

**County of San Luis Obispo
HEALTH COMMISSION**

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2005 (SLO City/County Library)

Members Present: Deborah O'Brien (Chair), Penny Chamousis, Lynn Enns, Sara Horne, Donald Pinkel, M.D., Susan Warren, Richard Wood, M.D.

Members Absent: Tom Hale, M.D., Pam Heatherington, Jan Hicks, David Odell

Staff Present: Greg Thomas, M.D., Jess Montoya, Jean White (recorder)

Speakers: Lisa Fraser (SLO CAP), Jay Adams, Ph.D., (Psychologist), Rick Oliver, Ph.D. (MH Services), Dale Magee (MH Services Act Consultant)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Who/When
1. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Chair O'Brien at 6:05 p.m.		
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of March 14, 2005 approved with no corrections.		1 st - Wood 2 nd - Horne Approved - All
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Kathleen Aragon thanked the Commission for their support of the Safety Net Ombudsman Program and announced she will be retiring Friday, 4/15.</p> <p>Teresa Campbell, SLO GE FREE, described an incident that occurred on 3/21/05 by a Swiss chemical company, where five seed production lines of corn were contaminated with a corn not approved for release. She asked the Commission to add this item to a future agenda for public awareness.</p> <p>Eric Greening talked about Vision 2050, a land use projection and planning project for population growth and transportation. He asked that people who deal with the most vulnerable population become involved in this process to look at areas that may have not been considered.</p>	Handout: <i>Letter to Board of Supervisors detailing corn contamination.</i>	
4. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH	<p>Jay Adams, Ph.D., Psychologist, talked about the long-term effects on people who have been abused as children, but have never received treatment. She provided a handout that listed internal symptoms (psychological and emotional responses) and external symptoms (behaviors and relationships). She explained Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and how people that have experienced abuse early in life don't fit into the categories of PTSD. She handed out information on two upcoming conferences and referred to Dr. Bruce Perry's website at www.childtrauma.org.</p> <p>Lisa Fraser, Executive Director, SLO CAP, gave a Power Point presentation on the SLO County Child Abuse Prevention Council (SLO-CAP). SLOCAP provides a forum for interagency coordination of prevention, detection, treatment and legal process of child abuse cases. The presentation included an overview of the work</p>	<p>Handouts: <i>Breaking the Abuse Cycle: (list of internal/external symptoms)</i> Conference Brochures: - <i>Abuse across the Lifespan</i> - <i>Living and Working with Neglected, Maltreated and Traumatized Children</i></p> <p>Handouts: <i>Copy of Power Point presentation</i></p>	

	<p>they do to promote public awareness and also highlighted programs, services and resources that are available. SLO CAP is the “go to” for mandated reporting of suspected child abuse.</p> <p>Commissioner questions and comments followed on methods used for treatment, types of State and County funding streams, expansion of home visitation programs, who is mandated to report, and types of response when a suspected child abuse report is received.</p>	<p>Brochures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SLO CAP brochure</i> • <i>Month of the Child Activity brochure</i> <p>Conference Flyer: <i>Strengthening Child Abuse Prevention Programs Through Action Planning – 5/13/05</i></p>	
<p>5. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) / PROP 63</p>	<p>Rick Oliver, Ph.D., MH Services gave background on MHSA (also known as Prop 63) and talked about the evolution of MH Services over the years. MHSA was voted into existence in November 2004, and will make some fundamental changes to the MH delivery system. Funding will be released in five components, with a large portion of funding in the <i>Community Services and Support</i> area and targeted at four age groups: youth, transition age youth, adults, and older adults. The estimated proposed MHSA money is less than 10% of the current SLO MH budget. The total amount of money available is unknown. The dates and timelines are continually changing, but they should begin to receive funding in April 2006.</p> <p>Dale Magee, Consultant reiterated that funds from the Act are divided into five categories. The only funds that the State is “gearing up” to distribute now are the <i>Community Services and Support</i> dollars. These funds must serve adults with serious mental illness or youth with serious emotional disorders. The County must go through an extensive community process before they can submit a package to receive \$\$\$. The input process includes a large steering committee, workgroups, focus groups, research groups, surveys and public forums. After months of input, MH will draft a plan with input and recommendations from the stakeholders. The draft plan will be released to the public for a 30-day public review and the MH Board must convene a public hearing for the plan.</p> <p>Commissioner discussion followed on the importance of designing a plan that can be built on, how the community input process must happen before a decision can be made on who the member population will be, that there is a requirement that funds must provide a comprehensive package to the enrolled member population. It was noted that this is a competitive process. MHSA cannot supplant any current services.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> A member of the public asked if data is kept on clients who are turned away for services, and how to "capture" those clients that don't meet criteria.</p> <p>Sue McMeans asked how to address people that need help, but because of past negative experiences with the system, will not go for help.</p>	<p>Handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>California DMH Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for DMH Implementation of the MHSA – Feb 16 2006</i> • <i>MHSA Overview</i> <p>Handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MHSA (Prop 63) Update (green sheet-showing the five categories to be funded and the community input process)</i> • <i>Written survey to be completed by Commissioners.</i> 	

