

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, April 28, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRMAN, FACILITATING

APPROVED – May 26, 2016
MSC: De La Torre/Gilberg/Unanimous

| Presenter | Discussion | Recommendation/Action/Motion/ |
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| Call to Order by Chairman Gasco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call – Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Victoria Sofro, Howard Askins, Merilla Scott Absent: Fred Leaf | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of March 24, 2016 minutes | Minutes approved: March 24, 2016 MSC – DeBose/Lue/Unanimous |
| Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report | Chairman Gasco lead a brief discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit Brown Act rules Overview of the MHSA Public Hearing Role of the Commission in terms of the public hearing. | ACTION: None |
| | 2016 Nominations Committee – Chairman explained the process and timeline for the 2016 Executive Officer election for the following months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May – slate will be presented by the committee and open the floor for nominations June – 2nd slate will be presented and floor opened for nominations. New officers to serve July 1. | ACTION: Commissioner Cooperberg volunteered for Nominating Committee |
| | CALBHB/C – Vice Chair DeBose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination process for new officers began Discussion on whether commissioners can serve as officer if reappointment terms are unclear. Chair appointed an ad hoc committee to get clarification on reappointment terms and serving on the board. Applied for RFP through the oversight committee because of its limited budget Liaison appointed to both statewide mental | |

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| | health directors association and MHSOAC. | |
| | IAB Update Dr. Katz was main speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the HIV unit in the Jail • Board appropriated \$80 million one-time seed money for programs associated with Jail Diversion and Reentry plan • Discussion whether ORCHID and IBHIS data mining systems to support single identifier plan • Master Leasing Housing – negotiate to property owners who own buildings with multiple units the benefits of leasing multiple units to homeless. • eCounsel – A system for physicians and psychiatrist to communicate and collect same data on patients from intake form within the three departments • Overview of vacant county buildings for county departments to share space. Creates better integration and communication among the various departments to remove silo walls. • First report from the IAB to board was submitted April 6. | |
| | Commission Retreat Commission Annual Retreat will be held Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:30 am – 3:30 at Sportsman’s Lodge in Studio City. Commissioners Kelly and Lyle are facilitators. | |
| | Executive Committee Update Chairman Gasco discussed the issue consumers have requesting that the Office of Consumer Affairs and Family Advocate separate. Items on the agenda were not addressed because time was consumed with | ACTION – Add Consumer Concerns to May Executive Committee agenda. |

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| | lengthy discussions and concerns expressed the item will be carried over to the next Executive Committee meeting. | |
| Robin Kay, PhD Acting Director | DMH Report: Annual State Quality External Review Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewers commended the access measurement system that electronically schedule appointments in real time for both directly operated and contact agencies. Requested DMH share the access component throughout the state of California A complete report will be provided to the Commission DCFS Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMH partnered with DCFS to develop a core practice model to assist children and families in their journey in the child welfare system. Psychiatric Emergency Room Decompression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per DHS the urgent care centers have succeeded in showing a pattern of reducing the overcrowding of DHS psychiatric emergency rooms. Board letter proposing for 4 new urgent care centers was submitted to the board: Antelope Valley-Del Almo Hospital Harbor-UCLA-Exodus, Ink San Gabriel Valley-Telecare Long Beach-Starview Solicitations for 35 crisis residential programs are ready for upcoming bidders conference Jail Diversion Attended Stepping Up conference in Washington DC with a Los Angeles County team from judicial, criminal, health, and law enforcement agencies. | ACTION: A complete report of the state review will be provided to the Commission ACTION: Chairman requested update on Hope and Recovery Conference and Consumer Affairs and Family Advocacy placed on the May Executive Committee agenda |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference strategies - Prevention from incarceration, lessen the time incarceration, and improve connections with community base services There are too many assessments and treatment tools at different points in the system <p>Structure of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Family Advocacy Feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMH has developed a questionnaire for consumers to provide feedback on the separation which is ready for review. | |
| Public Comments | <p>Six public comments were made to Commission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of complaint was written on the intent to enter DMH headquarters misrepresented the intent Announced Proposition 47 Commission not making good decisions Rumor – name slandered based on alleged video Separating the office of consumer affairs and family advocate Comments on consumer questionnaire feedback. | ACTION: Request staff to distribute Proposition 47 from public comment speaker |
| Meeting adjourned MSC: Scott/Kelly | <p>Next Meeting – May 26, 2016 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street, Room 739 Los Angeles, CA 90012</p> | |

Highlights by Canetana Hurd