

Alameda County Mental Health Board Minutes
January 11, 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, Sup. Gail Steele, and Patricia Sweetwine

Absent: Dorothy King and Maxine Oliver-Benson

BHCS Staff: Michelle Burns, Agnes Catolos, Barry Hall, Barbara Majak, Carolyn Novosel, Gary Spicer, and Rosa Warder

Public: Dianne Stewart (JGPP), Guy Qvistgaard (JGPP), Dennis Romano (ACCMHA), Steve Bischoff (MHAAC), Joe Rose, Josh Thurman (BOS Chief of Staff) and Michele Wms-Smith

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<u>Public Comment</u>	Mr. Bischoff made an announcement about MHAAC’s Annual Awards Dinner and FERC poster.	
<u>Approval of December 2009 MHB minutes</u>	No corrections were made to the December 2009 MHB minutes.	M/S/C Pat Buchanan/ Laura Mason All favored
<u>Correspondence</u>	Ms. Elias related that the Tri-Valley YMCA is sponsoring Martin Luther King Breakfast on Jan. 25 th , it’s a fundraiser to reach out to community.	
<u>Director’s Report</u>	Ms. Majak provided the following info re: budget on behalf of Dr. Thomas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Realignment fund is reduced by about \$7 mil for Alameda County. ▫ Measure A revenues decreased about 30% which support the sobering detox facility as well as maintenance of effort for CBO’s. ▫ State budget update-a huge challenge at the state level is a projected \$21-23 billion deficit. ▫ Prop 36 funding was eliminated last year in the budget but the mandate is still there, the BHCS Dept. have been able to sustain services this fiscal year through savings, 	

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<i>Director's Report (Cont.)</i>	<p><i>they will soon start working with alcohol and drugs community to look at how to adjust the system in the loss of about \$5 mil Prop 36 funding and they are working with HCSA Director as well to look at the revenue sources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>BHCS Budget Task Force-the MHB was asked to appoint 5 representatives to seat on the budget task force that will start in Feb.</i> 	
<p>Presentation: <i>Alameda County Council of Mental Health Agencies (ACCMHA)</i></p>	<p><i>Dennis Romano provided the following info on ACCMHA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>He works part time as the Executive Director of ACCMHA and prior to this role he worked as an Exec. Director of an agency in San Mateo County.</i> ▪ <i>ACCMHA is an association of 28 mental health agencies under contract with BHCS; the council was established in 1975 with the purpose of improving the quality and cost effectiveness of Alameda County mental health care and to participate in the planning of system services to have a better communication with the county provided mental health services in creating service coordination among all mental health services providers.</i> ▪ <i>Current purposes of ACCMHA:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>To promote the wide availability of diversified mental health services to meet the needs of Alameda County residents</i> ▫ <i>To provide leadership in transforming mental health system to a client and family driven, culturally competent system, and also focus on wellness recovery and resiliency</i> ▫ <i>To advocate for the enhancement and expansion of non-profit community based mental health services in Alameda County</i> ▫ <i>To promote mental health services in community education on mental health issues</i> ▫ <i>To advocate funding for local mental health services</i> ▫ <i>To advocate for mental health to be provided in a least restrictive environments</i> ▫ <i>To provide a forum for sharing resources info and expertise among community agencies.</i> ▪ <i>ACCMHA Exec. Committee meets regularly with BHCS Admin. on a monthly basis to discuss and resolve various issues that come up among non-profit providers and they also talked about how to improve the system.</i> ▪ <i>ACCMHA developed a direct relationship with the Board of Supervisors (BOS), with the County Administrator's Office and HCSA Director to get them understand what roles the non-profit providers play in service provisions. Mr. Romano related that one of the issues that they are addressing with the BOS is the issue of no COLA agreement adjustment to non-profit providers which affects not only their staff salary step schedules but also inability to maintain staff positions current salary levels, fringe benefit packages, office rent increases, utility service increases, etc. unlike</i> 	