<p>6. PRADO ROAD UPDATE</p>	<p>Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Horne, Dr. Thomas and representatives from Air Pollution Control visited the water treatment plant on Prado Road to investigate a report of a strong odor made by a citizen to the Health Commission last July. Mr. Jim Autry gave them a tour of the plant and explained how the odor occurred after a malfunction from emptying a large digester for repairs. There was a low, safe level release of hydrogen sulfite, which had a very strong smell. People in the area were notified via letter about the smell and what was being done. The situation was corrected. The water treatment plant has an emergency plan in place if they were ever to have a health effect release.</p>		
<p>8. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT</p>	<p>Dr. Thomas gave an overview of his written report. Jess Montoya added to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will be interviewing 3 candidates for the Behavioral Health Director position next week. Representatives from the Mental Health Board will participate in the interviews. They hope to make a selection within 2 weeks following the interviews. • Budgets have been submitted to County Administrative Office. A major concern has been funding in the MH area, but they have come up with some solutions to present for consideration. They are not looking at any major cuts in terms of staffing levels. 	<p>Handout: <i>Written report</i></p>	
<p>9. HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATES</p>	<p>CHAIR UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair O'Brien will be attending the HIV Care Consortium next week. • Commissioners Odell, Hicks and O'Brien met to review applications for the GMO Task Force and selected the following members for the Task Force: Commissioner Enns (Chair), Commissioner Horne, Michael Broadhurst, John Doyle, Jeffrey Hiner, Robert Robbins, and Scott Steinmaus. Also, Marc Lea will be on the committee as a liaison to the Ag Commission and Commissioner Chamousis will be an alternate commissioner. Co-chair will be selected by the completion of the second meeting. Duration of the Task Force will be 6-9 months, with updates given to the Health Commission on current status/findings at 4 months, 8 months, and if appropriate, 12 months. A final report will be presented for consideration to the Health Commission. Chair O'Brien read the mission and goals of the Task Force. <p>COMMISSIONER UPDATES: Commissioner Warren: Will attend Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board this week. Was out of town for their last meeting. Commissioner Chamousis: Attended the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women Conference on 3/16 – technical, but informative. Commissioner Pinkel: No report. Commissioner Enns: No report. Commissioner Wood: Reported that he is a member of the Templeton Area</p>		

	<p>Advisory Group. They have interest in sludge/sludge legislation and GE crops and would be interested in collaborating with the Commission in that regard.</p> <p>Commissioner Horne: Was unable to attend CSN this month.</p>		
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating: Commissioner Hicks is absent tonight. • Community Education: Commissioner Hale is absent tonight. • Budget: Commissioner Horne reported that the budget has been submitted and is being reviewed by the County Administrative Office. • Legislative: Commissioner Wood reported that they did not have a quorum at their last meeting. 		
11. PROSPECTIVE FUTURE ITEMS	<p>May meeting will be held at the Arroyo Grande Council Chambers.</p> <p>Suggested topics for May: Buffer zones/particulate matter, Community nurses, CEO from AG Hospital, Medicare coverage for tobacco cessation (Dr. Hansen).</p> <p>Suggested topics for June/future: CHC report, Childhood obesity.</p>		
12. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Dr. Thomas thanked Kathleen Aragon for her hard work, long hours, and dedication as the Safety Net Ombudsperson.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.</p>		<p>1st – Horne 2nd – Wood Approved - All</p>