

**Mental Health Board Minutes**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
**September 21, 2011**  
**3:00 to 5:00pm**  
**2180 Johnson Ave.**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tyler Brown  
Pam Crabaugh  
Karl Hansen  
Joyce Heddleson  
Lisa Kelley  
Kelly Kenitz for Ian Parkinson  
David Odell  
Stephan Ponce  
Charmaine Quinlan

**MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT:**

Jill Heuer  
Jim Salio  
David Riester  
Vicki Shelby for Frank Mecham  
Mary Lee Waggoner

**GUESTS:**

John Byers (*T-MHA/PA/AT*)  
Denise Rea (*T-MHA*)  
*Tricia Gomez, Homeless Serv. Oversight*

**MENTAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen Baylor  
Jane Ahlquist

1. **Meeting** was called to order @ 3:00 pm by Tyler Brown.
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
  - NAMI is having it's Beautiful Minds Walk on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 at Laguna Lake Park on Madonna Road, registration begins at 8:00a.m., race begins at 9:45a.m. Come join us for a good time.
3. **Citizen Comments:** Citizens are invited to make comments relevant to Mental Health issues at this time. No comments.
4. **Action Item Re:** August 17, 2011, meeting minutes were reviewed and correction was made followed by approval on motion by David Odell and seconded by Charmaine Quinlan.  
MSC: (Odell/Quinlan)
5. **Presentation:** Katie A Settlement – Jon Nibbio, Family Care Network
  - Jon gave us an update on the “Katie A” class-action lawsuit, filed July 12, 2002, against the County of Los Angeles, on behalf of five named plaintiff foster children, as well as, a class of children and young adults already in foster care and those at risk of entering the foster care system. In lieu of monetary compensation, the plaintiffs requested that the State and County improve upon its delivery of mental health services to children and families in the foster care system.

**6. Presentation: Homelessness and Benefits, ARCH – Tricia Gomez**

- Ms. Gomez gave us an update on the Ten year Plan to End Homelessness from January 2008, along with stats for the homeless, including: chronically homeless; Mental Illness; Veterans; Families with Children; per cent of Children; Stably Housed at Exit and Employment Income. A broad-based planning group came together to reevaluate current efforts within the county, considered best practices and lessons learned around the nation, and developed a Plan for a new and more effective response, aimed at ending homelessness in ten years. This document, *Path to a Home* is the outcome of that process. If you would like further information, please go to <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/AssetFactory.aspx>

**7. Director's Report: Karen Baylor**

- An External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Audit was conducted Sept. 7, 8 and 9. Karen will receive results in 60 days at which time she will report back to the Mental Health Board.
- Martha's Place-- There is no truth to the rumor that Martha's Place will be closed. Supervisor Gibson meet with Karen Baylor, Jeff Hamm, Lee Collins, Tracey Buckingham and Brad Sunseri to discuss the sustainability of the program. The problem is the lack of revenue generation for the pediatric assessment. MocPOC is applying for a grant. One possible option is to re-design the program to be just an EPSDT program.
- DMH Stakeholders meeting was held September 1, 2011, It was a good turn out with representatives from various Counties attending. It appeared there was a theme from several counties on the lack of leadership at the state level. Question: will there be a report come out from this meeting? Yes, it will come out with the Governor's budget in January.
- AB109, Jim Salio gave a report last month. The Public Safety Realignment begins on October 1, 2011. Counties will assume responsibility for certain non violent offenders from overcrowded state *prisons*. The County's Public Safety Realignment Committee will submit a draft implementation plan to the BOS on Oct. 11 for approval. The plan includes another Mental Health therapist for the jail and 2 Drug & Alcohol Specialist.
- Kelly Kenitz of the Sheriff's office thanked Karen for the Mental Health therapist support at the jail.

**8. Committee Reports:**

- Membership Committees – no report
- Legal Services – waiting on AB109 to take effect and will then take another look.
- Adult Services – no report
- Children's Services – no report –
- Adult Services Policy Council – no report
- Executive Committee – A Mental health Board Evaluation of Meetings survey was distributed at last month's Mental Health Board meeting. A report from David Riester will be presented at our October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00p.m.

*The next Mental Health Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 3:00pm – 5:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Health Campus.*

*Jane Ahlquist*