

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 2019 | 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INTRODUCTIONS – Secretary, Brenda Scott called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and commenced introductions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS – None

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS – Ms. Scott reported there was an article in the paper about Laura's Law. The article mentions that Riverside and San Bernardino County do not have Laura's Law implemented in their system of care. Ms. Scott stated that the newspaper also reached out to her as a member of NAMI as she was a proponent for Laura's Law in the past. Ms. Scott stated that she feels Riverside County has a great deal of programs such as FSP (Full Service Program) that Laura's Law does not need implementing.

Dr. Walter Haessler reported there was an article on the Press Enterprise about Jason Reid, a man from Murrieta who lost his 14-year-old son to suicide last year. Mr. Reid is working on bringing suicide awareness to all schools and has a stated goal of ending teen suicide by 2030. Mr. Reid has an 18 minute Ted Talk available online, which he sent to all the principals and teachers in Riverside County. Dr. Haessler noted that Mr. Reid's core message is solid, however, there are some areas not considered as "best practices," by the Department. Dr. Haessler remarked that it might be a good idea for the Commission to learn what the "best practices" are and what is considered appropriate language when discussing suicide awareness and prevention.

PUBLIC REMARKS – Sue Moreland announced that on Saturday, March 16, Magnolia Church will be hosting the "Day of Awakening" Conference, which will address mental health awareness in faith-based communities. Ms. Moreland assembled a team of family members, speakers, peer support specialists, and a local mental health support specialist with the goal of working with faith based communities and educating them on behavioral health. Ms. Moreland stated that her ultimate goal is to bring behavioral health awareness and education to all faith-based communities and hopes to have behavioral health staff in the churches to help assist members of their congregation in their times of crisis.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Minutes were accepted as written.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Shawn Harris from Parent Support and Training Program introduced this month's Celebrate Recovery speaker, Patricia Berlo. Ms. Berlo's 10-year old daughter has Asperger's Syndrome and has been participating in the Parent Support and Training's Music on the Move Program at the Perris Valley Family Resource Center.

Ms. Berlo struggled taking care of her daughter as her condition requires a great deal of patience and attention. Ms. Berlo lost her job because of this and in turn, decided to go back to school since she could no longer work a full time job. Ms. Berlo noted that while this seemed like a good idea at the time, she admitted that it actually placed them in a much more vulnerable position. They lost their home and as an alternative they started staying in campgrounds and RV Parks for shelter. This put Ms. Berlo and her daughter in a bad cycle of "barely making it." A staff member from Parent Support and Training linked Ms. Berlo to resources that allowed her and her daughter to stay in a hotel until she can save enough money to get their own apartment. Ms. Berlo expressed her gratitude for all of the Department's assistance not only for her daughter, but for her as well. Ms. Berlo noted that with the help of Parent Support and Training, she's better able to continue school and care for her daughter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE RIVERSIDE COUNTY DATA NOTEBOOK 2018: Ryan Quist reported that the Data Notebook has been finalized and requested the Commission's approval to submit the report to the Mental Health Planning Council. Tori St. Johns made a motion to approve the document for submission. Richard Divine seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.
2. PROP 47 UPDATE: Amy Litteral from RI International gave a quick overview of Prop 47 and gave a detailed presentation on De Novo Integrated Full Service Partnership Program (FSP). Prop 47 was a bill that reduced certain felonies to misdemeanors with the goal of reducing recidivism. Felonies reduced to misdemeanors include shoplifting, grand theft, receiving stolen property, forgery, fraud, and bad checks with a maximum value of \$950. Drug charges for personal use were also reduced to misdemeanors and those currently serving under these charges were given the opportunity for re-sentencing. Prop 47 also helped establish the Safe Neighborhood Grant Funds. Riverside County received the Safe Neighborhood Grant and later contracted with RI International to create a program to reduce recidivism, now known as De Novo Integrated FSP.

De Novo Integrated FSP has two locations – one is in Rancho Mirage, which is slated to open within a few weeks, and the second program is located in Perris for the Mid-County region. The program provides integrated behavioral health and substance abuse treatment for those who are court involved. The program receives referrals from mental health court, veteran's court, and detention services. Referrals can be initiated by the HHOPE Crisis Response Team, probation officers, judicial officers, defense attorneys, and district attorneys. Individuals are screened through the ASAM process and their intensive case management team assists with linkage to the appropriate program/treatment/service, vocational services, housing, MediCal, food stamps, and life skill classes. The program is a complete wraparound of services to help the individual re-establish themselves with a stronger foundation, thus reducing recidivism.

Each location has 90 slots available and is staffed with experienced and credentialed counselors. Many are dually credentialed on both substance use and behavioral health, and the overall staff are trauma informed. Staff consists of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselors, case managers, and peer support specialists. Ms. Litteral noted that De Novo Integrated is the first contracted program to have access to the Department's ELMR system. Brochures were available for more information.

