

Alameda County Mental Health Board Minutes
June 14, 2010 ♦ 12:00pm-2:00pm
First 5 Office Suite 130
1100 San Leandro Boulevard
San Leandro, CA 94578

Meeting called to order @ 12:10 by Chair Rochelle Elias

HOUSEKEEPING

Roll Call/Introduction of Guests

Mental Health Board Members:

- Present:** Pat Buchanan, Jeffrey Davidson, Rochelle Elias, Alane Friedrich, Samuel Greyson, Laura Mason, Ravi Sodhi
 Dr. Stephen Post and Kelly O’Lague-Dulka
- Excused:** Sup. Gail Steele
- Absent:** Lisa Gifford, Luvenia Jones, Dorothy King, Patricia Sweetwine, and Sheldon Koiles

BHCS Staff: Agnes Catolos, Barbara Majak, Marye Thomas, MD, and Rosa Warder

Liaison: Margot Dashiell (ACFC)

Public: Joe Rose, Joan Miro, Josh Thurman (BOS-District 1 Office), Guy Qvistgaard (JGPP), Joe Walker, MD (JGPP), Dennis Romano (ACCMHA), Howie The Harp Representatives-Joseph Carter, Jerome Attaway, Jonathan Weeks, Renata Ball and Lavar Brown

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<u>Public Comment</u>	<p>Mr. Brown expressed support of Howie Harp and related how the program helped him.</p> <p>Mr. Carter asked for an update on Howie Harp.</p> <p>Dr. Thomas responded that re: Howie Harp, it’s just the same right now where they were last meeting, the GSA Dept. has made a recommendation that either a lot of renovations has to be done or need to find another location. The BHCS Dept. is still in the process of evaluating the transition needed to make for the clients to ensure the continuity of services during the period of transition.</p>	
<u>Approval of May 2010 MHB minutes</u>	No correction was made to the MHB May 2010 minutes.	M/S/C Pat Buchanan/ Alane Friedrich Motion Passed All Favored

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<u>Correspondence</u>	<i>Ms. Elias stated that she is in the process of finalizing some of the work she has done with PAC and related that she is corresponding with Tri-City Voice in Fremont who is planning to do a newspaper article on the MHB Community Service Awards because one of the awards recipient is from Fremont.</i>	
<u>Director's Report</u>	<p><i>Dr. Thomas provided the following info:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Budget Update: Gov. Schwarzenegger's May revised is really impacting both Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs budget, his proposals include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>To completely eliminate Drug Medi-Cal</i> ▫ <i>To shift over \$500 mil from MH realignment to Social Services</i> ▫ <i>To remove AB 3632 mandate counties and eliminate \$52 mil in state general funds from the program</i> <p><i>Both the Senate and the Assembly voted to reject the Governor's proposals e.g.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>To shift the MH realignment funding</i> ▫ <i>To eliminate Drug Medi-Cal</i> ▫ <i>To suspend the AB3632 mandate and voted to pay counties for past mandate claims owed by the state.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The County Budget Hearing for HCSA is on June 22nd at 9:30am, everyone is welcome to attend. BHCS Budget Task Force will convene 1 more meeting prior to the county budget hearing on Tuesday, June 15th from 4pm to 6pm.</i> ▪ <i>Innovation Funding Update: Ms. Majak stated that Innovation Project will have a grant system for about 1 year to 1½ year; it can be for any projects that never been done before where there can be a learning component, this approach has been approved by the state. The BHCS Dept. is starting to set up the logistics for Innovation Project but they don't want to move forward too quickly because innovation dollars at the state level are the most at risk if the Governor or the legislators decide to borrow some of the MHSA funds. The Dept. is carefully watching what happens in Sacramento to make sure that there is money to roll out and implement innovation projects.</i> <p><i>Dr. Thomas related that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>The HCSA has approached several foundations to administer the innovation funding because they are accustomed to do the granting activity.</i> 2) <i>Innovation Project will provide a real opportunity for groups who may not have been included in the guidelines for the other components of MHSA and it will provide some learning opportunities.</i> 	
<u>Liaison Reports:</u> <i>Measure A</i>	<i>Dr. Post stated that Measure A Committee did not meet and that they are preparing the 2 year review report.</i>	

