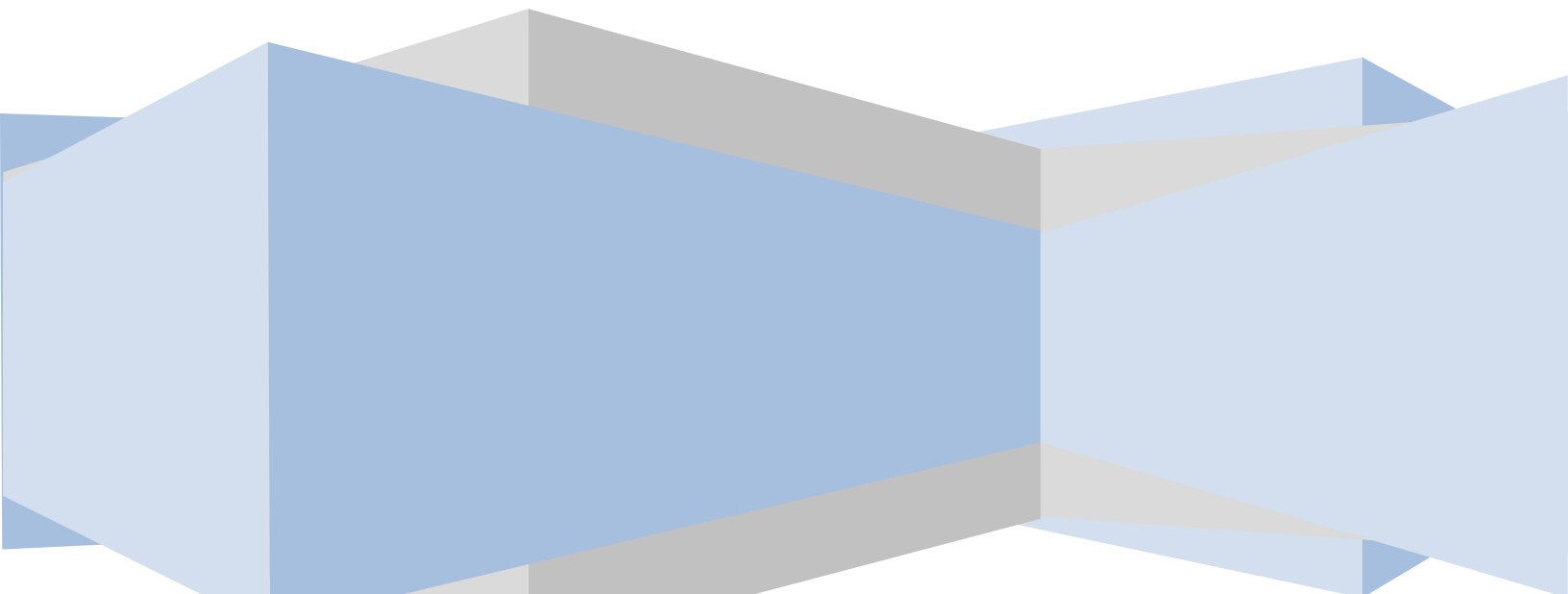




RIVERSIDE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2015
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm



BHC MEETING ATTENDANCE

JULY 1, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT	
Beatriz Gonzalez, District 4	Julie Crouch, District 2
Carole Schaudt, District 4	Opal Hellweg, District 3
Christina Torres, District 5	Richard Divine, District 4
Daryl Terrell, District 5	Rick Gentillalli, District 3
Eric Keen, District 1	Victoria St. Johns, District 4
Greg Damewood, District 5	Walter Haessler, District 1
James Stuart, District 4	Jerry Wengerd, Director

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	
Georgia Smith, District 2	

OTHERS PRESENT	
Glenis Ulloa, Parent Support Program	Maritza Garcia, Celebrate Recovery Speaker
James Lucero, Guest	Jason Farin, BOS District 2
Nichol Sheffield, Pacific Grove Hospital	Kathryn Mauro, Western Regional Board
Stephen Cromwell, Guest	Ric Riccardi, Western Regional Board
May Farr, NAMI	Leonel Contreras, Provider
Sheri Parker, Mental Health/ New Life	Kim Trone, RCRMC
Brian Tisdale, BOS District 3	Darwin Neidlinger, Substance Use Administration
Sheila Hunt, Pacific Grove Hospital	Rhyan Miller, Substance Use Administration
Tiffany Keeler, ROC/ RIC	Robin Reid, BOS District 1
Tony Ortego, Older Adults Program	Deborah Pagliuso, High Road Program
Angela Ingrisano, RCDMH Administrator	Michelle DeArmond, BOS District 4
Steve Steinberg, RCDMH Assistant Director	Brenda Scott, NAMI
Shannon McCleerey-Hooper, Consumer Affairs Program	Laurence Gonzaga, IEHP
Maria Mabey, RCDMH Assistant Director	Ryan Quist, Quality Improvement
Bill Brenneman, MHSA Administrator	Sharon Lee, MHSA Administration
Joe Zamora, RCDMH Deputy Director	

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Richard Divine called the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Commission members and the public made self-introductions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson Mr. Divine commented on last month's "very passionate" discussions and stated that Commissioners will "tone it down" during this meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Christina Torres announced her resignation from the Behavioral Health Commission. Various members were surprised and disappointed by her resignation as she will be greatly missed.

