

**San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Executive Session
March 2, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Monica Wilson, Ed O'Brien, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Troy Mondragon, Michael Grabhorn, Paul Williams, Akin Merino, Jane Ann Godager, Carol Kinzel, Veatrice Jews, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Catherine Inscore

Excused Absence: May Farr

Absent: Christopher Massa

Guests: Veronica Kelley, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Raquel Ramos, Robin Bonds, Beverly Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Monica Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and self-introductions followed.

Tab 1: Review Minutes from February 2, 2017

Beverly Scott requested that under the "Public Comment" portion of the minutes, it be added that she would "also like them, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC), to make sure patients are stabilized before discharge from the hospital."

APPROVED with change

Motion/Second: Paul Williams, Michael Grabhorn

AYES: Monica Wilson, Ed O'Brien, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Troy Mondragon, Akin Merino, Jane Godager, Carol Kinzel, Veatrice Jews, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Catherine Inscore

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: May Farr, Christopher Massa

Review Order of Standing Agenda Items for Executive Session:

Clerk of the Commission, Raquel Ramos reported that it would be acceptable under the Brown Act to re order the agenda items if needed for any particular meeting.

- No agenda items could be added at the time of the meeting, but changing the order is fine.
- There is discussion regarding moving the Director's Report to after the Chair's Report to allow more time for the report and any questions from the commission.
- It is suggested that the Commissioners' Reports be brief for the Executive Session meeting and more details can be given at the General Session. This will allow more time for the Director's Report.
- "Review General Session Agenda": Commissioners reviewed the General Session Agenda and no changes in order were needed

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Monica Wilson reported the Healthy Rancho Cucamonga Steering Committee had their mental health summit and they will be hosting another one in June at the senior center in Rancho Cucamonga. She also plans to attend the California Mental Health Planning Council Quarterly meeting in April.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Akin Merino attended the Valley College Black History Month presentation by Dr. Michael Eric Dyson.

Commissioner Jane Ann Godager had been scheduled to attend a Request for Proposal, however it was cancelled.

Vice-Chair Ed O'Brien attended the Data Notebook Workgroup meeting. He is very impressed with the Department of Behavioral Health's (DBH) staff and the level of professionalism the department displays.

Jennifer Spence-Carpenter has been studying addiction research and relationship between at risk children that become addicts as adults.

Commissioner Troy Mondragon utilized the Crisis Walk In Center (CWIC) and was very grateful for the support he has received from DBH. He was selected as 2017 Crafton Hills College Outstanding Alumnus.

Commissioner Veatrice Jews attended the Data Notebook Workgroup meeting with DBH. She also served on the interview panel for the hiring of the new Cultural Competency Officer for the department. She attended the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting, met with the Assistant Superintendent of schools, and attended the African Awareness Subcommittee Black History Month event at the Lewis Library.

Commissioner Michael Grabhorn went to a meeting with the Hesperia City Council. He met with the high desert homeless shelter, the High Desert Community Coalition, and Sterling Solutions. He also participated in the Communities United Coalition meeting, and did a site visit to St John of Gods rehabilitation facility.

Commissioner Paul Williams attended the Cultural Competency Advisory Committee meeting. He also participated in the interviews for the DBH Cultural Competency Officer.

Commissioner Carol Kinzel attended the Rim Communities Resource Network and Rim Communities for Youth meetings. She had a concern regarding the confusion around the Homeless Point in Time Count and the winter weather in the mountains affecting the numbers. She visited the DBH TEST staff at the Twin Peaks Sheriff's station.

Chair Monica Wilson brought it to the commissioners' attention that she received an anonymous letter from someone in her district. The following concerns were raised in the letter regarding the Behavioral Health Commissioners' roles:

- Are they clear that in their mandate they are required to meet with and work with their Supervisor in their respective districts?
- They are not to be "peacocking" off of the DBH Director.
- They are responsible to their constituents in their districts.
- The commissioners make it their priority to recognize their roles and responsibilities

Tab 2: Travel and Attendance

The calendar of events and DAC schedule were reviewed. Other upcoming events on the calendar were discussed. Commissioners Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Troy Mondragon, Veatrice Jews, Monica Wilson, Carol Kinzel, Akin Merino, Paul Williams, Susan McGee-Stehsel and Jane Ann Godager requested that Raquel register them for the State of the County Event on March 8, 2017. The California Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Annual Statewide Training Update and Conference is happening August 23-23, 2017 in Costa Mesa, CA. It will require approval from the Board of Supervisors, as it is "out of county" travel. Commissioners will let Raquel know as soon as possible if they are interested in attending. Since Board approval is needed, registration will be limited to 3 or 4 commissioners.