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<i>Alameda County Family Coalition (ACFC)</i>	<i>Ms. Dashiell addressed the importance of family and providers education.</i>	
Chair Report:	<i>Ms. Elias stated that she is still working on the MHB annual report, she has gotten reports from Mr. Koiles and Mr. Greyson and still waiting for reports from End of Life and Adult Committee. Ms. Elias stated that she has been the MHB Chair for the last 3 years and expressed that it has been a real privileged to serve as the chair and she extended her gratitude to everyone including MHB Members and BHCS Admin.</i>	
Committee Reports: <i>Adult Committee</i>	<i>Ms. Friedrich stated that the minutes from the last Adult Committee meeting will be emailed to MHB members, the next meeting will be on June 21st in Alameda Room.</i>	
<i>Children Advisory Committee (CAC)</i>	<i>No report given.</i>	
<i>Public Forum</i>	<i>Ms. Elias stated that the Public Forum was delayed until the new fiscal year and they are now starting their planning process for the public forum.</i>	
<i>Santa Rita Adhoc-Committee</i>	<i>Mr. Greyson stated that there were 3 attendees at their last meeting and the next meeting will be on Thursday, July 1st at Sup. Steele's office. He stated that they want to be put on the MHB July agenda re: a study that Sup. Steele has been thinking about for a long time, they will try to write up an outline of the study and they would like the board to consider approving it.</i>	
<i>Election: MHB Slate of Officers</i>	<p><i>Mr. Sodhi (Chair of the Nomination Committee) conducted the meeting while the election was being held. The other MHB members who were part of the Nomination Committee were: Patricia Sweetwine, Laura Mason, Luvenia Jones, Stephen Post and Sam Greyson.</i></p> <p><i>Nominees for MHB Slate of Officers FY 10/11 were:</i> <i>Chair- Lisa Gifford-</i> <i>Vice-Chair -Alane Friedrich and Kelly O'Lague-Dulka</i> <i>Secretary-Luvenia Jones</i></p> <p><i>Additional nomination from the floor:</i> <i>Secretary-Alane Friedrich</i></p> <p><i>The results of the MHB election were:</i> <i>Chair-Lisa Gifford</i> <i>Vice-Chair-Kelly O'Lague-Dulka</i> <i>Secretary-Alane Friedrich</i></p>	<i>Mr. Sodhi asked for any additional nominations from the floor.</i>
Discussion Items: <i>A. MHB Community Service Awards Recap</i>	<i>Ms. Elias stated that the MHB Community Service Awards was a good experience for the MHB members who came and there were a lot of good nominees honored this year. She related that Alex Briscoe (HCSA Director) came and did the opening remarks.</i>	

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<i>MHB Community Service Awards Recap (Cont.)</i>	<p><i>Ms. Friedrich stated that Barry Hall has really upgraded the event compare to previous awards banquet, having the nominator now come and talk about the nominee was done so much better and the person receiving the award really feels proud to get the award. It's very inspiring.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Thomas stated that it was a privileged to see the three MHB members who served as the Chair, it was interesting to reflect on the 3 eras of the awards ceremony as Alane started it, Marsha continued it and Rochelle did the last 3 years. It was a very uplifting event having FERC talk about family perspective and having the individuals helped by the FERC were very inspiring. Dr. Thomas commended Ms. Elias for a successful event.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elias would like to acknowledged publicly Barry Hall, he is the reason why the awards banquet is so successful every year, he spent a lot of time dealing with her most little details to ensure that the event comes up the way it did. She expressed gratitude for all the support that Barry provided to her.</i></p>	
Public Comments:	<p><i>Ms. Miro addressed the inability of parents to get info. and the difficulty of getting conflicting info.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Thomas offered to speak with Ms. Miro concerning her issues after the meeting. She stated that Ms. Miro mentioned issues that are probably the two biggest problems the system is facing, 1st Medi-Medi (Medicare and Medi-Cal) is really confusing that gets people caught between systems and it gets more complicated when the Alliance is the managed care provider and 2nd communication gap among systems.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Majak added that the BHCS is a managed care company for Medi-Cal beneficiaries but not for Medi-Medi.</i></p>	

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