Alameda County is getting \$3.5 mil over 2 ½ period which makes \$1.4 mil a year and in addition to this funding the state will allow 15% with the purpose of developing local infrastructure around workforce development education and training i.e. social work education program, vocational program etc.</i> <p><i>Sup. Steele would like to know the names of the people who will be part of the subcommittee that will design the planning process for PEI and would also like to know when and where the meeting will going to take place.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Spicer stated that the Dept. will make sure to inform the BOS.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Budget Update-Dr. Thomas stated that Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) and BHCS will not have budget reductions this year; budget hearing will take place on June 26th at 1pm everyone was invited to come; the County Administrator's Office will give an overview of the county budget and Dave Kears (HCSA Director) will give an overview of the HCSA budget; when the budget presentation is available it will be send to the MHB electronically.</i> <i>• Inmates from Santa Rita Jail-the Dept. is looking at reopening the unit at 3 South which is located at Glen Dyer north county jail. 3 South is like a psychiatric inpatient facility where the Sheriff guards the perimeter but when the person goes through the door and onto the unit it is a mental health treatment; inmates have the same patients' rights that people get in any psychiatric hospital.</i> <i>• Willow Rock Center (WRC)-will be opening on June 29th to serve adolescents in Alameda County. WRC is a short-term program designed to reduce and stabilize acute psychiatric symptoms with an emphasis on returning to the community.</i> <i>• Detox/Sobering Center-there will be a ground breaking for the Detox/Sobering Center at the Fairmont Campus at 4:30pm on June 11th; it took 18 months to find a location, everybody thought it is the best thing to do but nobody wants it near their neighborhood. Transport vans will be bringing people to and from the sobering center and will be staffed by EMS.</i> <p><i>Ms. Bridges congratulate the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and BHCS Admin. for ensuring that Alameda County is not having a devastating budget cuts that is happening to Santa Clara County which will have a severe impact on their mental health services.</i></p>	

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<u>Chair Report</u>	<i>No report given.</i>	
<u>Committee Chair Report:</u> <i>Adult Committee Report</i>	<i>No report given.</i>	
<i>Awards Committee</i>	<i>Covered under the discussion item.</i>	
<i>Children’s Advisory Committee (CAC) Report</i>	<i>Ms. Novosel stated that at their last CAC meeting they had a presentation by staff who are going to be administering and delivering services at Willow Rock Center, a combine Telecare and Seneca Program. Seneca will do the intervention; Telecare will be responsible for receiving 5150 children and there will a joint assessment or screening process with Seneca and Telecare; if a child doesn’t need to be hospitalized or put in the inpatient unit they will be served through the 23 hr. crisis stabilization.</i>	
<i>Housing Committee Report</i>	<i>No report given.</i>	
<i>MHB Recruiting Committee</i>	<i>Mr. Hall stated that he received an application and there is one new appointee from Supt. Lai-Bitker’s District.</i>	
<i>Public Awareness Committee (PAC) Report</i>	<i>Ms. Elias stated that they are actively recruiting members for the PAC specifically for the Challenging the Stigma Conference, they need individuals who are interested in working on a workshop who would help formatting multicultural and mentally ill community needs; PAC is also looking for members who will be interested in participating with the following topics: updates on American Disabilities Act that has impact on employment and housing, stigma and its impact on the mentally ill in the criminal justice system. A lot of PAC members right now are consumers and one of the things that they want to make sure included in the workshop is 1 hour question and answer portion where they will be inviting people i.e. BOS; different people who they feel are accountable in the mental health system of care to answer question, they are discussing who would they consider to do the key note speech. Ms. Elias encouraged board members to be part of the conference planning.</i>	
<u>Liaison Committee Report</u> <i>Criminal Justice Oversight Committee (CJOC)</i>	<i>No report given.</i>	
<i>MHSA</i>	<i>No report given.</i>	
<i>Berkeley Mental Health Commission (BMHC)</i>	<i>Mr. Diehl addressed the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BMHC concerned re: the AB2034-it will have a major impact to their community if they will lose AB2034 funding</i> • <i>BMHC new meeting schedule-4th Thursday of the month at 5:30pm</i> 	

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<i>BMHC Report (Cont.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As a mental health commissioner he is involve with the mayor to talk about public comments</i> • <i>BMHC is working on the crisis intervention training and form consent-want to make sure that clients are well informed.</i> • <i>As part of the MHSA, BMHC is working on the cultural competence issues re: gay, lesbian, transgender etc.</i> • <i>40% of Berkeley clients are African-American</i> 	
<u><i>Public Comments</i></u>	<p><i>Regina Simpkins stated that she is a commissioner in BMHC and she would like to know if there are info that can be access to use in a training re: Family Rights and AB1424 or if somebody could do a presentation and also asked if AB1424 info is available on the Network of Care Website.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Cunningham responded that AB1424 is not available on the Network of Care website but it can be access through the State Dept. of Mental Health website.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Thomas stated that AB1424 could be put on the Network of Care website as well as on the BHCS website.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Tenenbaum stated that she is willing to do a presentation to BMHC to be able to do outreach and have more people understand the patients’ rights.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Bridges suggested adding “advanced directives” to the website.</i></p> <p><i>Jerome Attaway thanked Gary and Gigi for their support to Howie Harp Multi Service Center.</i></p> <p><i>Lorenzo Kearney mentioned how important Howie Harp to a lot of people by getting supports i.e. employment and housing.</i></p> <p><i>Rick Herrera stated that he is one of the success stories at Howie Harp and that the center is a community of people whohelp people to strive because they have all sort of issues i.e. homelessness, dual diagnose, housing etc. and added that at Howie Harp there is a spirit of community and there is a sense of purpose.</i></p>	
<u><i>Board Comments</i></u>	<i>Ms. Elias encouraged new board members to be involved in all board functions to continually build and expand the board.</i>	

*Meeting was adjourned @ 2:00PM
Minutes submitted by Agnes F. Catolos*