

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, November 17, 2016
 MEETING MINUTES
 CAROLINE KELLY, JD, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING

No Quorum

APPROVED – January 26, 2017
MSC: Gilberg/DeBose/Unanimous

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1. Call to Order by Chairperson Kelly Roll Call – Canetana Hurd – No quorum present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent Excused: Commissioners Sofro, Scott, Gasco, De La Torre, Sanchez, Cooperberg, and Askins • Absent: Fred Leaf 	No quorum
Approval of October 27, 2016 minutes – TABLED due to quorum not present	No quorum
2. Public Comments – Concerns from public and Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the Commission website to better navigate • What expectations have been created around employment, education, housing reunification with children • Senate bill 2680 – mental health reform deals with parity, patient treatment, etc. on a national basis • Opiate addiction • Education for mentally ill who are incarcerated • Increase rates for licensed board and care homes • Personal problem with landlord entering tenants house and stealing, and insect problems 	ACTION: None
3. Department Report – Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin, MD, PhD Dr. Sherin stated that he is very encouraged about a number of things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH is a mission driven group • From an outside perspective the culture behind DMH is very healthy • Feels a great deal of alignment from board • More engagement needed from outside county entities • Enrich interface between consumer to provider, which is where healing occurs • Data needs to focus on closing the trench between consumers and providers • LA can raise the bar on services to the homeless and incarcerated population suffering from mental illness • Believes in wellbeing for whole person, healthy emotionally, collectivity with family, society and spiritually 	ACTION: None
Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rajlal discussed the process to repeal Affordable Care Act. Assured consumers and family members present that they will continue to have benefits if modifications are approved. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH has two requests to County for legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MHPA funding for housing -Housing regulation changed allowing only those who are receiving outreach and engagement and FSP services are approved for housing stipends. Request to change legislation to allow MHPA funds to approve stipends for others who qualify for housing. b) Continuum of care reform for children - Foster care programs are being revamped from group homes to therapeutic homes. The change to recertify new providers will cost LA over \$400 million. 	
<p>4. Chairperson’s Report</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended DMH sponsored training on Conservatorship • Met with Coalition members on issues regarding DMH 	
<p>Executive Committee meeting – Chairperson Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Services Division presented on the Commission Assessment Report Recommendations – Presenter and group discussed recommendations instructing all commissions issue annual reports on the status of the County, collaborate with other commissions, and identify gaps. ACTION - MHC will invite speakers to present on subjects relevant to the 8 priorities. • Presentation on Board and Care facilities – Presenter discussed the decrease of both license and unlicensed board and care facilities. ACTION - Commission will support the issue because decrease of board and care facilities will increase homelessness. • Protocol of Meetings between BOS and MHC - Tabled to January because of lack of quorum 	<p>ACTION - MHC will invite speakers to present on subjects relevant to the 8 priorities</p> <p>ACTION - Commission will support the issue because decrease of board and care facilities will increase homelessness</p>
<p>5. Discussion of Commission Priorities Relevant to Mental Illness issues – Four priorities for the Commission are: Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of homelessness • Look closely at Proposition HHH for services regarding wraparound • Help DMH advocate for accountability of funding <p>Youth Justice Involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff/LAPD training • Jails (alternatives to jail, education) • Reintegration • Incarceration • Treatment while in incarceration • Community courts 	<p>ACTION</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservatorships <p>MHC Priorities and Mandates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalitions • SAACs • Consumers and Family Members 	
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<p>6. Discussion of Commission Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues should be relevant to mental illness and increase awareness 	
<p>7. Commissioners' Reports – Commissioner DeBose –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAB Report – Committees are working on the report to present to board. • DA Lacey Advisory Board member – deals with issues of people with lived experience • Applied for Cultural Competency and Linguistics Committee on the Mental Health Oversight Commission 	
<p>Commissioner Lyle – Requested to formulate workgroup for homelessness.</p>	
<p>Commissioner Gilberg – Complimented Chairperson on her leadership.</p>	
<p>Commissioner Lue – Asked Commission to please review MHSA handouts so the Commission can effectively approve the 3-year annual report.</p>	
<p>8. SAAC Reports/Community Reports</p>	
<p>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC is busy with TAY issues • SAAC will host a Xmas meeting in December 	
<p>SAAC 8 – Paul Stansbury, Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness – number one priority • Promotoros <p>Urgent care presentation pertaining to opening of clinic and nimbyism issues.</p> <p>ACTION – Add Dr. Goodwin’s SAAC Priorities report on the December Executive Committee agenda</p>	
<p>Motion to adjourn meeting Next Meeting – December 15, 2016 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kedren Community Center - 4211 S. Avalon Street Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>	