

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, June 23, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRMAN, FACILITATING

APPROVED – July 28, 2016
MSC: Cooperberg/Scott

Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation/Action/Motion/
Call to Order by Chairman Gasco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call – Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Victoria Sofro and Howard Askins Absent: Fred Leaf 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of May 26, 2016 minutes 	ITEM ACTION - Chairman entertained a motion to approve the May 26, 2016 minutes: MSC – De La Torre/Lue Abstention - 2
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report	SAAC Co-Chair/MHC report – Terry Lewis, Executive Director Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All SAAC Co-Chairs were present • Dr. Naga Kasarabada, Chief of Quality and Improvement, reported on quality improvement program involving for consumers for DMH leadership and staff. • Most SAACs are looking to improve membership 	
	Executive Committee Meeting – Commissioner DeBose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws update – the preliminary work completed by the current members will be forwarded to the incoming Chair • Budget committee update – it was decided at the retreat that the budget committee will meet quarterly • Representatives from County DHR discussed the recruitment process for the Director of Mental Health • IAB Meeting – Dr. Li discussed the Health Agency 	

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	<p>process and 8 critical strategies identified by the agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robin Kay discussed DMH initiatives that may be of interest to the Commissioners. 	
	<p>Bylaws Committee – The preliminary work performed by the current group will be forwarded to the new Chairperson.</p>	<p>ACTION – Forward draft bylaws to the new Chairperson.</p>
	<p>Budget Committee – Commissioner De La Torre announced two quarterly meetings planned in 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, August 4, from 2-3 pm • Monday, November 7, from 2-3 pm 	<p>ACTION – Confirm Room 822 in Hall of Administration for the budget meetings</p> <p>ACTION – Executive Committee meeting date will be moved up one week from Thursday, August 11 to Thursday, August 4 for this year only</p>
	<p>CALBHB/C Meeting Highlights – Chairman Gasco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After serving as President for two years, Chairman Gasco will step down as Chair of CALBHB/C. 	
	<p>IAB Meeting Highlights from June 22 – Commissioner DeBose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robin Kay spoke on the benefits of the 8 strategic priorities and collaboration. • Mary Marx spoke on overcrowding emergency rooms in the various departments by individuals in psychiatric crisis. • Dr. Alex Li reported on a matrix linking DHS and DMH data systems to create a single identifier number for consumers. 	
	<p>2016 Nominations Committee Report – Slate from May 26 meeting: Chair – Caroline Kelly Vice Chair – Lawrence Lue Secretary – Etelvina De La Torre Members-at-Large – Herman DeBose/Merilla Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman opened the floor for nominations for each officer position. 	<p>ACTION ITEM: Election results: Chairperson – Caroline Kelly Vice Chair – Lawrence Lue Secretary – Etelvina De La Torre Members-at-Large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herman DeBose • Merilla Scott

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election results. See ACTION ITEM • Officer terms are July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 <p>Commission Annual Retreat Update - Commissioners Kelly and Lyle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for Commissioners to become familiar with each other, skill sets, and match needs with passions. • The focus and goal is to give specific information on best practices for dealing with DMH, BOS, and consumers • Covered real substantive information like communication to consumers. How can we better hear the needs of consumers, what are our obligations to consumers, and be better advocates for issues. • Set achievements for 3-5 years instead of month to month. • CIBHS Trainer Susan Wilson facilitated a session on responsibilities of local boards and commissions. • Dr. Robin Kay facilitated a session on the LA County budget and funding sources. 	
<p>Dr. Bryan Mershon, PDH Deputy Director, Children’s System of Care</p>	<p>Overview of Children’s Mental Health Services and funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSS (Community Services and Supports) portion of the MHSA applies to children. 51%, which is flexible funding, is dedicated to FSP for children and TAY. Flexible funding is to advance essential needs for the service plan developed with the child and family. • PEI Funding (Prevention and Early Intervention) portion of the MHSA funds early symptoms of mental illness. State regulations require 51% of 	

