

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION



Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2017
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

BHC MEETING ATTENDANCE

JUNE 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT	
Richard Divine, District 4, <i>Chair</i>	Jason Farin, BOS Representative
Ric Riccardi, District 5, <i>Secretary</i>	Carole Schaudt, District 4
Greg Damewood, District 5	Brenda Scott, District 3
Walter Haessler, District 1	Daryl Terrell, District 5
Victoria St. Johns, District 4	Rick Gentillalli, District 3, <i>Vice Chair</i>

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	
April Jones, District 3	Beatriz Gonzalez, District 4
Dildar Ahmad, District 1	George Middle, District 2

OTHERS PRESENT	
David Godinez, RUHS-BH	Greg Rodriguez, BOS Representative, 4 th District
Brian Betz, RUHS-BH	Angela Igrisan, RUHS-BH
David Schoelen, RUHS-BH	Lorie Lacey-Payne, RUHS-BH
Diana Brown, RUHS-BH	Claudia Smith, RUHS-BH
Deborah Johnson, RUHS-BH	Rhyan Miller, RUHS-BH
Rita Bendlin, Guest	Fred Smith, Guest
Georgia Smith, Guest	Toni Orona, RUHS-BH
Maria Arnold, RUHS-BH	Leo Mendez, Guest
Matthew Green, Guest	Sarah Rodriguez, BOS Representative
Brian Tisdale, BOS Representative, 3 rd District	Ashley Fuller, BOS Representative, 2 nd District
Jessica Robinson, Guest	Rick Algarin, RUHS-BH
Jim Hill, RUHS-BH	Sheri Parker, Guest
John Daniel, Guest	Kevin Booker, RUHS-BH
Deborah Pagliuso, Provider	Richard Bolter, RUHS-BH
Nat Tollefson, RUHS-BH	Heidi Gomez, RUHS-BH
Kristen Duffy, RUHS-BH	Araceli Ruiz, RUHS-BH
Dawn Gordon, Guest	Ron Hoffman, Provider
Joe Gonzalez, Guest	Verdana Thomas, Guest
Heidi Chester, Guest	John McCue, NAMI
May Farr, NAMI	Sharon Lee, RUHS-BH
Icy Gibson, Guest	Randy Gator, Guest
Timothy Moore, Guest	Chris Murillo, Guest
Karen Hudson, Guest	Robyn Kelley, Guest
Pierre Scott, RUHS-BH	Diana Griffis, RUHS-BH
Laurence Gonzaga, IEHP	Steve Steinberg, RUHS-BH Director
Bill Brenneman, RUHS-BH	Brian Nestande, Executive Office
Sundae Sayles, BOS Representative	Maureen Dopson, RUHS-BH
Ish Bribiesca, Guest	Tony Ortego, RUHS-BH
Sylvia Aguirre-Aguilar	Francisco X. Meneses, Guest
Mesha Hale, RUHS-BH	Lynne Brockmeier, RUHS-BH
Pedro Arciniega, RUHS-BH	Kim McElroy, RUHS-BH
Vicki Rodriguez, RUHS-BH	Lori Allhouse, Guest
Randy Nater, Guest	

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 – None

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS – Jason Farin announced two upcoming County events – Homeless Pets & Combat Vets and the 4th Annual Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Symposium. The Homeless Pets & Combat Vets will be held on Saturday, June 10 at Western Riverside County Animal Shelter from 11:00 – 4:00 pm; all proceeds will go toward benefitting military veterans. The 4th Annual Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Symposium will be held on Wednesday, June 28, at the Riverside Convention Center. Flyers were available for more information.

PUBLIC REMARKS – Georgia Smith announced the passing of Joann Martin. Ms. Martin was the head of the Depression and Bipolar Support and Alliance (DBSA) and has been a big supporter of the Department. A memorial will be held at 1628 Whispering Spur Street, Riverside, on Saturday, June 24, at 2:00 pm. For more information, please contact Georgia Smith at (951) 352-1634.

Dana Thomas expressed her concern regarding the Department not adhering to AB1424 and as a result her son has been struggling.

