

Alameda County Mental Health Board Minutes
February 8, 2010 ◊ 12:00pm-2:00pm
First 5 Office Suite 130
1100 San Leandro Boulevard
San Leandro, CA 94578

Meeting called to order @ 12:15 by Chair Rochelle Elias

HOUSEKEEPING

Roll Call/Introduction of Guests

Mental Health Board Members:

Present: Pat Buchanan, Kelly O’Lague-Dulka, Rochelle Elias, Alane Friedrich, Lisa Gifford, Samuel Greyson, Luvenia Jones, Sheldon Koiles, Laura Mason, Dr. Stephen Post, Ravi Sodhi and Sup. Gail Steele

Excused: Sheldon Koiles

Absent: Dorothy King and Patricia Sweetwine

BHCS Staff: Agnes Catolos, Barry Hall, Jeff Rackmil, Gary Spicer, Marye Thomas, MD and Rosa Warder

Public: Guy Qvistgaard (JGPP), Joe Rose, Jeffrey Davidson, PhD, Margot Dashiell (ACFC)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<u>Public Comment</u>	None	
<u>Approval of January 2010 MHB minutes</u>	No corrections were made to the January 2010 MHB minutes.	M/S/C Pat Buchanan/ Laura Mason All favored
<u>Correspondence</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Elias stated that Maxine Oliver-Benson is leaving the board and that the board appreciated the work that she contributed especially in the Housing Committee. ▪ Hayward Can, an advocacy group dealing with homelessness issues in Hayward invited Ms. Elias to come to a City Council Meeting, she was not able to attend but she referred the group to Dr. Ratner to facilitate some advocacy work in housing. ▪ Correspondence from Joe Rose re: Santa Clara MHB about the diversion of the Prop 63 funding ▪ Request to look into funding of NAMI family to family services translation services for Mandarin and Cantonese...referred to Gigi Crowder as the Ethnic Services Manager ▪ Ms. Elias is working with Cal State University Eastbay Diversity Center to find a 	

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<p><i>BHCS Mission, Vision and Values (Cont.)</i></p>	<p><i>ACBHCS Vision Statement: “We envision a community where individuals of all ages and their families can successfully realize their potential and pursue their dreams and where stigma and discrimination against those with mental health and/or alcohol and drug issues are remnants of the past.”</i></p> <p><i>The Values of “ACBHCS”:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Access</i> ▫ <i>Consumer and family empowerment</i> ▫ <i>Best practices</i> ▫ <i>Health and wellness</i> ▫ <i>Culturally appropriate</i> ▫ <i>Socially Inclusive</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Challenges Facing BHCS fy 09-10 and fy10-11 e.g.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>To balance clinical need while managing financial risk. In BHCS, funding dictates the kind of service they provide; BHCS is not an entitlement, they provide services to the extent that resources are available.</i> ▫ <i>To transform existing system while maintaining the most comprehensive continuum of integrated services as possible despite multiple, fluctuating often disparate funding streams</i> ▫ <i>To implement MHSAs funded services despite funding reductions from other sources</i> ▫ <i>If cuts are necessary, to maintain a broad range of service options</i> ▫ <i>To have creative utilization of all funding sources to mitigate reductions and maintain system integrity</i> • <i>BHCS function like an insurance company but manage a multiple insurance plans e.g. Medi-Cal. Dr. Thomas stated that she can provide more info to the board at a later time re: eligibility for services.</i> <p><i>Dr. Post would like to have additional discussion and specific info re: BHCS as an insurance plan and clients’ eligibility.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Thomas responded that she would like to start a monthly session with the board to be able to provide more detailed info.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major Funding Sources for BHCS Services:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Realignment-funded by State sales tax and vehicle license fees</i> ▫ <i>Federal Funding-SAMHSA, Block Grants, MediCal FFP (Federal Financial Participation)</i> ▫ <i>State Categorical funds e.g. AB 3632, MediCal EPSDT, Prop 36 funding</i> ▫ <i>State General funds-Prop 36 funds, CalWorks and cost shifting to county-IMD ancillaries and correction reductions and sentencing changes, etc.</i> ▫ <i>MHSA-1% income tax on personal income above \$1 mil</i> ▫ <i>County General Funds-from county property tax which is 15¢ of each dollar of</i> 	