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ACCMHA (Cont.)	<p>with county employees when they don't receive cola it only affects salary step schedules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACCMHA members are involved in almost every initiatives of BHCS from vocational services to information technology workgroups and also involve in various committees e.g. OPC, Budget Task Force, etc. ▪ ACCMHA established the following forums: Executive Director's Forum, Clinical Director's Forum and Fiscal Director's Forum. 	
<p><u>Discussion Items:</u> A. MHB Committee Assignments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Public Forum Adhoc Committee-will be chaired by Sheldon Koiles. Mr. Koiles stated that the adhoc committee is consisted of 6 members and they will meet on Wed. as a working session; they want to reach to the community in District 3 to provide education and to be able to share experiences to meet the mission of the board. ▫ Santa Rita Adhoc Committee-will be chaired by Sam Greyson. Mr. Greyson stated that he will be going to visit the Mental Health Court to know what is going on at the jail and how clients are impacted when they experience the jail. He stated that he spoke with Millie Swafford but haven't met with her yet because he wants to get a feel first of what the board is doing. ▫ John George Adhoc Committee-will be chaired by Rochelle Elias. Ms. Elias stated that John George Adhoc Committee will be scheduling meeting time soon to serve as an advocacy group and its committee members will also be attending Adult Committee to become more familiarize with the process. She felt that its important to hear from JG Admin. and staff members what is going on. <p>Ms. Friedrich pointed out there are more committees than there are board members and suggested to combine some of the new committees because she felt that it will be more realistic than having some of the board members serve on 4 or 5 committees.</p> <p>Ms. Elias felt that it's a good idea and suggested may be combining Santa Rita with Juvenile Justice.</p> <p>Sup. Steele responded no, Juvenile Justice and Santa Rita cannot be combined because Juvenile Hall is for kids and Santa Rita is for adults, they are not connected in funding and not connected in administration; Sheriff runs Santa Rita and Probation runs Juvenile Hall; the rules for kids are very different with the rules for adults.</p> <p>Ms. Novosel stated that the programming is different in Juvenile Hall than in Santa Rita.</p>	

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<i>MHB Committee...(Cont.)</i>	<p><i>Sup. Steele felt that if the board will take out a committee it should be the Juvenile Justice since there is an existing group already working on Juvenile Hall issues and stated that if board members are interested, they can come to Huskey Group's meeting every 2nd Wed. of the month at 10am at Sup. Steele's office.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elias stated that she would like to put to a vote as far as moving forward with adhoc committees that were established with the request of board members to be able to address issues that they care for.</i></p>	
<i>B. MHB Agenda Structure</i>	<p><i>Sup. Steele suggested that the MHB Agenda should be in the following order:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Public Comment</i> ▫ <i>Housekeeping</i> ▫ <i>Director's Report</i> ▫ <i>Committee Reports</i> ▫ <i>Action Items</i> ▫ <i>Discussion Items</i> ▫ <i>Informational Presentation</i> ▫ <i>Public Comments</i> ▫ <i>Board Comments</i> <p><i>Ms. Jones suggested giving instructions to people when making public comment to be able to deliver their comments properly and to keep track of what they want to say.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Sweetwine felt that it is important to tell the public what the MHB role is to be very clear on what is the mission and focus of the board.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elias stated that if anyone has any suggestions for the agenda and not able to come to the Executive meeting they can email her or Barry.</i></p>	
Committee Reports: <i>Adult Committee</i>	<i>Ms. Friedrich stated that at the previous Adult Committee meeting JG shared what they accomplished and what they need to work on to solve various problems at JG and she added that they will be prioritizing some of the reports of various agencies.</i>	
<i>Children's Advisory Committee (CAC)</i>	<i>Sup. Steele stated that the CAC talked about the welcoming policy to be adopted for the BHCS entire system.</i>	
<i>End of Life (EOL)</i>	<i>Ms. Friedrich stated that EOL had a presentation at FERC re: LPS and Probate conservatorships. She is hoping to issue a final report within the next 2 months and she added that she will suggest at the Exec. Meeting to have Mr. Nix make a presentation at the MHB meeting.</i>	

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<i>EOL Report (Cont.)</i>	<i>Sup. Steele felt that since EOL presentation is part of the board work, it should not be at the end of the agenda and it should be part of the board discussion. Sup. Steele complimented Mr. Nix for an outstanding job in working with clients about their rights on how to sign health directives.</i>	
<i>Public Awareness Committee (PAC)</i>	<i>Ms. Elias stated that the PAC talked about the RFP for the Stigma and Discrimination.</i>	
<i>Liaison Report:</i> <i>Berkeley Mental Health Commission (BMHC)</i>	<i>Mr. Diehl stated that BMHC is focusing on crisis intervention training for the police officers, the 1st training will take place in March and they are helping clients with advanced directives as well.</i>	
<i>Board Comments:</i>	<p><i>Ms. Elias related that someone asked her if the board could sponsor the candidates forum on mental health and partnering with League of Women’s Voters. She felt that it might be a good way to expand public awareness and to learn more about potential supervisorial candidates position on various mental health issues.</i></p> <p><i>Sup. Steele expressed that if the board will sponsor the candidates forum on mental health they have to be careful not to partner with anybody that endorses a candidate and felt that the board needs to seek advice from a higher authority e.g. county counsel or BHCS admin.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elias stated that she would only do it with the whole board approval.</i></p>	

*Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm
Minutes submitted by Agnes Catolos*