Tab 3: Employee Reimbursement Forms Memo and Sample

Clerk of the Commission Raquel Ramos verified with DBH fiscal department the requirements for submitting reimbursement requests and put together a memo for the commissioners' use.

- Frequency of submissions, deadlines and cut off dates, minimum mileage to claim, driver requirements, completion instructions, and current forms were outlined in the memo.
- Rules and guidelines are according to County Code Ordinance and County of San Bernardino Policy Manual.

Tab 4: Review "Memo of Findings" from September Subject Matter Presentation – Efforts Towards Reducing Health Disparities.

Vice-Chair Ed O'Brien moved to approve the September Memo of Findings with attached penetration rates from the San Bernardino County MHP CalEQRO Report for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The 9% not accounted for in the "Total Medi-Cal Beneficiaries" column represents the race of "other" or "multi-race".

APPROVED

Motion/Second: Troy Mondragon, Akin Merino

AYES: Monica Wilson, Ed O'Brien, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Michael Grabhorn, Paul Williams, Jane Godager, Carol Kinzel, Veatrice Jews, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Catherine Inscore

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: May Farr, Christopher Massa

Review "Memo of Findings" from February Subject Matter Presentation – Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Resources

Vice-Chair Ed O'Brien requested to move review to next month. He is waiting on additional statistics from the presenter to complete his report.

Vice Chair O'Brien reminded the commission that next month is when the Subject Matter Presentation topics are to be discussed and determined for next year. He asked that the commissioners bring their suggestions to the April meeting. The commission will vote in May as to the subject matters that will be the topics for next year.

Chair Monica Wilson requested that the order of items for future Executive Session meetings be amended to:

- 1) Chairs Report
- 2) Commissioner's Reports
- 3) Director's Report
- 4) The tabbed items
- 5) Public Comment

Commissioner Veatrice Jews shared a report with the commissioners she received at the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches meeting regarding the survivors of the December 2, 2015 incident. The presentation focused on bringing awareness to the concerns regarding treatment for the surviving victims of the terrorist attack. The report alleged that DBH is not giving victims the treatments they are seeking. Director, Veronica Kelley informed the commission that the treatment for the victims is a workers' compensation issue and DBH cannot provide mental health services because it would be unethical and illegal. The employees that were affected by the incident would receive services through the workers' compensation system or through their private insurance. DBH has provided ongoing crisis services and support. We can also provide services where there is a gap in coverage, using grant funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Scott provided a letter to the commission that she had sent to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center regarding her concerns with her son's treatment and discharge in December 2015. Raquel will hand out copies to the commissioners at next month's meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Veronica Kelley asked to address the anonymous letter received by Chair Monica Wilson. Veronica and DBH are aware of how involved the commissioners are in their districts and how much work they do.

The Drug Medi-Cal Organized System Delivery Waiver (DMC-ODS) was submitted to the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS). The implementation plan was accepted and now is with the Centers for Medicaid and Medi-Cal Services (CMS) for review. After they review the plan and make sure it meets the requirements of the law, then we will do a fiscal negotiation about what the rates might be.

The Coordinated Care Initiative:

- Relates to governor's budget and focuses on integrated care for people with Medi-care and Medi-Cal;
- In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) under the Continuing Care Initiative struck from budget;
 - Funding will come back to counties again with 1991 realignment funds;
 - Cost of IHSS will go up to 1.3 billion dollars in the next five years for counties;
 - There is a limited amount of funding for this program.

The Affordable Care Act:

- CMS released proposed regulations intended to stabilize the commercial market;
- Want to reduce enrollment window;
- Reduce financial assistance and loosen network adequacy requirements.

Chair Monica Wilson requested Veronica Kelley provide the commissioners with this information in writing for their records.

Veronica requested that when the commissioners meet for their strategic planning that they discuss sites or facilities they wish to visit. Raquel would then be able to coordinate visits with the facilities ahead of time to minimize any disruption. She also reminded commissioners to maintain confidentiality when visiting sites.

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

Dr. Monica Wilson - Chair

Robin Bonds - Recorder