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<p><i>BHCS Mission, Vision and Values (Cont.)</i></p>	<p><i>property tax collected.</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele related that the State is already taking a portion of county property tax since 1994.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Measure A-sobering/detox, CBO providers' MOE, staffing at CJMH Juvenile Justice Center</i> ▫ <i>Tobacco Master Settlement Funds-Leverage Federal Funds (EPSDT)</i> ▫ <i>Client Fees</i> ▫ <i>Other insurance</i> • <i>Economic Issues impact MH funding directly e.g.:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>County general fund e.g. declining property tax, sales tax revenue, etc.</i> ▫ <i>Realignment-declining state sales tax and vehicle license fee</i> • <i>Overall State Budget Picture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The State addressed a total of \$19.9 billion deficit-\$8.5 billion in reductions; \$4.5 billion in fund shifts or new revenues and \$6.9 billion federal funding. If CA fail to get the \$6.9 billion additional funding from the federal, the Governor is proposing to do a permanent budget reductions e.g.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Divert \$847 mil in MHSA funds to other existing mental health services-this will come from a funding that is not allocated to counties yet and currently held by the state.</i> ▫ <i>Eliminate programs e.g.: CalWorks, IHSS Program, Healthy Families Program, transitional housing, etc</i> ▫ <i>Reduce Medi-Cal eligibility</i> ▫ <i>Implement banked parole for low-risk serious and violent offenders and expand crimes so convicted felons will be serving time in county jail</i> ▫ <i>Increase the number of parolees to be supervised</i> ▪ <i>2 initiatives back on the ballot that require voter approval:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>1st Prop 63-to shift MHSA funds to EPSDT and MH Medi-Cal Managed Care and to amend the non-supplantation and maintenance of effort provisions.</i> ▫ <i>2nd Prop 10 (funds for 0-5 population)-to shift 50% of Prop 10 revenues to state and local accounts, to sweep of state and local reserves and to redirect funds to support children in programs in Social Services and Developmental Services.</i> • <i>BHCS Budget Task Force will start meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd from 3:30pm-6pm and the board was asked to send 5 members. Ms. Elias stated that 3 people expressed interest to attend the budget meeting.</i> 	
<p>Chair Report:</p>	<p><i>Ms. Elias provided an update on MHB's membership: 4 doctors on board, 6 family members and 3 consumers. She believed that the board is moving along very well in terms of having comprehensive representation of the community concerning mental</i></p>	

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<i>Chair Report (Cont.)</i>	<i>health. She stated that if a board member is considering a leadership position toward the end of her term in June, she felt that it's a really good time now to be visible to the board and develop a leadership.</i>	
Committee Reports: <i>Adult Committee</i>	<i>Ms. Friedrich stated that the Adult Committee attendance has continue to increase even on rescheduled meeting due to county holiday; the committee is trying to find a bigger room.</i>	
<i>Children's Advisory Committee (CAC)</i>	<p><i>Jeff Rackmil (Assistant Director of Children Services) distributed the Children Services Strategic Plan and info sheet re: responses to goals and objectives.</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele stated that she would like the board to see the list of goals and objectives that has inputs from providers and suggested to table Mr. Rackmill's presentation to include comments from providers.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sodhi suggested that the board members do a home work to read Children's Strategic Plan to be more engaged when the presentation on the strategic plan continues.</i></p>	
<i>End of Life (EOL)</i>	<i>Ms. Friedrich provided info about conservatorship both LPS and Private and distributed info sheet on Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST). She stated that the End of Life committee is finalizing the recommendations and the final report will be presented to the board.</i>	
<i>Public Awareness Committee (PAC)</i>	<i>Ms. Elias stated that the PAC has been working with FERC to do a morning show at Channel 2 to promote FERC.</i>	
<i>Public Forum Adhoc-Committee</i>	<p><i>Ms. Elias stated that the Public Forum Adhoc Committee would like to have community support and involvement in planning the public forum and they developed an idea of sending letters to agency directors and Alameda County community members to be part of the planning committee. Ms. Elias asked to have an emergency action item for the approval of the letter.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Jones made a motion to have an emergency action item for the approval of the letter pending approval of Sup. Lai-Bitker.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Dulka stated that she abstained because she felt that the letter needs to be rewritten to correct some typos and grammar.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elias stated that a finalized copy of the letter will be send to the board.</i></p>	<p><i>M/S/C Ms. Jones/ Ms. Gifford Ms. Dulka abstained Motion passed</i></p>

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<i>Santa Rita Adhoc-Committee</i>	<p><i>Mr. Greyson stated that they will have their 1st meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11th at 10am at Sup. Steele's office and part of their agenda is to discuss schedule of future meetings.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elias stated that this meeting is primarily for the board members and if anyone is interested to attend to let her or Barry know.</i></p>	
<i>Liaison Report:</i> <i>Alameda County Family Coalition (ACFC)</i>	<i>Ms. Dashiell stated that she would like to do a longer report at another meeting due to time constraint. She stated that they have been offering education to family members and what they are seeking to have for a long time is a provider education for providers to be more aware of the importance of family.</i>	
<i>Discussion Items:</i> <i>Board Training</i>	<p><i>Dr. Thomas would like to have a monthly session with the board to provide comprehensive info about the BHCS Dept. and to give the board an opportunity to ask questions or raise issues, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Hall will be meeting with Dr. Thomas, Mr. Takayanagi (Training Director) and Ms. Elias to discuss training plans for the board training and will ask board members what is the best time for them.</i></p> <p><i>A board member requested to have a more centralized location.</i></p>	
<i>The rest of agenda were tabled.</i>		
<i>Public Comments:</i>	<i>None</i>	
<i>Board Comments:</i>	<i>None</i>	

*Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm
Minutes submitted by Agnes Catolos*