PUBLIC REMARKS

Brenda Scott distributed flyers for NAMI's Mental Health Minority Awareness Month event to be held in Perris later this month. The event will be presented in both English and Spanish. Ms. Scott announced that the Mexican Consulate will be attending the event along with other dignitaries. There will be free blood pressure and dental checks, various activities for children, and numerous vendors onsite to provide resource information for different services available within the community. They are hoping to have resource information for Substance Use services at the event and are still seeking program administrators and/or service providers to attend.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Glenis Ulloa from Parent Support and Training introduced Maritza Garcia as this month's Celebrate Recovery speaker. Ms. Ulloa works with Pathways to Wellness and Child Protective Services (CPS) cases. Ms. Garcia participated in two of their programs – Educate, Equip and Support Program (EES) and Positive Parenting Program (Triple P). Ms. Garcia has four children and before starting the classes, she struggled parenting her children. After completing the classes, she learned a great deal about how to parent a child with mental illness. Ms. Garcia's 10-year-old daughter is diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She is currently receiving therapy and Ms. Garcia participated in parenting classes that helped her understand the condition and how to effectively parent a child that is diagnosed with ADHD.

Ms. Garcia noted that while she has benefited a great deal from the programs, transportation is an issue not only for her, but for others who could also benefit from these programs. Ms. Garcia made a recommendation to the Commission that a transportation system for consumers be given some thought. Ms. Garcia stated that she and many others only have one vehicle in their household and rely on their husbands getting home from work so they can attend the classes, which doesn't always coincide with the program's schedules. Also, there are not enough bus stops near the clinics or they are too far away from the location of the program. Ms. Garcia noted that it is difficult for many families to participate in the programs available due to lack of proper transportation, and as a result discourages a number of families. It would also benefit the families if there were weekend courses available as well as more Spanish speaking facilitators/instructors.

In closing, Ms. Garcia thanked Ms. Ulloa for her efforts, without which she probably would have lost custody of her children. Various members of the Commission congratulated Ms. Garcia on her success with the program and wished her well in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS/ COMMISSION (CALMHB/C) UPDATE: Julie Crouch attended the CALMHB/C meeting in June and stated that their annual election was held. Elected members are: Larry Gasko from Los Angeles as President, David Wood from Tulare as First Vice President, Ms. Crouch as Second Vice President, Mae Sherman from Lassen as Secretary, and Beryl Nielsen from Napa as Treasurer.

Ms. Crouch reported that despite the increase in dues, 41 counties have paid their dues. Some of the funds are being utilized to update the website and a Facebook page has been established. They are also planning to change the name of the organization to reflect the "behavioral health" designation that the State is moving toward.

2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE PROGRAM/ 2015 SPRING EVENT: Carole Schaudt gave a brief update on the event and stated that the event was organized, informative, and well attended. Ms. Schaudt also updated the Commission on the Mental Health Summit that took place in April. Ms. Schaudt stated that the Summit incorporated every aspect of Mental Health to educate and inform the attendees. Various organizations and service providers attended the Summit to provide information and resources regarding services available within the County. Ms. Schaudt noted that James Grisham did a fantastic job.

3. DATA NOTEBOOK: MHSA Administrator, Bill Brenneman, explained that the Data Notebook was developed by the California Mental Health Planning Council. Each county throughout the State are tasked with gathering records and creating individualized reports, which are then reviewed in comparison to National and State statistics. The data in the notebook was compiled by the Research and Technology Program Manager, Ryan Quist, and staff. The completed Data Notebook was brought forth before the Commission for review and approval prior to submitting to the Planning Council.

Greg Damewood inquired about the 56% "Unmet Need" statistic on page 16. Mr. Quist clarified that it is a national statistic and is not a reflection of Riverside County. Mr. Quist continued that the numbers were generated by the California Mental Health Planning Council and sent to the individual counties to help educate and raise awareness regarding State and National records. Mr. Damewood and Walter Haessler requested a report that illustrates Riverside County's unmet need population and other service trends. Mr. Quist stated that a report will be provided at the September meeting.

Julie Crouch noted some minor grammatical errors in the report and informed Mr. Quist and Mr. Brenneman regarding changes.

