

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, May 26, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRMAN, FACILITATING

APPROVED – June 23, 2016
MSC: De La Torre/Lue

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, Howard Askins, Merilla Scott, and Judy Cooperberg Absent: Fred Leaf 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of April 28, 2016 minutes 	Chairman entertained a motion to approve the April 28 minutes: MSC – De La Torre/Gilberg/Unanimous
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report	<p>2016 Nominations Committee – 2016 Executive Office slate: Chair – Caroline Kelly Vice Chair – Lawrence Lue Secretary – Etelvina De La Torre Members-at-Large – Herman DeBose and Merilla Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slate will be presented at June meeting, Chair will open nominations from the floor. • Voting will take place if there is more than one candidate nominated for any of the given offices. Chairman will ask Commission to vote aye or nay. • Elected officers’ term is July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. 	ACTION: None
	<p>MHC/SAAC Chairs Meeting Highlights – Terry Lewis, Executive Director Housing Services Presentation - Guest speaker Reina Turner, CHEED (Countywide Housing Education and Employment Development) discussed the programs and background information on Housing Advisory Board purpose</p>	ACTION: Terry Lewis recommended to invite human trafficking presentation

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	<p>SAAC 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported Mental health month activity <p>SAAC 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenter discussed cultural competency committee Discussed better participation between SAAC and SLT Human trafficking <p>SAAC 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New co chair Anna Henderson Has two health neighborhoods <p>SAAC 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work on recruiting new members Presentation on homelessness from Starview How to navigate homeless resources on DMH website Presentation by Project SHARE <p>SAAC 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Asian-American communities to better integrate the service area. Working with local Chinese radio on how to access services in the community and to reduce stigma Alfredo Larios, DMH District Chief is retiring in October 2016 	
	<p>Executive Committee – Vice Chair DeBose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported Executive Committee minutes as presented (see attachment). 	<p>ACTION – Commissioner Lyle requested to be part of the Director of Mental Health interview process.</p>
	<p>CALBHB/C Meeting Highlights – Commissioner DeBose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of the CALBHB/C is limited Elections will take place at the annual meeting on June 16-18, 2016 in Ontario Two people were nominated as representatives 	

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	<p>on MHSOAC</p> <p>Commission Annual Retreat (Training) - Commissioner Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus and goal is to give specific information on as to best practices dealing with DMH, BOS, and consumers • CIBHS Trainer Susan Wilson will facilitate the bulk of the training on responsibilities and reality of local boards and commissions. • Dr. Kay will report on the DMH budget. • Develop protocol and specific responsibilities under the Welfare and Institution Codes • Commission Annual Retreat - Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:30 am – 3:30 at Sportsman’s Lodge in Studio City. 	
<p>Dr. Alexander Li Deputy Director, Health Agency</p>	<p>Health Agency Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave overview of the merger process that integrated DMH, DHS, and DPH. • Reiterated the mission and motto which is the working model for the Health Agency • Discussed using 8 strategic priorities along with collaborative activities will increase best outcomes • Health Agency report was presented to the board • Discover better places for people to heal instead of in psychiatric emergency rooms. • Discussed metrics developed to evaluate outcomes of overcrowding of psychiatric emergency rooms. 	

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<p>Mental Health Commission Approval Dennis Murata, Acting Chief Deputy Director</p>	<p>Mental Health Services Act Plan Approval for Fiscal Year 2016-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis Murata reviewed the approval process of the MHSA plan. • Public comments submitted prior to the public hearing were addressed and public comments submitted at the public hearing were also addressed and are included in the plan. 	<p>ITEM ACTION - Chairman entertained a motion to approve the MHSA plan</p> <p>MSC - Herman DeBose/Lawrence Lue/Unanimous</p>
<p>SAAC 1 Wendi Cabil, Co-Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.O.P.E (Homeless Outreach Partnership Event) - May 20 • Discussed the list of consumer casualties and distributed the survey 	
<p>SAAC 2 Patricia Russell, Co-Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Older Adults • Ongoing discussion on co-occurring disorders • Public comments • License housing • Planning to invite Judge Gordon from CCC (Community Collaborative Court) to meeting in July 	
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Five public comments were made to Commission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board and Care home license issue 2. Include family members on the treatment team 3. Thank you for well wishes during my recent health issue. 4. Due to the large Black and Latino population, need ethnic person as new director 5. Questions regarding agenda items 	<p>ACTION: None</p>
<p>Department Report Robin Kay, Acting Director</p>	<p>Major initiatives DMH is pursuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified behavioral health centers application (CCBHC) a federal two year pilot for integrated care and payment reform. DMH will oversee the application on behalf of Los Angeles County. Actual services will be delivered by some of our contract agencies. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole person care initiative – part of the 1115 Waiver that pertains to drug Medi-Cal certification. DHS is the lead department working with LA County to develop the proposals for the initiative. Populations that have been approved are diversion, homeless, and specialized foster care populations. DMH is uniquely working on the high utilizer populations to continue increase permanent linkage to services and decrease hospital admissions. • Continuum of Care reform (AB 403) Children in group homes. Delivery of services to children in group homes will completely change come January 1, 2017 but minor changes will impact mental health. <p>Update on the Office of Consumer Affairs and Family Advocacy Separation and Survey Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kay stated that it is her intent is to assure that every voice is heard about the separation issue and given a chance to be heard. A town hall meeting is planned for those who want to provide feedback on the issue. • Dennis Murata discussed the results of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Family Advocate separation survey. 	
Commissioners' Reports	<p>Commissioner Lue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuum of Care reform – look forward to hearing about the issues from Bryan Mershon • Attended the 30th Anniversary of the Long Beach Asian American and Pacific Islander Mental 	

