

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, February 25, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING

APPROVED – March 25, 2016
MSC: De La Torre/Cooperberg/Unanimous

Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation/Action/Motion/
Call to Order by Chairman Gasco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call – Terry Lewis Absent Excused: Victoria Sofro, Etelvina De La Torre Absent: Fred Leaf 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of January 28, 2016 minutes 	Minutes were Approved: January 28, 2016 MSC – Cooperberg/Gasco/Unanimous
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman's Report	SAAC Co-Chair/MHC Chair Meeting – Terry Lewis, Executive Director reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation from Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg on CSS work plans Presentation from Mary Marx Wraparound being transferred from DCFS to DMH Wendi Cabil – new SAAC 1 Co-Chair Wellness Center in SA 6 back on certification (at separate location) Department working to resolve Children Services. Building needs to be certified 	ACTION:
	IAB Meeting Report Vice Chair DeBose reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For first time had full mental health component at meeting MHC staff will provide Dr. Katz quarterly report to SAAC Co-Chairs "Housing for health" presentation Workgroup meetings for the 8 priorities are high-level staff and not open to the public IAB will draft report for BOS by March 23 	ACTION – Reminder to always have IAB on agenda

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	<p>Executive Committee Report Vice Chair DeBose reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Clay was approved as IAB consumer representative • Working on Bylaws update • Budget meeting date is pending • What are MHSA plans for consumer career paths • Update on homeless initiative • DMH will utilize DCFS staff to provide intensive mental health services • Dr. Kay discussed short term priorities for the Commission • Dr. Sheehe presented on vivitrol • Future presentations – See ACTION • Court mandated services are no longer being provided for re-entry 	<p>ACTION: Future presentations recommended for full meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AB 3632 – School based programs at March meeting 2. Dr. Innes-Gomberg on Promotores 3. Update on IBHIS/ORCHID systems 4. Update on Hope and Recovery Conference 5. Relationship between health plans (LA Care and HealthNet)
	<p>CALBHB/C Meeting Highlights – Vice Chair DeBose reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALBHB/C Newsletter (handout). The first ever newsletter published to help all 58 counties share information. Will be published quarterly. • Policies and procedures are being developed • Meetings are two-days held quarterly. 	
<p>MHSA Annual Update Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg</p>	<p>Public Hearing - April 28, 2016 at St. Anne's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community capacity will build around identifying early trauma • No longer health neighborhood, new "building trauma resilient communities." • Hope to have bidder's conference in May to have contracts in place by October/November 2016. 	

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Robin Kay, PhD Acting Director	<p>DMH Report:</p> <p>Budget update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMH presented its budget to CEO.• Budget balance for fiscal year 2016/17 equals \$2.3 billion• Recommended the budget workgroup go over details in report• Forty-two law enforcement teams were added• Contract expansion for children and youth. <p>State Department of Health Care Services Triannual Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State audit performed on DMH systems and chart review process.• Auditors were amazed at what LA County is doing to reach out to the underserved population <p>DMH received federal grant to improve integration around depression and diabetes.</p> <p>AB 403 – will fundamentally change the way services are provided to children in foster care and group homes. The focus is to move them back into community quickly.</p> <p>West Central Wellness Program Certification Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requested details of wellness centers for each service area from district chiefs. State has to certify the sites• SHARE asked to do training at directly operated clinics.	

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	Homeless Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2015, it was estimated 40,000 homeless people lived in Los Angeles County, one third have a mental health issue 	
	Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal, Legislative Analyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handed out the Legislation Tracker spreadsheet listing status on 25 bills that pertain to mental health. SB614 – Statewide peer certification. DHCS not supportive so the bill is stalled. DHCS wants counties to decide on the certification approval. “No Place Like Home” initiative. Per DeLeon’s office, report details will come as part of budget process. 	
Public Comments	Eleven public comments were submitted requesting to speak and/or address the Commission.	
Commissioners’ Report	Commissioner Lyle	ACTION –
	Commissioner report submitted, see page 7	
	Commissioner Sanchez	ACTION – Wants update on health neighborhoods
	Commissioner Kelly	ACTION: Wants DMH to respond to public comment regarding the WCRC’s court mandated classes that were closed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parenting Anger Management Domestic Violence
SAAC 1 Report Wendy Cabil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed Co-Chair in training Looking forward to bring reports to Commission meetings Client leadership training (1-day per month for 4 months at MHA) 	
SAAC 2 Report Patricia Russell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INN 2 priorities Homeless conference on March 3 	
SAAC 3 Report	No report	
SAAC 4 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INN 2 and role of SAAC 	