3. SITE REVIEWS: Commissioners volunteered to complete Site Reviews for different locations.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MHSA UPDATE: David Schoelen reported they are continuing their reporting process for the Mental Health Services Act Annual Plan Update. Mr. Schoelen reported that they have finished collecting feedback from the various advisory committees and regional boards and are in the process of assembling the report for 30-day review. The report will be posted on April 1 for 30-day public review. It will be available online, the public libraries, and residential facilities. After the 30-day regulatory review, public hearings will be held in May and will require at least two Commissioners to host. The first confirmed date for the Public Hearing is May 1, which will be held at Rustin immediately after the Commission meeting. They are still looking into dates and times for both the Mid-County and Desert Region. At the end of the Public Hearing cycle, all public comments are collected and are required to be reviewed by at least two members of the Commission to finalize. Mr. Schoelen stated that he will be seeking Commissioner volunteers at the next meeting to help host the Public Hearings and to review the

public comments.

2. SAPT UPDATE: Rhyan Miller reported that he FNL staff is getting ready to take their annual trip to Idyllwild. The annual trip is done over two weekends and they host elementary, middle school, and high school students. The first weekend will consist of the elementary and middle school students and the second weekend will be high school students. They will be working on positive engagement behaviors and leadership activities and classes throughout the weekend.

Mr. Miller gave an update regarding Prop 47 Cohort 2 funding. They have convened special meetings with the advisory boards, the hospital, Sherriff, Probation, District Attorney, and the Police Department to present their ideas and gather feedback. One of the biggest requests for funding under Prop 47 is housing. Currently, we have recovery residences in place for housing needs, but they are now working on adding different levels of housing for consumers under Prop 47. The Probation Director inquired if the Prop 47 Cohort 2 funds can also be used for non-AB109 population who are taking part in any of the programs in Prop 47. Mr. Miller informed that it could as long as the consumer is court involved. The supervising Public Defender also inquired if the Prop 47 Cohort 2 funds can include diversion. Mr. Miller stated that it can and that implementing the diversion concept can greatly benefit outreach efforts and reaching more people in need of services.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Matthew Chang gave brief updates on No Place Like Home, 1991 Realignment, the Tri-Annual Inpatient Audit, and FQHC Integration.

The application for No Place Like Home has been submitted and we received information back from the California Department of Housing Community Development about a summary of the grant applications for round one. Dr. Chang noted that the average score of the 30 applicant was 171; Riverside County scored 174. Dr. Chang stated that this is positive feedback and look forward to see the process continue.

The Department recently started working with new state lobbyists to address the inequities of the 1991 Realignment. Dr. Chang reported that a document is being drawn up to detail the Department's budget and how funds are distributed and allocated. The document will also include the amount of untreated mental illness as a correlation to under funding and what untreated mental illness or behavioral health issues can mean to an individual in a community. Dr. Chang noted that while the inequity is a big issue, what should be focused on is the care we're unable to provide due to these inequities and what a disservice this is to all communities throughout Riverside County.

The Tri-Annual Inpatient Audit was recently completed at the Arlington Campus. At the last audit in 2016, the overall disallowance rate was at 52%. Dr. Chang noted that while this number is high, the average disallowance rate throughout the state is 55%. At this recent audit, the overall disallowance rate dropped significantly to 5%.

Dr. Chang reported that the FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) Integration is currently on track. They are working on having psychiatry time, therapy, and substance abuse available in all of the FQHC's by mid-June. The Corona Clinic integration is ongoing and updates will be provided as they are made available.

In response to Sue Moreland's efforts regarding educating faith based communities on behavioral health, Dr. Chang noted that the Department also does outreach events at local churches and provide screening to those who have never received behavioral health services. Since the beginning of the year, the Department have organized four outreach events at local churches.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

DESERT REGIONAL BOARD: Beatriz Gonzalez and Carole Schaudt reported that they discussed their upcoming May is Mental Health Month Art Show, which will be held on May 14 at the Taj Mahal in the Riverside County Fairgrounds.

MID-COUNTY REGIONAL BOARD: Kim McElroy reported that April Marier will be replacing Mark Thuve for SAPT Updates. Ms. McElroy also reported that this year, Mid-County will be holding their May is Mental Health Month event differently. Each Mid-County clinic location will be hosting smaller events so consumers, their families, and community members can easily attend and join in the festivities.

WESTERN REGIONAL BOARD: None

ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE: Ms. Scott reported they received an update on Prop 47 at their last meeting. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at noon and all are invited to attend.

BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE: Mr. Damewood reported they are interested in further qualifying for Regional Boards by having Regional Board specific bylaws available to them rather than just the Commission's Bylaws.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE: None

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Mr. Damewood reported their next meeting will be held the following week and all are invited to attend. Minutes will be available once they are approved.

COMMUNITY/ PUBLIC ADVOCACY AD HOC COMMITTEE: None

HOUSING COMMITTEE: Ms. Scott reported that the Committee has two confirmed goals for the year. The first goal is to hold a one-day Housing Conference and the second is to create a Room and Board Coalition similar to San Bernardino County's, here in Riverside County.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Dr. Haessler reported they discussed two legislative bills – AB680 and AB1572. Assembly Bill 680 would give dispatchers the same mental health crisis training that police officers receive. Assembly Bill 1572 expands the definition of "gravely disabled," which can make it easier to admit people into inpatient care that currently do not qualify under the criteria. Ms. Scott added they also discussed the bill that would extend the hours of serving alcohol from 2:00 am to 4:00 am. Ms. Scott noted that the California Behavioral Health Directors Association is opposed to this particular bill.

OLDER ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE COMMITTEE: None – February meeting cancelled.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Daryl Terrell reported that a phone satisfaction survey was recently conducted to determine consumer satisfaction of services. Mr. Terrell reported that clients surveyed were those who received services between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Overall the majority of clients receiving services through managed Care and other contracted providers and county programs, reported being satisfied with their services. Countywide, there were 72% of parent/legal guardians and 84.8% of adult clients' surveyed reported satisfaction with access to care. High satisfaction levels were also reported by clients when asked about their clients' cultural competency. About 80% of parents/legal guardians and clients reported being satisfied with their provider's sensitivity towards their cultural backgrounds.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Ms. Scott requested to have more information regarding appropriate language in terms of discussing suicide and suicide prevention. Mr. Damewood asked to have public input cards.

ADJOURN: The Behavioral Health Commission meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Maria Roman

Brenda Scott, BHC Secretary

Maria Roman, Recording Secretary

FY 2018/19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

MEMBERS	JUL	SEP	OCT	NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
April Jones, District 3	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	A			
Anindita Ganguly, District 2				A	✓	✓	A			
Beatriz Gonzalez, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Brenda Scott, District 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Carole Schaudt, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Daryl Terrell, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓			
Dildar Ahmad, District 1	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓			
George Middle, District 2 (Redist. 5)	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓			
Greg Damewood, District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Greg Rodriguez, BOS Representative		✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓			
Ric Riccardi, District 5	✓	✓	A	✓	ML	ML	ML			
Richard Divine, District 2 (Redist. 4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rick Gentillalli, District 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A			
Victoria St. Johns, District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Dr. Walter Haessler, District 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

Present = ✓ | Absent = A | Medical Leave = ML

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OTHERS PRESENT		
Adam Luna, Guest	Adrienne Gee, RUHS-BH	Akram Razzovic, MD, Guest
Amy Litteral, Guest	Amy McCann, RUHS-BH	April Marier, RUHS-BH
Araceli Ruiz, BOS Representative	Bill Brenneman, RUHS-BH	Bruce Trainor, Guest
David Schoelen, RUHS-BH	Deborah Johnson, RUHS-BH	Denise Walker, RUHS-BH
Diana Brown, RUHS-BH	DJ Griffith, Guest	Donna Childers, Guest
Dylan Colt, RUHS-BH	Ellis Fluet, Grand Jury	Estefanie Perez, Guest
Francisco Huerta, RUHS-BH	Gregory D. Burks, Guest	Jacob Penland, RUHS-BH
Jim Hill, RUHS-BH	Joyce Reynolds, Guest	Kim Bohlan, Grand Jury
Kim McElroy, Guest	Kristen Duffy, RUHS-BH	Kristen Ellis, Guest
Laurence Gonzaga, Guest	Lucy Lopez, RUHS-BH	Luis Bravo, RUHS-BH
Marcus Cannon, RUHS-BH	Maria Roman, RUHS-BH	Dr. Matt Chang, RUHS-BH Director
May Farr, Guest	Monique Gordon, Guest	Paul Baum, RUHS-BH
Pedro Arciniega, RUHS-BH	Rhyan Miller, RUHS-BH	Richard Bolter, RUHS-BH
Rick Algarin, RUHS-BH	Robin Reichert, Guest	Russell Moreau, Guest
Ryan Quist, RUHS-BH	Sarah Rodriguez, BOS Representative	Sean Frederickson, RUHS-BH
Sheree Summers, RUHS-BH	Stephanie Bennett, Grand Jury	Stephanie Perez, Guest
Sue Moreland, Guest	Sylvia Aguirre-Aguilar, RUHS-BH	Victor Almaraz, Guest
Willard Wynn, RUHS-BH	William Harris, RUHS-BH	Zach Tucker, RUHS-BH