Mr. Damewood moved to approve the Data Notebook with the noted changes, Opal Hellweg seconded the motion, all were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

4. TERM LIMITS: County Counsel required a vote by the Commission approving the extension of previous Mental Health Board members terms by 6 months to comply with Board of Supervisors Policy A-21. This action is required prior to submitting for approval to the Board of Supervisors. Christina Torres moved to approve the extension of terms by 6 months for previous Mental Health Board members, James Stuart seconded the motion, all were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

In addition, Georgia Ann Smith's membership was called into question due to excessive absences. The BHC Liaison informed the Commission that Ms. Smith submitted a doctor's note extending her leave until September and stated she may be able to return in October. The Commission decided to place Ms. Smith on a Medical Leave until October.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY 15/16 NOMINATING COMMITTEE/ ELECTION: Tori St. Johns, Opal Hellweg, Eric Keen, Daryl Terrell, and Walter Haessler volunteered to remove themselves from the election. A ballot was distributed to the Commission members and votes were taken. The results of the election were announced at the end of the meeting and were as follows: Richard Divine, Chair; Rick Gentillalli, Vice Chair; and Julie Crouch, Secretary.
2. MHSA UPDATE: Mr. Brenneman announced that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Committee (MHSOAC) will be hosting a Community Forum on August 13 from 1:30 to 6:30 in Temecula. The Department has been asked to provide resources and snacks at the event. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be resource tables for general services, Consumer Affairs, Family Advocate, Prevention and Early Intervention. An event flyer was distributed to all members of the Commission and provided to the public.

The Department is submitting a Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Innovation project to the MHSOAC that has been under development for a year. It is a project that stemmed from the MHSA 3-Year Program and Expenditure Plan and continued to develop through the Annual Update process. The document is being finalized and will be submitted for approval in August.

Peer Employment Training will begin focusing more attention on the TAY population, which will allow them to be eligible to work or intern at the TAY Drop-In Center. The Center will also have a first episode psychosis program, which may be implemented in all three regions.

The MHSA Annual Plan Update for FY 15/16 was finalized and distributed among Commission members. Mr. Brenneman stated that the document was being routed to the Board of Supervisors with a possible Board approval date of July 21. Once adopted by the BOS, the MHSA Annual Update will be submitted to MHSOAC.

3. SUBSTANCE USE UPDATE: Rhyann Miller introduced the new AB109 Administrator, Sheri Parker. Ms. Parker has been with the Department for 16 years. She first began at the Blaine Clinic and later transitioned to the CalWorks program where she worked for 13 years, and has been a Mental Health Services Supervisor for the past three years. Ms. Parker is now in charge of the AB109 program and will be overseeing the AB109 supervisors in all three regions.

Mr. Miller announced that clinics in Banning, Desert Hot Springs, and Lake Elsinore received their certification for Substance Use specific services. They will begin recruitment for positions in those clinics and will be delivering services in the coming weeks.

Mr. Miller stated that they have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) three weeks earlier for much needed adolescent services. This RFP is not solely for adolescent services, but also includes adult, residential, and prenatal services. The Department will have an opportunity to select providers to contract for these services once the submissions are received and reviewed. This process will take approximately 3-5 months.

Another adolescent treatment service that is currently being developed is integration within our schools. Will Harris and Mr. Miller are in discussion with Perris and San Jacinto School Districts about implementing prevention and treatment services in high schools, middle schools, and continuation schools. They are also considering having an offsite location for students who would feel more comfortable accessing services outside of their school.

Lastly, Mr. Miller provided an update on the MediCal Waiver. Executive Management has been notified that the Waiver Plan will be finalized by Friday, August 7 and will be ready for review on Monday, August 10.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jerry Wengerd provided a brief update on the 5150 crisis. It is an ongoing issue and there are several avenues being considered to alleviate the hospital's overwhelming number of admitted 5150 individuals. The Department hopes to have more public and private hospitals contracted to help assist with the issue by having beds available. The law enforcement and hospital teams have also been under development. Recruitments have been completed for each region and teams should be fully operational within the next month.

Mr. Wengerd announced that in September, the newly organized Riverside University Health System will have its unveiling. The Department is holding three events at different locations on different days. Dates and times are to be announced. The events will have a great deal of media attention, which will give the Department the platform to introduce the new system and our various services.

The Department has been working on a MediCal Waiver that includes the Drug and Alcohol System reform. This waiver requires renewal every two to five years depending upon the number of years for which we are approved. California typically only receives a two-year approval, thus requiring a renewal every two years. Mr. Wengerd noted that due to the hard work and amount of input from the various counties and Sacramento, California received its first five-year approval in years. This new development paves the way for a whole new drug and alcohol system of care and delivery of services.