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Harold Turner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee 	
SAAC 5 Report Karen Macedonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 82 Outreach Team INN 2 strategies Client subcommittee doubled in size Westside UCC open again 	
SAAC 6 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INN2 and role of SAAC 	
SAAC 7 Report	No report	
SAAC 8 Report	No Report	
LACCC Announcement Janali Torres	Hope and Recovery conference – date June 22	Report given by Janali Torres. Helena Ditka to provide information on Program meeting.
Meeting adjourned	Next Meeting – March 24, 2016 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 739 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	

Highlights by Canetana Hurd

Sharon Lyle

Commission Report/Service Activity Update

February 25th, 2016

January 29th, 2016 attended appointment of Mitchell H. Katz as new Health Agency Director at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Building.

February 10th, 2016 participated via phone at the Program Support Bureau Cultural Competency Committee (CCC) Meeting. Established the African American Trauma & Crisis Work Group. First official meeting will be held March 9th following CCC Meeting at 3:30 PM located at 550 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 in the 3rd floor conference room.

February 11th, 2016 attended Mental Health EMT. Advised by Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg that Prudent Reserve Fund is approximately \$160,000,000. Follow up meeting is scheduled with Dr. Innes-Gomberg on March 2nd at 10:30 AM to locate additional Unused Funds.

February 16, 2016 attended AAA UREP Meeting as Co-Chair. Advised department and members to pull back from additional efforts to continue developing AAA UREP brochures. The process has taken 6+ years so far. On **February 26th, 2016** myself and community advocate Wendy Cabil will be doing a community tour with Richard Antoine from MAGNUS, the 3rd or 4th consultant to develop a brochure for a better understanding of the community's needs. Either we will need a brochure developed or utilize funds to develop Behavioral Health Community Consultants.

February 17th, 2016 attended System Leadership Team (SLT) meeting from 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Anne's Auditorium located at 155 N. Occidental Avenue, Los Angeles 90026. Advised of the future openings for new members. The SLT is currently reviewing current members' status and their knowledge of the integration process.

February 18th, 2016 attended the SAAC 6 Meeting from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the West Central Mental Health Center at 3751 Stocker St, Los Angeles 90008. Recruited for the African American Trauma & Crisis Work Group. Advised of current trauma and crisis' within the community and the need for 24 hour Behavioral Health Centers in the area.

February 19th, 2016 attended the Superior Court for the Community Collaborative Courts training. I was able to represent the Commission on the behalf of Larry Gasco, Chairman, LA County MHC, DMH.

February 24th, 2016 attended the IAB Meeting regarding the preparation to compile the quarterly reports. Special thanks to them for the concern of Skid Row.

Follow up from my request on the January 28th Commission Meeting to replace former Commissioner Hector Ramirez's position as Commission representative to DMH Office of Consumer and Family Affairs, which is under Helena Ditko. I'd like to make a request on behalf of the Commission to be provided summaries of current scheduled conferences such as The Connections for Life, Spirituality, and Hope and Recovery, for community consumers and clients. Also any scheduled training for consumers such as advocacy, employment training, eCPR, Mental Health First-Aid, etc. Lastly, I would like an update on if a career path has been developed for consumers seeking employment. (Monthly Calendar)

Also, I am **following up on my request to be a participant in the CCC Work Group** headed under "Access to Culturally and Linguistically Competent Programs and Services" lead by Dennis Murata along with fellow community members with interests as well. Other current DMH Staff includes Sandra Chang-Ptasinski and Leticia Ximenez. I would like the opportunity to lead community teams to participate or audit additional priorities such as: 1. Consumer Access and Experience with Clinical Services 2. Housing and Supportive Services for Homeless Consumers 3. Overcrowding of Emergency Departments by Individuals in Psychiatric Crisis 4. Access to Culturally and Linguistically Competent Programs and Services 5. Diversion of Corrections-Involved Individuals to Community-Based Programs and Services 6. Implementation of the Expanded Substance Use Disorder Benefit 7. Vulnerable Children and Transitional Age Youth 8. Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention.