

San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
September 1, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Ed O'Brien, Christopher Massa, Troy Mondragon, Michael Grabhorn, David Caine, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Jane Ann Godager, Catherine Inscore

Excused Absences: Susan McGee-Stehsel; Akin Merino participated via conference line; however, could not be counted as part of a quorum as she was located out of county.

Absent: Jennifer Spence-Carpenter

Guests: Veronica Kelley, Debi Pasco, Robin Bonds, Jessica Guzman, Clint Edwards, Beverly Scott, Teresa Etheridge

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ed O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and self-introductions followed.

Tab 1: Review Minutes from June 2, 2016

APPROVED

Motion/Second: Christopher Massa/ David Caine

AYES: Ed O'Brien, Christopher Massa, Troy Mondragon, Michael Grabhorn, David Caine, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Jane Ann Godager

ABSTAIN: Catherine Inscore

ABSENT: Akin Merino, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Susan McGee-Stehsel

Tab 2: Review Minutes from July 7 , 2016

APPROVED

Motion/Second: May Farr/ Christopher Massa

AYES: Christopher Massa, Troy Mondragon, Michael Grabhorn, David Caine, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews, May Farr, Jane Ann Godager, Catherine Inscore

ABSTAIN: Ed O'Brien

ABSENT: Akin Merino, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Susan McGee-Stehsel

Tab 3: Travel and Attendance

September 17, 2016 - Recovery Happens event will be held at Guasti Regional Park in Ontario. The event will be from 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Commissioner Ed O' Brien will be representing the Public Defender at this event.

Commissioner May Farr also stated she plans to attend. There will be food, booths, games, music and vendors.

This is a great opportunity for the community, consumers and DBH employees to come together to celebrate that "recovery does happen."

Tab 4: July 7, 2016 Findings of Fact and Commission Recommendations

Commissioner Ed O'Brien presented a Memorandum of Findings from the July 7, 2016 subject matter presentation Residential Treatment For Those With Substance Abuse Disorders by Assistant Director Veronica Kelley.

Assistant Director Veronica Kelley recommended that item #5 be amended from "Our county lacks the necessary capacity" to "Our county lacks the necessary residential treatment."

Chair Monica Wilson also adds that the lack of residential treatment options and availability of beds for children and TAY be addressed as a major concern. Commissioner Ed O' Brien recommends that this subject be entered as a policy recommendation on the Memo of Findings. He also suggests that the minutes reflect this request for the November subject matter presentation regarding services for children and TAY that the Chair is looking for specific information as to what is being done for children and TAY pertaining to residential mental health treatment.

Commissioner O'Brien moves to amend item 5 to reflect corrections and moves to accept Memo of Findings as corrected to become part of the record.

APPROVED

Motion/Second: Ed O'Brien/ David Caine

AYES: Ed O'Brien, David Caine, Jane Ann Godager, Troy Mondragon, Christopher Massa, Michael Grabhorn, Monica Wilson, Veatrice Jews, May Farr Catherine Inscore

ABSENT: Akin Merino, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Susan McGee-Stehsel

Tab 4: Behavioral Health Commission Meetings FY 16-17 Subject Matter Presentations

Clerk of Commission Debi Pasco requests that commissioners advise her if there are any particular areas of focus for the Subject Matter Presentations. Commissioners will send Debi recommendations at least one month in advance. Please provide a maximum of five (5) bullet points as areas of focus for each presentation.

Commissioner Veatrice Jews requests that the January 2017 and June 2017 presentations be switched, as the timing for a presentation regarding schools would be more appropriate in January, rather than June. Chair Monica Wilson adopts the switch in presentation dates.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Chair Monica Wilson reported that she attended a substance abuse disorder conference in Newport Beach. It was a phenomenal event that focused on coordination of care and integration between substance abuse and mental health. She also stated that the WISE - Workforce Integration Support and Education conference, will be September 15th at the Holiday Inn in Ontario. This conference focuses on peers and employment.

Commissioner Veatrice Jews reported that she attended the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) conference in San Francisco. She also attended the District Advisory Committee Meeting for the 5th district.

Commissioner May Farr attended the NAMI conference in San Francisco on August 26 – 27th and also attended the NAMI National Convention in Denver. She also attended the Voice Awards put on by SAMHSA, which honors TV shows and movies that relate to mental health, at UCLA – Royce Hall. The NAMI luncheon is at Castle Park in Riverside, on September 13th. She also stated that the NAMI Walk is coming up on October 29th.

Commissioner Jane Ann Godager reported that she was very disappointed as she was not able to attend the NAMI convention as expected due to health issues.

Commissioner Ed O'Brien is disappointed that DBH will no longer be performing mental health services at the San Bernardino County Jails.

Commissioner Christopher Massa stated that he will try to attend at least five events in the upcoming month, including the DAC Meeting at Team House and Recovery Happens at Guasti Park, September 17th.

Commissioner Troy Mondragon is applying to teach at National University. He also will be going to Knotts Berry Farm with Team House.

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn attended the screening of Dark Side of the Full Moon, which focused on post partem depression and psychosis. He also attended a presentation The Open Door which gave information on mental health services and residential treatment for victims of sex trafficking . He also visited Home Sweet Home which is a privately owned transitional sober living facility in Adelanto. He spoke at the Interfaith Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and participated in a ride-a-long with the Victorville Sheriff's Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott complimented the STAY program, as she knew someone that went through the program twice and was very happy with it. She also brought up concerns regarding Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. She inquired as to what the outcome was in regards to ARMC pertaining to her complaint of discharging her son before he was stable and also not having a discharge plan. She also reported concerns about hearing reports that there are not enough beds and patients are waiting in the hallways. Veronica Kelley said she would have Sharon Nevins follow up with Beverly regarding her concerns. Beverly Scott also voiced another concern regarding why a patient that is receiving treatment through DBH, would be redirected to IEHP to receive treatment. Veronica Kelley explained the difference between a client with a mild to moderate diagnosis, which would be serviced by a managed care plan such as IEHP, as opposed to a severe and persistent mentally ill patient that would be serviced by DBH. These guidelines are mandated by the State and were implemented under the Affordable Care Act.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Veronica Kelley reported that the mandate to provide mental health services for incarcerated individuals now lies with the Sheriff's department. DBH will no longer provide mental health services in the jails. She stated that with the passing of AB109 the acuity of the jail population has increased. Many people that would have been sent to state prison in the past that would have had access to outpatient programs or intensive programs, are now a part of the county jail population. There are no therapy rooms in the jail and DBH is not equipped to do traditional therapy due to increased risk factors, which limits the services DBH is able to provide to the jail population. Liberty Healthcare will be taking over the treatment of patients in the jails, which will still be funded by DBB. DBH is still providing support and consultation to the jails and the DBH psychiatrists are still in the jails to prescribe medications. DBH is working with the Sheriff's Department to develop a "re-entry" team. This team would do assessments on inmates prior to release to determine a transition plan to outpatient services upon release from jail.

ADJOURNMENT: Today's meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Monica Wilson
Chair

Robin Bonds
Recorder