

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health  
**OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
 Thursday, January 26, 2016  
 MEETING MINUTES  
 CAROLINE KELLY, JD, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING

**APPROVED – March 23, 2017**  
**MSC: Gilberg/Lue/Abstention-1**

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation/ Action/Motion</b>
<p>1. <b>Call to Order by Chairperson Kelly</b>            Roll Call – Canetana Hurd –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent Excused: Commissioners Sofro, Scott, De La Torre, Graham, Cooperberg, and Askins</li> <li>• Absent: Fred Leaf</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Chairperson will meet with 5<sup>th</sup> District Deputy regarding vacancies in District 5</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b>            Chairperson will meet with 5<sup>th</sup> District regarding Commission vacancies in 5<sup>th</sup> District.</p>
<p>Approval of October 27, 2016, November 17, 2016, and December 15, 2016 minutes –  <b>MSC: Gilberg/Kelly/Unanimous</b></p>	
<p>2. <b>Public Comments –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reba Stevens – Connections for Life</li> <li>• Darrell Nicholas – Cultural competency issues in the Exodus wellness center</li> <li>• Patricia Russell – Spoke about positive issues for health for family members caring for mentally ill</li> <li>• Betty Dandino – LACCC issues and concerns with new SHARE contract</li> <li>• MC Harris - 2009 Connections for Life recipient. Spoke about completion of peer specialists training does not lead to functional employment with DMH.</li> <li>• Tiffany Devaney – Peer advocates can help to hire and train new peer advocates.</li> <li>• Dorothy Banks – Increase SB 82 benefits with stipends and full time employment.</li> <li>• Martiza Labron – Spoke on behalf of roommate who has a daughter with both hearing and sight disabilities needs help.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> None</p>
<p>3. <b>Department Report – Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin, MD, PhD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sherin discussed subjects that will be effective in Los Angeles County:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) DMH take the lead on cultural competency with health services:</li> <li>b) Goal for coalitions is to improve the connections with the board and consumers</li> <li>c) Hold SHARE accountable for organizing stakeholders and coalitions to demonstrate DMH commitment to the coalitions.</li> <li>d) Identify as many resource streams possible to grow a peer workforce.</li> <li>e) Hopeful that Measure H will pass.</li> <li>f) Sacred interface model (the Trench), the gap between provider and client needs to be smaller</li> <li>g) Plan SAAC tour (8) – invite direct providers, family members, clients, and Commissioners to join the tours</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Public Comment on item #3:            Speaker recommended Dr. Sherin make unannounced visits to the SAACs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> None</p>

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<p>Issues on hiring outside consultants into a community they know nothing of needs to change.</p>	
<p><b>Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cuts to mental health in the Governor’s midyear budget projection released on January 10, 2017</li> <li>• State is concerned about the ACA repeal and what changes may result</li> <li>• Bills that will have financial impact on counties                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Coordinated Care Initiative: Return in-home supportive services to county responsibility will reduce realignment growth.</li> <li>b) Continuum of Care Reform for Children: Reform will create approximately \$100 million additional case management responsibility for counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New bills sponsored by Los Angeles County                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) LA County CBHDA – Housing subsidies available to clients on treatment plans at all levels to avoid FSP program enrollment increases</li> <li>b) Peer Certificate program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Discussion Action Items/Update -</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALBHB/C – Update on CALBHB/C concluded that California Planning Council provided funding for a consultant to develop a reorganization plan to empower its purpose. <b>ACTION:</b> No action taken</li> <li>• Employment Conference Update – Robin Kay, Chief Deputy Director                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) April 5, 2017 date</li> <li>b) Evolved over time and will continue to evolve</li> <li>c) Emphasis on skill building for consumers and providers to become familiar with the special populations</li> <li>d) Consumer recognition will continue</li> <li>e) Workshops on resume preparation</li> <li>f) Employer resource tables</li> <li>g) DMH identified a vendor that can do employment services in the area of competitive employment (employment outside of mental health)</li> <li>h) DHS is the lead for whole person care program and will be doing the recruitment for all the hiring.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commission Strategic Plan 2016-2017 – Structure plan around issues of access and accountability</li> <li>• Brittany Weissman, Executive Director, NAMI Los Angeles County wants to present at Commission meeting on MHS Oversight Committee issues with quality of services and NAMI families working with AOT. <b>ACTION:</b> Schedule Ms. Weissman to make presentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> <b>Contact NAMI LA for presentation (Brittany Weissman)</b></p>
<p><b>5. MHSA 3 Year Plan Update – Debbie Innes-Gomberg, PhD, Deputy Director</b> Reported on MHSA plan modifications to be presented at the Public Hearing February 23, 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services for whole person care program are referenced in the MHSA plan</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidate CSS (Community Services and Supplies) work plans. The consolidation will reduce 24 to 6 services streams for people who suffer mental illness and emotional disturbances in the CSS programs</li> <li>• IMD Step Down will map up a program called Alternative Crisis Services such as IMD, law enforcement teams, and urgent care</li> <li>• Effective July 1, 2017 providers will have FSP/non FSP options. FSP/non FSP treatment options help create flexible teams to treat clients and eliminate the “warm handoff”</li> <li>• Expand FSP pools to revise program eligibility</li> <li>• Establish peers in new roles</li> <li>• Develop a matrix to identify levels of care</li> <li>• Field based services available for diversion program participants</li> <li>• Majority of \$121.6m funding from the state will be dedicated to Whole Person Care, No Place Like Home, and Measure HHH</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Commissioners’ Reports –</b></p>	
<p><b>Vice Chair Lawrence Lue presiding from 1 – 1:30 pm</b>  Vice Chair stated SAAC Co-Chairs volunteer and regularly attend Commission meetings. He ask the audience show support to the SAAC agenda item and stay to hear information provided by the SAAC Co-Chairs.</p>	
<p><b>7. SAAC Reports/Community Reports</b></p>	
<p><b>SAAC 1 – Wendy Cabil</b>  Presentation/discussion from December – January meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change Lanes Youth Services</li> <li>• Membership discussion on more participation from family members</li> <li>• Co-Chair Jean Harris organized a housing subcommittee</li> <li>• Training on CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)</li> <li>• Training on Whole Person Care from DMH staff</li> <li>• Jo Ellen Perkins, District Chief due to return in March from illness</li> <li>• NAMI started its Peer-to-Peer training program</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC continues to address TAY issues</li> <li>• SAAC will attend AAMHC in February</li> <li>• Co-occurring disorders scheduled for next three meetings</li> <li>• Discussion on board and care operators issues led by Barbara Wilson</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SAAC 4 – Mark Karmatz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on supporting schools in the area</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trauma presentation</li> <li>• Discussion on Veterans managing stress</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SAAC 6 – Dorothy Banks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked commission for the opportunity to host the town hall meeting in the service area December 15, 2016</li> <li>• Will report on town hall meeting discussion after next SAAC meeting</li> <li>• Looking forward to addressing priorities, education, homelessness, and trauma in the community</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SAAC 5 – Jenny Rosales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latino Coalition</li> <li>• Lack of support for kids in the community</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting –</b>                  February 23, 2017 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 pm                  Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels                  555 W. Temple Street                  Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>	

**Meetings Highlights by Canetana Hurd**