May Farr announced the California Mental Health Planning Council will hold their quarterly meetings from June 14-16 at the Atrium Hotel in Irvine. In conjunction with the Planning Council meeting, the California Association for Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C) will be holding their Southern Regional and Annual meetings from June 15-17 also at the Atrium Hotel in Irvine. On Saturday, June 18, the CALBHB/C will be holding a training at the Atrium Hotel and all Commission members are invited to attend.

Brenda Scott announced that NAMI Mt. San Jacinto is holding a National Minority Mental Health Awareness Event on Thursday, June 22. Flyers were available for more information. A Family-to-Family class is available on Wednesday, June 21; and the Annual NAMI Walk will be held on Saturday, October 28, at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet. Deborah Johnson and her team will be recognized for a Veterans Award in August during the NAMI State Conference, which will be held in Irvine.

Kristen Duffy announced that the Recovery Happens Event will be held on Friday, September 15, at Fairmount Park. Save the Date flyers were available for more information.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Tori St. Johns noted an error on page 4 of 6 under Children's Committee – report was given by her, not Ms. Johnson. The Commission accepted the minutes as noted.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Maria Arnold from Parent Support and Training introduced this month's Celebrate Recovery Speaker, Matthew Green. Matthew is 21 years old and is diagnosed with Bipolar I and Schizophrenia, also known as Schizoaffective Disorder. In 2014, Matthew's father enrolled him in the Department's Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program. Prior to Matthew's enrollment, he was homeless and struggled tremendously to manage his diagnosis. Matthew was in and out of Emergency Treatment Service (ETS) and Inpatient Treatment Facility (ITF) for several years. After enrolling in TAY, he was placed in a board and care facility to get him off the streets and help him manage his symptoms and medication. Once Matthew completed his stay, the TAY program helped him set-up his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and register for other programs that helped him continue to manage his diagnosis and medication. Through the TAY program, Matthew learned appropriate coping skills, how to self-advocate and become more independent. Matthew is thankful to have been enrolled in the program as he never thought he would ever recover. He now takes his medications regularly and is looking forward to obtain his GED and pursue a Peer Support position in the Department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DIRECTING CHANGE EVENT UPDATE: Prevention and Early Intervention Manager, Diana Brown, introduced Staff Development Officers Diana Griffis and Pierre Scott, the coordinators of the Directing Change Event. The Directing Change Event is a program and competition that works with young adults. The

Department works in conjunction with high schools, colleges, and other TAY organizations to address suicide prevention and reduce the stigma of mental health. This year's Directing Change Event was held on May 4 at the Fox Theatre in downtown Riverside. The program received 125 submissions with over 250 participants; 100 more submissions from the previous year. Diana Griffis reported that the program's participants were recognized at the state level and received several awards for their short films. A video was shared showcasing this year's event and winning films.

This coming year, Ms. Griffis and Mr. Scott plan to take the program on a new direction by offering workshops that will teach the youth the signs and symptoms of mental health and suicide prevention. They will also provide technical assistance to the participants to help the students improve upon their story telling through their PSA's (public service announcements).

2. MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH EVENT UPDATE: Lorie Lacey-Payne provided an update on the May is Mental Health Month Fair held at Fairmount Park on Thursday, May 25. There were approximately 80 vendors at the event providing various resources and services. Cal Baptist University's Physician Assistant Program and Riverside Community College's Nursing Program provided health services to approximately 90 attendees. The HIV testing van gave tickets to those interested in getting tested in their clinic. Mayor Rusty Bailey and Department Director, Steve Steinberg were also in attendance and gave a small speech welcoming the community and promoting mental health awareness and stigma reduction. Rick Gentillalli from the BHC presented the Advocate of the Year Award to Mid-County Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Kimberly McElroy. Ms. Lacey-Payne estimated that there were approximately 1,500 people that attended the event as they typically calculate the number of attendees by counting the number of hot dogs served; this year's event served all 1,500 hot dogs prepared for the event. Tony Orona volunteered as the photographer and put together a video showcasing photos from the Fair, which he shared during the meeting.
3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Votes were cast by Commissioners and submitted to the Liaison for counting. Walter Haessler and Daryl Terrell asked to be removed from floor nominations.
4. APPOINT ADHOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ACEs: Appointed members are: Rick Gentillalli, Brenda Scott, and April Jones.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT UPDATE: David Schoelen reported that the Public Hearings and review period for the MHSA 3-Year Program & Expenditure Plan FY17/18 – FY19/20 is now completed. Mr. Schoelen thanked Richard Divine and other Commissioners who participated and helped host the Public Hearings and responded to the comments and feedback from the public. They have reviewed and addressed the feedback from the public and the Plan is now ready for the Commission to vote on for approval to submit to the Board of Supervisors. Richard Divine moved to approve the MHSA 3-Year Program & Expenditure Plan FY17/18 – FY19/20; Daryl Terrell seconded the motion; all were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.
2. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & TREATMENT PROGRAM UPDATE: Rhyan Miller reported that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) will be visiting in July to evaluate the Department's fully implemented Waiver Services. They will be meeting with several clinical staff, contract provider staff, peers, consumers, and Executive Management. Mr. Miller requested a member from the Commission to join Executive Management in their meeting with DHCS and CMS as a representative of the BHC; Tori St. Johns volunteered.

Mr. Miller addressed the newspaper articles regarding the controversy surrounding substance abuse rehabilitation centers in the community. Mr. Miller noted that the providers mentioned in the article are not part of the Department's system of care. The Department is not associated and has no oversight of the programs referenced in the newspaper articles. Providers contracted by the Department follow much stricter guidelines and requirements than those mentioned in the article. In comparison to state standards, requirements to become a contract provider for the County are nearly doubled. The state requires providers to have a Drug MediCal certification; the Department takes it a step further by not only requiring a Drug MediCal certification, but also an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Certification. The state's requirement for

quality assurance is one onsite evaluation per year; the Department performs onsite evaluations once every quarter (4 times a year), drop-in evaluations, and any additional investigations if necessary. The Department also provides ongoing in-service trainings to assure that providers are compliant with our regulations.

Since the Department is fully engaged in the Drug MediCal Waiver, Riverside County follows a different set of rules, one of which is “selective contracting.” Selective contracting gives Riverside County the responsibility and ability to keep fraudulent or predatory providers from circumventing the system and getting certification through the state after they have been denied by the County to set-up their rehab center. Previous to the Waiver, if providers did not meet County standards, they were able to bypass the County and go directly to the state and receive Drug MediCal contracts to provide services with the County. After the implementation of the Waiver services on February 1, if a provider does not meet the standards and minimum qualifications set forth by the County, that provider will not be able to go to the state to get certified and they will not be permitted to establish and provide services within Riverside County.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Steve Steinberg reported on changes in leadership at the Executive Office. Jay Orr will no longer be retiring in August; instead he will be retiring the week following the BHC meeting. The BOS has appointed George Johnson as Mr. Orr's replacement. Mr. Steinberg noted that George Johnson is a big supporter of the Department as was Mr. Orr was. The Department can expect the same level of support from Mr. Johnson, as was provided by Mr. Orr.

The BOS has also appointed a new Supervisor for District 4 – Supervisor Manuel Perez. Mr. Steinberg reported that he was in attendance when Supervisor Perez was sworn in and was surprised and delighted to hear Supervisor Perez speech. Supervisor Perez spoke about the issues surrounding the disparate funding in the County's Behavioral Health system compared to other counties.

Mr. Steinberg reported that the Department was currently celebrating RUHS Week. RUHS Week is a celebration recognizing the Department's staff for their efforts and hard work in continuing to develop our health system and providing excellent care and service to the community.

Mr. Steinberg gave a brief report on IHSS funding and how it can impact the Department's budget. Currently, counties are negotiating with the governor on how to implement this change as it will have a significant impact on everyone's budget. Specifically, Riverside County will be impacted between \$500,000 – 1,000,000 a year. This will be in conjunction with the realignment budget issue the Department is currently experiencing. The governor approved a “phase-in” approach that will allow the Department to utilize the funds to cover the Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) costs, which increase yearly. IMD has agreed to freeze the rates for the next 5 years as the changes are phased-in.

