

Behavioral Health Board Minutes

San Luis Obispo County

February 18, 2015

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Annex Building, 2180 Johnson Ave

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clint Weirick
David Riester
Jill Heuer
Karl Hansen
Kelly Kenitz (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Vicki Fogleman (for Sup. Mecham)
Jim Salio
Joyce Heddleson
Robert Reyes

GUESTS:

Cindy Collins
Martin Bragg
Martin Meltz
Jon Nibbio
Jill Bolster-White (TMHA)
Joe Madsen

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT:

Anne Robin
Frank Mecham
Ian Parkinson
Loretta Butterfield
Pam Crabaugh
Marshall Hamilton
Jason Reed
Jim Salio
Aurora William

Linda Connolly
Theresa Scott
Tyler Brown

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Zarate
Wayne Hansen

Frank Warren

1. Meeting was called to order @ 3:00 pm by David Riester.

2. Introductions and Announcements:

- Round-table introduction.
- Jill Bolster-White: Training for SELPA called Peers. High School aged students who have Spectrum Disorder, high functioning. Inviting a Mental Health therapist to participate in this event. This event was developed at UCLA. We may register up to 60 people and only 19 have enrolled so far. Cost: \$125- lunch will be provided.
- Martin Meltz: In process of updating SLO County Community Services Card. English version will be available sometime in March and Spanish at a later date.
- Joe Madsen: TMHA is having their Bowl-A-Thon in March. Now accepting donations. Also, 50 Now has contacted 49 of the 53 people on the list. Have placed 20 in housing now and 3 will be placed March 2nd.and hope to have 2 more by April 1st. Ahead of schedule. Originally had about 300 people on list and was narrowed down based on most vulnerable, medically fragile. Trying to house them as fast as possible.

3. Citizen Comments:

Welcome Ms. Melanie Billig. Ms. Billig and her husband Dr. Harvey Billig own the property on which there is a proposal for a new Psychiatric Hospital and Alzheimer's facility.

- Melanie Billig: We are proposing to build two facilities in the North County Medical Center in Templeton. One is a 55-60 bed Alzheimer's care facility and the second is a 96 bed behavioral health hospital serving children, adolescents, seniors, veterans and adults in general. We feel the location is absolutely ideal and will provide about 235 jobs.

An operator has not yet been selected for the memory care facility; however, several are now being considered and vetted. The operator for the behavioral health hospital will be Mark Schneider, Chief Executive Officer of Vizion Healthcare in Louisiana who has extensive experience in the behavioral health field.

If you would like to support, you may write a letter to Board of Supervisors, to the editor, also it would be wonderful if you have the time to attend the Planning Commission Public Hearing and explain the tremendous need that we have in this County.

David Riestler: The position we've taken so far as Behavioral Health Board is "There is a need for Psychiatric beds and Drug and Alcohol Treatment beds in this County. As for supporting the project, as it moves along, we'll consider that as it gets closer to Planning Commission meeting. We are eager to hear more from the Operator.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2014 were reviewed and approved
M/S/C: Hansen/Fogleman.

5. **Ongoing Business:**

- **Draft Behavioral Health Board Annual Report for review and discussion-** waiting for submissions for all of our Committees. Should have draft done by end of month.

6. **New Business- EQRO Discussion:**

Frank Warren- The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) is the State's basic review of our Medical procedures. They came two weeks ago. Greg Vickery, our Manager of the Quality Support Team, gave us a report: The early report from EQRO was that our review was very positive. They identified the same issues that we have identified. We need more permanent Doctors, more Spanish-Speaking Staff and more Clinical Staff. They have asked us to move along with our Performance Improvement Projects (PIP) and will be doing some training for us and other Counties. Staff who were involved reported it was very positive. Our penetration rate, that is whether or not our Medical eligible clients are getting into services, we are doing better than the State in a lot of ways.

Journey of Hope: Follow-up session today at Vets Hall for people who wanted to keep talking about the issue from our last outstanding and powerful presentation by a CalPoly student who was injured while in service and the PTSD that followed as well as suicidal ideation. About 40-50 people showed. We had providers from Dep. Of Rehab, two different therapy groups, THMA, Transitions, Rise, The Vets Center. We need to continue to let our Veterans know, that these services are available. We have two great Grants for veterans housing between Santa Barbara and SLO County. We have our Outreach, The Veterans Treatment Court, Therapists, The Vets Center.

MH Services Act: Eight programs' funding for current round is ending in June. We're writing a plan for our next round. There will be less funds and are ranking 9 Projects – we'll make a decision of which we will fund by May, then we'll bring it to this board on June for review and finally goes to Board of Supervisors. Stake holder meetings have begun.

Two Grants: One is a Partnership Grant with Community Health Centers that would allow physical health screening in the Behavioral Health Clinic. This Grant is due Friday, February 25, 2015. The other Grant is the Drug-Free Community which involves working with CalPoly focused on High School Seniors entering CalPoly.

Wayne Hansen: Has retired. February 27th 2015. Worked for County for over 30 years. The Board of Supervisors will recognize him on Tuesday, February 24 at 1:30pm.

Board Study Sessions: Anne has asked if Board Members would be interested in putting together a couple of study sessions to spend more time with Behavioral Health Staff as a follow up to the round-table sessions we had in January. Would be talking specifically about psychiatry, medication management, residential placements and crisis work. The purpose is being more informed and help generate Community questions back for staff that may need to be answered and strengthening ability to advocate. This will be brought up to Executive Committee.

7. **Presentation: Overview of Behavioral Health Department Finance and Structure.- Cindy Collins.:**

Cindy Collins gave an overview presentation of Behavioral Health Budget and Finances. Cindy Collins is the Administrative Services Manager and has worked with the County for 25 years. Her Staff include: Cathy Manning, Accounting for MH, Syd Ewens, Accounting for DAS and Raven Lopez, Accountant for MHSA Program. In addition 3 Accountant IIs : Alan Stednitz, Lisa Mendez and Enrique Limon. Two Administrative Services Officers, Amy Olson and Wayne Hansen. Also

have 3 billing accounting technicians: Gail Coffman, Bob Johnson and a new person Jerry Paris starting March 2nd. Together they primarily provide financial data or information so program decisions can be made regarding Behavioral Health services in the County. They do all the insurance billing to State or Insurance Companies as well as Grant reporting and compliance. Cindy Collins gave a very informative power-point presentation. Thank you Cindy.

8. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

The next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Annex Conference Room, (the brick building behind the Health Campus.).

Laura Zarate