



*MENTAL HEALTH BOARD*

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May 23, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair Jack Waldorf.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chip Langman led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jack Waldorf, Chip Langman, Charles Grom, Annie Henrich, , Erin Lesan, Vern Masse, Lynn Padlo, Jerald Rhine, Ritta Sudnikoff, Catherine Szakmary, Karl von Spreckelsen, Terry With row

**MEMBERS ABSENT,**

Christopher Cataline, Kimberly Kennard

**STAFF PRESENT**

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Linda Torres, Ruben Imperial, Chong Yang, Karen Hurley, Elaine Byrom

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Noel Silva, Brenda Sanchez, Troy Spears, Jerry Galeazzi

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chair opened the Public Hearing for comment regarding the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Program and Expenditure Plan Annual Update Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014.

In response to a request, Dr. Schlaepfer provided a brief overview of the Plan Update.

There being no comments from members of the public, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Karl von Spreckelsen made the motion to approve the MHB minutes of March 28, 2013. Lynn Padlo seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

**CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS** – None

**FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Lynn Padlo reported the Family to Family class has just completed. The next class will begin on June 11<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> a Multi Cultural Training Retreat was held with NAMI affiliates from Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne. Each affiliate made a plan for the year to reach the underserved populations in their respective communities.

The NAMI walk was as successful event.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR REPORT/COMMENTS**

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported that he and Supervisor Chisea traveled to Washington DC to meet with department heads. The meetings were productive, and he received good input on grants and how to apply for them.

Supervisor Withrow discussed the budget briefings for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014. He noted that one of the greatest exposures faced is increased costs for admissions to psychiatric hospitals. Currently, fund balance funds are being used to offset these expenses. BHRS staff is working on getting the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) up and running.

**BOARD RETREAT**

Karl von Spreckelsen reported on the meeting of the ad hoc committee to plan a Board retreat on a Saturday in August. He suggested three dates; August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Karl will e-mail Board members by the end of June to try to reach consensus on a date for the retreat. He will advise members of the date most can attend once all responses are received. Any suggestions as to what the Board should focus on should be submitted to Karl.

Discussion followed regarding possible issues to discuss at the retreat, including the following:

- Add pictures of Board members and biographies to the MHB website.

- Advocacy with Legislators
- Periodic educational meetings with legislators
- Scheduling a Board appreciation dinner in conjunction with the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs. This meeting can include a time to socialize and get to know members of both Boards.
- Outreach to community leaders to improve community participation at Board meetings, especially Public Hearings and meetings held in various communities

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Executive Committee

Members set the agenda for the May meeting. In lieu of a presentation it was decided to discuss a Mental Health Board Retreat.

### Adult System of Care

The Committee will not meet until the new Chief of the Adult System of Care is hired.

### Older Adult System of Care

No minutes are available.

### Managed Care

No meeting was held in April.

### Doctors Behavioral Health Center (DBHC)

There was no report.

### Children's System of Care

Lynn Padlo reported the Committee made a site visit to Aspiranet. She stated it was a very informative meeting.

### Administrative and Fiscal Management

Chip Langman reported that the air conditioner that included the cooling of the Redwood Room, has now been replaced.

### Impact Committee

Catherine Szakmary reported that the Committee visited four sites: Friends are Good Medicine, West Modesto Wellness Center, Parents United, and the Empowerment Center.

Terry Withrow stated that he believes the Sunshine Place is in the planning stages to reopen.

### Criminal Justice Oversight

The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, July 24, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Adult Probation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room, 801 11<sup>th</sup> St., Modesto.

### Veterans' Committee

The Veterans' Committee was approved as a standing committee with the approval of the Bylaws by the Board of Supervisors. Vern Masse has volunteered to Chair the Committee with the assistance of Karl von Spreckelsen. A Senior Leader will be appointed to staff the Committee. Committee members will establish the meeting time and place. It was suggested that the Committee could focus on veterans who are homeless, veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and establishing a Veterans' Court. Dr. Schlaepfer stated she will speak with Senior Leaders regarding staffing of the Committee.

### MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

Troy Spears was in attendance as ABSAP's liaison.

### CULTURAL COMPETENCE REPORT

Linda Torres announced the Cultural Competency Mental Health Summit is being planned for October 2 & 3, 2013 at the Modesto Doubletree Hotel. Stanislaus, Merced and San Joaquin counties are co-sponsoring the summit.

Linda Torres stated that she was concerned that the outcomes in the MHSA Annual Plan Update for General Systems Development and Outreach and Engagement show that only 80.7% of individuals responding state that "Staff were sensitive to my cultural background". This means that approximately 19% felt that staff were not sensitive to their cultural backgrounds. She found this concerning and noted that programs, especially MHSA programs, need to work harder on providing culturally sensitive services.

### DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Dr. Schlaepfer reported that the Department is using fund balance to offset the increase in psychiatric costs. There will be some relief once the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is up and running. Opening of the PHF is planned for March 2014.
- The Department of Health Care Services is hosting a call to provide an overview of the May Revision proposal for Medi-Cal expansion as it relates to mental health and substance use disorder services. A major issue is the State's proposal to take 1991 Realignment funding from counties.

- Senator Steinberg is proposing legislation to modify MHSA funding to cover involuntary outpatient services covered by Laura's Law. He is also proposing funding to support wellness and recovery programs, including peer support and crisis stabilization, response and residential care.
- Criminal Justice System – The County is in the process of planning Phase III of AB 109. Currently, funding primarily goes to the jail and the day reporting center. BHRS is advocating for additional slots for the Integrated Forensic Team (IFT) and the creation of a medication clinic.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Mental Health Board will be on June 27, 2013 in the Redwood Room at 800 Scenic Drive.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Byrom  
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