

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, March 23, 2017
 MEETING MINUTES
 CAROLINE KELLY, JD, CHAIR, FACILITATING

APPROVED – April 27, 2017
MSC: Cooperberg/Lue/Unanimous

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1. Call to Order by Chairperson Kelly Roll Call – Canetana Hurd – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent Excused: Commissioner Scott • Absent: Commissioner Sofro and Fred Leaf 	ACTION: None
Approval of January 26, 2017 minutes – Motion moved to approve the minutes - MSC: Gilberg/Lue/Abstain-1	ACTION: None
2. Public Comments – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Harris – LA County practice of postponing payments to providers has caused great financial hardships and at times experienced bankruptcy. How can we help to get payments for billable mental health care more timely? • Paul Stansbury – Discussed housing issues in his community – Harborview Housing in San Pedro • Mia St. John – Call to action for accountability and transparency in mental health (referred to DMH for follow up) • Patricia Russell – Hospitals refusal to accept patients on LPS conservatorship • Catherine Clay – Asked what to do about ideas stolen by the government • Rose Hugh – Venice Beach has an excessive trash issue that contaminates the community • Jennifer Lewis – Mental health parenting classes are needed because children are being removed from the home and suffer abuse from foster parents. (referred to Dr. Shaner) • Mark Karmatz – Announced Alternatives conference in Boston and upcoming CAMPHRO conference call • Sawako Nitao – Thank you for helping one of the clients get out of jail 	
3. Discussion Action Items/Update – Caroline Kelly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome New Commissioner – Chairperson welcomed Kita S. Curry, PhD, appointed by Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Commissioner Curry’s comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Honored to be on the Commission. – Look forward to serving. – Wears many hats in mental health. – Trained Psychologist. – President/CEO at Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Representation on the IAB (Integration Advisory Board) Call for Motion that Chair Kelly represents the Commission on the IAB by vote. Commissioners will vote at April 27, 2017 meeting. ACTION: Motion moved for Commission to vote at April meeting that Chairperson Kelly represent the Commission on the IAB. MSC-Gilberg/Lue/Unanimous 	<p>ACTION: Commission vote at April meeting for Chairperson Kelly to be IAB representative.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Strategic Plan: Consultant(s) have been identified to submit a proposal to assist Commission develop a strategic plan for the next 3-years. 	<p>ACTION: None</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Notebook Update – Terry Lewis Ms. Lewis gave a brief overview of the data notebook task requested by the California Planning Council that the Commission answer questions referencing children services. Data in the notebook helps counties identify gaps in services to report back to mental health departments. Commissioner Lue along with Commissioners Scott and Sanchez will collectively answer the questions and give an update at the April meeting. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retreat – Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Sportsman’s Lodge 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming conferences/programs – Chair announced upcoming conferences Commission will develop a protocol for presentations and attending conferences 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAC tours and follow up Pleased to announce that SAAC tours are going well and Commissioner participation is commendable. Tours will continue until May 1, 2017. A protocol will be developed with the strategic plan to continue communications with SAACs so that direct monthly feedback will go to Dr. Sherin. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications/new DMH website Chair recommended to look at the new DMH website and provide feedback if noted. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next month MHSA presentations will begin with Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg Board and care issues were selected for a substantive subject in the annual report. What supportive care models are available to address board and care living environments and examine other models that can substitute for board and care. 	
<p>4. DMH Report – Dr. Rod Shaner, Medical Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New clinical initiatives will impact DMH budget on current Medi-cal waiver plans and other critical new initiatives against the background of health integration, ACA, and ACA repeal. Dr. Kay leads a group on contingency planning and proactive methods accessible. New critical issues – Medicaid expansion impact - key things in the changes that fund DMH: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Measure H offers new opportunities in mental health services support; a special plan that serve people with mental 	

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<p>health and housing issues. The success of Measure H will depend on wraparound services providing special mental health support.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. DMC – (Drug Medi-Cal) – LA County will “go live” on July 1 to draw down new and robust funding for people with substance abuse. The department must certify contract and directly operated providers to process funding requests and claims, documentation, IT systems, and program design. 3. Whole Person Care (WPC) – DHS is the lead on whole person care initiative that also integrates social services components that cannot be funded through sources like Medi-Cal funding. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. WPC I – Funding approved to bridge high utilizations and people in locked facilities back into the community for services, and the intensive services project (people with several hospital visits during a 12 month period) b. WPC II – Approved to fund peers services (Kindship with Peers). Peers that remain with clients up to one year to help regain/maintain relationships with family and community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Initiatives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reshape the management of fee-for-services Medi-Cal system both inpatient and outpatient so people are managed to stay in the community. Reshaping will increase the reimbursement rate. Los Angeles receives the lowest reimbursement rate in California. 2. Help manage boarding of patients in non-emergency rooms. Pilot of hospitals identified to help detain people until services are available to transport patients with specific needs to specific units. 3. SB 82 – Further extend MET teams and tele mental health connections 4. AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) - Outreach ability, FSPs, enhanced residential; the challenge is teaching people how to use the services and measure the outcomes; and teaching and recruiting professional staff. • Update on Employment Forum - Dr. Robin Kay, Chief Deputy Director • Dr. Kay handed out details of the Employment Forum topics; recognize six consumers who will share stories, and resource tables. All day conference takes place April 5, 2017 at The Endowment. • Public Comment on issue: a) Employers should be on the panel, b) On the spot hiring, c) Empower consumers in the planning stage 	
<p>Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal, DMH Legislative Analyst</p> <p>AB 727 – Mental Health Services Act: Housing Assistance, Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian – Sponsored by Los Angeles County Assembly Bill 727 would expand the number of programs and services funded by the Mental Health Service Act that provide housing/rental assistance for mental health clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill will change MHSA regulations to provide assistance to mental health clients to retain housing subsidies when treatment plans show improvement. • Support letters are welcome 	
<p>MHSA 3 Year Program and Expenditure Plan Update – Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Deputy Director</p>	<p>ACTION:</p>

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<p>ACTION: Motion to approve the MHSA 3-year Program and Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2019-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Innes-Gomberg discussed key issues the department will face now and in the future • The Commission discussed approving the plan whether to add their feedback in the approval letter to secure a follow up process. Dr. Innes-Gomberg recommended the Commission feedback be added in the motion of amendments that will be included with the MHSA plan for board approval. Commission approved of the recommendation. • Chair asked Dr. Innes-Gomberg to make individual presentations on each of the six MHSA plan components and recommend one facility to plan a site visit. The individual presentations and site visits allow Commissioners to collectively gain comprehensive knowledge of the plan by the time of the next public hearing. Dr. Innes-Gomberg will also cover data that can be used to answer data notebook questions. • Feedback at public hearing from Commission was very helpful particularly why disenrollment occur instead of completing programs. <p>MOTION – MHSA 3-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2019-20 was approved unanimously by the Commission.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously by MSC DeBose/Lue</p>
<p>Commissioners' Report</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Cooperberg – will attend the national mental health MHA conference • Chair Kelly – Attended the IAB meeting. There is an ongoing challenge with integration agency services. • Commissioner Lue – Attended SLT, STATS (meeting will be revamped), SAAC tours • Commissioner Sanchez – Look forward to upcoming SAAC tour with Dr. Sherin 	<p>ACTION:</p>
<p>SAAC Co-Chairs/Community Reports/LACCC</p>	
<p>SAAC 1 - Jean Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed SAAC tour • Subcommittees formed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing 2. Work on CSS gap analysis 3. Disaster preparedness 4. SAAC is positive about Dr. Sherin's sacred space plan 5. Measure 8 concerns 6. Hopes behavioral health urgent care center will happen soon 7. Health neighborhood – over 55 • Innovations II – community plan ready to be submitted • Provided a link to SLT minutes for those maintain current • Requested link from Commission to access the monthly minutes 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Cabil – (report) Disappointed about the bus situation and request an apology. Cited that the unusual number in attendance at SAAC tour was staged because of Dr. Sherin. <p>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for the upcoming SAAC tour with Dr. Sherin • Upcoming SAPSC presentation to discuss co-occurring treatment • Cross training on Medi-Cal waivers so treatment plans can communicate <p>SAAC 6 – Dorothy Banks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC tour with Dr. Sherin was held February 2017 • Immigration issues and undocumented clients are not attending community meetings. SAAC wants to discuss the clinic to be a safe zone with DMH. • SAAC discussed membership issues that encourage client involvement <p>SAAC 8 – Paul Stansbury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC discussed resources that address immigration issues. Women’s League of Voters is educating the community through workshops and mental health forums on immigration rights. 	
<p>Community Reports and LACCC – No report</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting – April 27, 2017 @ 11:00 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street, Room 739 Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>	

Meeting highlights by Canetana Hurd