LEGISLATION ADVOCACY – Brian Nestande from the Executive Office gave a brief introduction and a presentation on his duties as the Deputy County Executive Officer. He began his professional career in Washington, DC from 1994-2000 working for members of Congress and then later moved to Riverside County's Desert Region where he worked in a government affairs firm. In 2008, he ran for State Assembly and served for 6 years. In 2014, he came to Riverside County and became the Deputy County Executive Officer. Mr. Nestande is mainly in charge of the County's legislative affairs. Every year during the fall season, he works on a legislative platform for the County. This process requires gathering information from every County department and agency to determine what their legislative priorities are for the following year. This information is then compiled into a report that is submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Once approved, Mr. Nestande and his team use the information for legislative advocacy. Riverside County has lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington DC. In Sacramento, the County's firm is Hurst, Brooks, Espinosa. Hurst, Brooks, Espinosa is a firm of three women, each with 15+ years experience working for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). They have great institutional knowledge of counties and their needs. In Washington, DC, the County's firm is Kadesh and Associates. The two primary Kadesh and Associates principals in charge of Riverside County's legislative platform have worked for Senator Dianne Feinstein and local Congressman Ken Calvert.

Mr. Nestande noted that the biggest legislative issue that he and the firms are working on is the lack of equity in the distribution of funds from the state. This began long before the 1991 Realignment. In the 1980's, Proposition 13 limited the amount of money for local governments in an effort to even out funding for schools, healthcare, etc. After Proposition 13 passed, AB8 was passed to establish a formula and determine the funding base for each

county. The formula only accounted for inflation – not for population, which is where Riverside County's disadvantage originated. In the 1980's, Riverside was a rural county with a small population. Riverside County experienced a population boom over two decades, which the base formula does not take into account for. In 2011, Mr. Steinberg raised the issue and voted against the application of the same realignment formula being utilized and implemented in the distribution of funds for Riverside County. Unfortunately, the realignment legislation still passed due to the other 57 Mental Health Directors who voted to pass it. These Directors knew that by voting against the legislation with Mr. Steinberg, it would negatively impact their own funding if the formula was readjusted to take into account population growth. Mr. Nestande noted that this is RUHS-BH's biggest legislative issue and that the only other option to try and reverse this would be to sue, which may be the County's last resort.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

MID-COUNTY REGIONAL BOARD: Walter Haessler reported that Kimberly McElroy, Chair of the Mid-County Regional Behavioral Health Advisory Board, received the Advocate of the Year Award at the May is Mental Health Month Fair at Fairmount Park on May 25.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE: Tori St. Johns reported that she attended the CHMACY Conference where Angela Igrisan accepted an award on behalf of the Department for TAY services and training.

ELECTION RESULTS: For FY17/18, the BHC Officers will be: Ric Riccardi - Secretary; Richard Divine - Vice Chair; and Rick Gentillalli - Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Tori St. Johns would like to have a discussion on Site Visits and Greg Damewood would like to discuss the possibility of members also serving in the Regional Boards.

ADJOURN: The Behavioral Health Commission meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Maria Roman

Ric Riccardi, BHC Secretary
Maria Roman, Recording Secretary

FY 2016/17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

MEMBERS	JUL	SEP	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
April Jones, District 3								✓	✓	A
Beatriz Gonzalez, District 4	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A
Brenda Scott, District 3								✓	✓	✓
Carole Schaudt, District 4	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Daryl Terrell, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Dildar Ahmad, District 1					A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
George Middle, District 2 (<i>Redist. 5</i>)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Greg Damewood, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jason Farin, District 2	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓
Ric Riccardi, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard Divine, District 2 (<i>Redist. 4</i>)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rick Gentillalli, District 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Victoria St. Johns, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walter Haessler, District 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Present = ✓
 Absent = A
 Medical Leave = (ML)

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