Dr. Jerry Dennis announced his retirement two weeks earlier and his retirement will be a great loss for the Department, as he was instrumental in reforming the hospital system. Mr. Wengerd stated that the system was a disaster when Dr. Dennis first arrived, but Dr. Dennis' hands-on approach turned things around. One of the most notable changes made by Dr. Dennis is our recruiting system. The hiring of physicians was originally handled by the County's Human Resources Department. Dr. Dennis believed that recruiting physicians required a physician, so the task was taken from HR and assigned to the hospital. Dr. Dennis currently has twelve new psychiatrists going through the hiring process; most of whom have start dates. Mr. Wengerd stated that this is a process he hopes to continue long after Dr. Dennis retires. Mr. Wengerd added that they are currently working on finding his replacement and Dr. Dennis will be involved in the process.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. DESERT REGIONAL BOARD (DRB): Mr. Divine reported that at the June DRB meeting, the Board reviewed the Art Show and schedule for picking up the proclamations. The Art Show was a great success. It had the largest turnout in years – approximately 260 people attended the event. A big thanks goes out to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for allowing them to use the space for the Art Show.
2. MID-COUNTY REGIONAL BOARD (MCRB): Dr. Haessler noted that membership has gone up to six and their meetings have had good attendance. In May, they held their first regional May is Mental Health Month event in Perris. It was much like the Live Life Well event in Riverside, but on a much smaller scale. Kimberly McElroy and Gloria Williams participated in the coordinating the event.
3. WESTERN REGIONAL BOARD (WRB): Mr. Damewood stated that they are experiencing challenges with membership. Currently, there are only five members on the Western Regional Board. The Live Life Well event in Riverside was attended by himself and Kathryn Mauro.
4. ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE COMMITTEE (ASOC): Ms. Schaudt stated that membership is also an issue for the Committee. Kathy Mauro is currently serving as interim Chair in Georgia Smith's absence. Applications are available for those interested in applying. ASOC is a hard-working group and have worked with RTA to help resolve the ongoing transportation issues that is

occurring throughout the County. They are discussing the possibility of implementing teleconferencing ASOC meetings, so those interested in joining or participating in the meetings from the Desert Region may do so. They are also working on their portion of the Annual Report and will submit it next month.

5. CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE: Ms. Crouch stated that included in the meeting packet is a flyer for the Backpack Drive for the upcoming school year. Information regarding materials needed and where to drop them off is detailed in the flyer. Ms. Crouch reported that at their last meeting they had a presentation for competency protocols. Lastly, Ms. Crouch stated that they are in the process of completing their annual report for submittal to the BHC Liaison.
6. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CJC): Mr. Damewood stated that they are continuously reviewing AB109 and other issues affecting services. Minutes of the last meeting will be submitted for review. Mr. Damewood announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14. For those interested in attending they may contact him or the BHC Liaison.
7. OLDER ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE (OASOC): Mr. Riccardi announced that Tyler Village will be moving to Rustin. A more detailed report will be submitted to the Commission at the September meeting.
8. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (QIC): Ms. Torres reported that healthcare integration referrals and health screenings are increasing. They are working on having lab orders reviewed by psychiatrists. Ms. Torres encouraged members and the public to attend and participate in the QIC Committee as they provide information regarding temporary conservatorship, patient's rights, foster care, and many other areas of interest.
9. VETERAN'S COMMITTEE: Dr. Haessler and Ms. Hellweg announced that on Thursday, July 2 there will be a Concert for Heroes held at the Riverside National Cemetery at 7 pm. The Riverside Philharmonic will be performing classical music with a patriotic theme in honor of our veterans and those currently serving in our military. The event is sponsored by Riverside County Board of Supervisors and is free and open to the public.

The Committee is also having some membership issues, however, attendance seems to be growing. Intake forms that veterans complete are being gathered and prepared to be entered into ELMR. Dr. Haessler stated that this is not a mandatory field for intake; if this is skipped, veteran clients are not offered all the appropriate programs and/or services available to them. The Department is also looking into hiring a new Veteran's Liaison, which will be a clinical position. There is strong potential with a Navy Veteran candidate currently in the process of completing their clinical work.

ADJOURN

James Stuart moved to adjourn the meeting, Christina Torres seconded the motion, all were in favor, none opposed, and the meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Maria Roman

Julie Crouch, BHC Secretary

Maria Roman, Recording Secretary

2015 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

MEMBERS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Beatriz Gonzalez, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Carole Schaudt, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Christina Torres, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Daryl Terrell, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eric Keen, District 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓			
Georgia Smith, District 2	✓	✓	A	A	A	A	A (ML)			
Greg Damewood, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
James Stuart, District 4	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Julie Crouch, District 1	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓			
Opal Hellweg, District 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Richard Divine, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rick Gentillalli, District 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Victoria St. Johns, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Walter Haessler, District 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

Present = ✓
Absent = A

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