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	<p>Health Center May is Mental Health Month celebration</p> <p>Commissioner Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commented on article regarding the back log of misdemeanor and felony cases. <p>Commission Lyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted the attached activity report.	
<p>Meeting adjourned MSC: Lue/</p>	<p>Next Meeting – June 23, 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

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OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Executive Committee Highlights
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Dr. Larry Gasco, Chairman

Present:

Commissioners

Larry Gasco
Herman DeBose
Larry Lue
Sharon Lyle

Staff

Terry Lewis
Canetana Hurd
Dennis Murata

Guest

Carey Grier
Betty Dandino
Celinda Jungheim
Mitch Katz
Pam Missett
Bill Dukes
Ellie Stabeck

Call in

Commissioner Gilberg
Commissioner Lyle
Debbie Innes-Gomberg
Reba Stevens
Ron Schraiber

Chairman's Report – Chairman Larry Gasco

- Reiterated the purpose of conducting the Executive Committee meeting involves business and administrative issues as well as public comments
- Bylaws committee –Preliminary work performed by current committee will be forwarded to the new 2016 officers
- Budget committee – Whether to convene or disperse this committee will be placed on the full meeting agenda
- Status of Commission representatives on IAB - Chairman discussed what will happen if current Chair and Vice Chair representatives on the IAB change after new officers are elected July 1, 2016. Commissioners Gasco and DeBose will remain on IAB until a decision is made.
- IAB Meeting Summary – Vice Chair DeBose
Dr. Katz spoke briefly about the IAB and invited questions and comments from members and public

Staff Report – Terry Lewis, Executive Director

- Nominations process began. Slate will be presented at May 26, 2016 meeting
- Retreat – Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Sportsman's Lodge. Commissioners Kelly and Lyle will facilitate the retreat. Draft agenda will be developed for Commission to review.

Health Agency Update – Dr. Mitch Katz, Health Agency Director, DHR Assistant Director Pamela Missett, and DHR Analyst Bill Dukes

DHR representatives provided status on the DMH Director recruitment

- 480 mental health professionals nationwide responded to the advertisement sent to such agencies as social media and psychiatric associations
- Seventeen of the 480 met the criteria for the position
- Seven considered for interview phase
- Board will interview 2-3 candidates along with Dr. Katz

- DHR will canvass the Commission to gather the specific or particular skill set to formulate the interview questions so the Commission can review and recommend an applicant.

DMH Report – Dennis Murata, Acting Chief Deputy Director

- Update on the plan to respond to Consumer Concerns on Office of Consumer Affairs and Family Advocate
 1. Develop questionnaire and distributed to coalitions and stakeholders.

Update – Preliminary draft of survey was sent to Commissioners for feedback. Feedback from Commissioners was analyzed and survey was finalized. Survey will be sent to coalitions and stakeholders. Results will be tallied by Implementation and Outcomes Division then reported to the Commission
 2. Client conferences were cut back to one Hope and Recovery conference in June

Update – The board letter for client conferences will expire in June 2016. To prepare for next years' board letter, each client coalition will be surveyed whether to have more conferences or more trainings.

Conference Call Disconnection by Chairman

Chairman Gasco pulled the plug to discontinue the conference call to re-gain control of the meeting. A caller continued to be out of order and disrespectful during the departmental staff comments. Caller was given several more warnings from Chairman Gasco. Chair apologized to everyone who was on the conference call.

Public Comments – None

Commission/Community Reports

- LACCC – Betty Dandino

Ms. Dandino discussed past meeting conduct at California Endowment which prohibited the group from meeting at the Endowment. The coalition objected to meeting at the SHARE location near Skid Row. Finally, arrangements were made for the coalition to meet at the 600 Commonwealth locations.

Meeting adjourned – Next Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2016

10 am – Noon

DMH Headquarters

550 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles 90020

12th Floor Executive Conference Room

6/23/16

Sharon Lyle Mental Health Commissioner Activity Update

Topic: 2016 Commission Retreat

- Development Sneaker Tour (Proposed Tour Date: August 2016, Commission Black-out Month)
 - Identify date, time, participants, security needs, transportation (public, group in DMH vehicle, or meeting at designated checkpoint, Downtown Mental Health)
- Identify non-profit entity for weekend tour
- Develop question and answer survey for service needs

Question #1: What percentage of DMH general budget is allowed for self-help training programs from 2016-2017 (Dollar amount)?

Question #2: Is it true that Workforce Education Training funds will be discontinued or reduced?

Question #3: What is the designated funding to assist in efforts in Skid Row?

Question #4: Has additional training for eCPR been established beyond the 2 classes (English and Spanish) already scheduled?

Question #5: When is the next Mental Health First-Aid Training?

July 11, 2016 Town Hall Meeting Request for 2 panels:
"Administration" and "Advocacy Team/community/consumer"