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	<p>CSS funding to FSP for children. LA County receives 67% for its planning process developed for children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence based outcome measures focus on what is practically being achieved by interventions. 20% of funds is dedicated to ongoing PEI services • Statistics completed for FY 2014-2015: 2,265 served 1,700 FSP slots \$31.6 million (gross dollar cost) <p>Priority Categories for Children and Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth to 5 years (at risk of school expulsion or parents with mental issues) • Children/youth (detained, drop out, violent behavior or suicidal at school, drug and alcohol) • Probation (on psychiatric medications) 	
	<p>School Based Mental Health – Dr. Robert Byrd</p>	<p>Presentation tabled due to time constraints. Will reschedule</p>
<p>Department Report Robin Kay, Acting Director</p>	<p>Update on Initiatives that involves DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) a federal two year pilot for integrated care and payment reform. Providers must have capacity to: Serve all age groups Provide 24/7 care Respond to emergencies Serve all payer sources for all counties Behavioral health centers treat other issues not just mental health • Whole person care initiative is a proposal spearheaded by DHS. DMH executive team participates on many committees to implement a transition plan and best practices to decrease high utilizer hospital stays for all populations 	

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	<p>with serious mental illnesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Promotores program will continue. The program will expand in serving populations other than Latino. Promotores was recognized for the assisting first responders with language translation barriers at local disasters such as the fires in the City of Maywood. • Sites were identified to open three urgent care centers. Hopes to find a site for the Antelope Valley soon. • The department wants the Commission to help address nimbyism issues at community meetings. Inform communities on the benefits of urgent centers opening in their communities. DMH will work with the Commission on how to inform communities on the benefits. <p>Update on the Office of Consumer Affairs and Family Advocacy Separation and Survey Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kay reiterated it is important to all DMH EMT to assure that every voice is heard about the separation issue and given a chance to be heard. The town hall meeting is scheduled July 11, 2016 from 10:30am – 12:30pm • DMH is reviewing internal consistency due to many executive staff retirements. The department is currently examining Patient’s Rights organizational structure and function. <p>Public Comment to Report – What does the town hall process look like?</p>	
Public Comments	Five public comments were submitted and referenced items on the agenda.	

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Commissioners' Report	Commissioner Lyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More community involvement in the future by 2020 is the main focus and development of a system duplicated where the 11 million population can be reached and receive services. 	
	Commission DeBose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended SAAC 6 meeting and announced the Commission will host the December 15 offsite meeting. SAAC Co-Chairs will start planning for the December meeting Reached out to Commissioner Graham to assist coordinate with SAAC 6 to make the December meeting a success. 	
	Commission Lue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoyed the Hope and Recovery conference and all the enthusiasm in the room. Commented on Dr. Kay's report particularly how Promotores assisted the law enforcement with crisis and disasters. Commissioner Lue shared experience helping in tragedies, FEMA earthquakes, and other disasters. He appreciates the engagement of DMH and law enforcement continues to support communities with crisis and disaster situations. 	
	Commissioner Kelly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support from Larry and modeling by Larry Gasco leadership, the depth of knowledge and enthusiasm shared by Commissioners at the retreat helped the decision to accept the Chair nomination. Look forward to working with everyone. 	
SAAC Reports	SAAC 8 – Paul Sansbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced new Co-chair, Eugenia Lewis 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged the work of Patti LaPlace, former Co-Chair who continued to serve on until new co-chair appointment Modified monthly agenda to address other issues like feedback from community groups. Work on a special homeless outreach initiative with other groups. Dark in July 	
	<p>SAAC 6 – Dorothy Banks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Martin Jones, Older Adults Currently addressing membership issues Working with Commission staff plan December 15 offsite meeting <p>July-December meeting will be held at Hudson Auditorium 12021 So. Wilmington, Los Angeles 90059</p>	
	<p>SAAC 5 – Nancy Carter (for Celinda Jungheim)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glad to be back among friends Addressing issues to increase membership Annual event <i>Homeless to House</i>. Seven people presented success stories on homeless experiences. 	
	<p>SAAC 4 – No Report</p>	
	<p>SAAC 3 – William Legere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenter on compulsory treatment and building bridges Hosted blood donation drive 	
	<p>SAAC 2 – Evy Lowe and Pat Russell, Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced appreciation to Larry Gasco for leadership Meeting presentation: FOCUS – Family OverComing Under Stress from UCLA Invite Dr. Naga Kasarabada to SAAC meeting 	
	<p>SAAC 1 – Wendi Cabil</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant discussion with Innovations II representatives • Discussion on urgent care progress • MHALA – Golden Bell Awards in October • Co-Chair on Cultural Competency Committee • Announcement – John Glover will resign as Co-Chair effective July 1, 2016. 	
<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Next Meeting – July 28, 2016 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street, Room 739 Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>	

Meetings Highlights by Canetana Hurd