

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Merilla M. Scott, Presiding

APPROVED

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1. Call to Order by Commissioner Scott Roll Call – Canetana Hurd: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absent Excuse: Cynthia Sanchez, Lawrence Lue, Patrick Ogawa, Tiombe Wallace, and Kita S. Curry• Absent: Kathryn Barger	ACTION: None
Approval of October 26, 2017 minutes – APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE	ACTION: Minutes approved. Fwd to DMH webmaster
Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Jeannine Pearce gave a brief introduction. She is a Councilmember for the Second District of the City of Long Beach appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District.	ACTION: None
2. Public Comments – None Agenda Items Commissioner Scott reiterated the following Brown Act rules that reflect public comments: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Commission welcomes input and comments from the public2. Commission is governed by the Brown Act which states the role of the Commission is to listen and not respond or take action.3. The Commission has the option to follow up at the Executive Committee meetings on items that come up from public comments4. Commission ask the public to please limit comments to 2 minutes Public Comments Maria Juarez – Please provide transportation for consumers who are not in service area 8 attend the town hall meeting on December 14. Maria Tan – Participated in a Healthy Living training and received a certificate. Hopes the service extender programs and older adult speakers bureau continue because they are valuable to the wellbeing of seniors Jennifer Wright – Made an announced for free health services. Sawako – Native American Conference was great. Many clients could not come because of transportation issues. Barbara Wilson – Clarified that “patching” will help only enhanced board and care homes. Homeless programs are offering board and care operators \$50 per night only for a clean bed and no services. More monitoring is needed to verify the different board and care types and who they serve.	ACTION: Coordinate transportation for consumers to attend SA 8 town hall.

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<p>3. DMH Report – Dr. Robin Kay, Chief Deputy Director Whole Person Care (WPC) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major statewide initiative that stems from a federal waiver to provide Medi-Cal services. WPC has 16 components operating throughout entities. DHS is the lead department. DPH also participates in the initiative. Intent is to provide wraparound support to Medi-Cal recipients who need additional services when needed <p>DMH submitted a proposal for programs to provide services to Medi-Cal recipients with various levels of need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The intensive service recipient program identifies individuals with 4 or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalization visits over a 12-month period. If an extended 90 days after hospital release is needed the program provides a team to help and support the additional services. These services are funded through DMH (FSP or clinic based programs). Residential and bridging services help people leaving IMDs or state hospitals go into a lower level of residential treatment (B&Cs) or enrich residential facilities, or sobering centers to provide extra support for the transition between different levels of care. DMH will fund B&C facilities that accept very high and high need clients. The support will help clients return to communities and sustain. Kindship Through Peer (KTP) supports those coming from high levels of care. Forty peers were hired to follow clients and provide additional peer support for up to 12 months. The program has exceeded its 1st year goals. <p>Reorganization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New administrative unit from DHS headed by Greg Polk, Chief Deputy Director, moved to DMH. Mr. Polk and staff will be looking at administrative function and capital facility projects. West Valley facility opening in January 2018 Groundbreaking on new building for children’s mental health in January 2018 in 3rd district Update for Urgent Care Center in Antelope Valley - DMH proposed a better comprehensive plan for SA 1 funding for urgent care center, crisis residential treatment, specialized psychiatric health facility for adolescents, permanent supportive housing programs, and sobering center for men and women and children. Still waiting for parties to say move forward. 	
<p>4. Discussion Action Items/Update – Commissioner Scott</p> <p>Commissioner Scott provided updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Assistant, Mental Health Commission position is posted. There are copies of the job bulletin in the folders and on the information table. Next Commission meeting will be a Town Hall Meeting with Service Area 8 Thursday, December 14, 2017 9 am – Noon South Coast Botanic Gardens – Frances Young Hall 	<p>ACTION: Post information on Town Hall meeting when flyer is ready. Transportation for consumers being arranged.</p>

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<p>26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90724</p> <p>Public Comment – Will transportation be provided for the consumers who are outside of the Service Area 8?</p>	
<p>5. MHSA WET (Workforce, Education, and Training) Presentation – Angelita Diaz-Akahori, PsyD and Juan Mata, Health Program Analyst II</p> <p>Dr. Diaz-Akahori provided an overview of the beginning of MHSA WET programs and concluded with Q&A discussing updates for fiscal year 2017-2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Education & Training (WET) addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workforces shortages ○ Training & Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Future workforce ▪ Current public mental health system • WET plan was approved in April 2009. • LA County was given \$60.2 million (one-time), \$36.2 million expenditures in 2017, a balance of \$24 million for FY 17-18 (54% of the \$60.2 million) • Sixteen WET programs fall under the various categories: training and technical assistance, career pathways, residency and internship, and financial incentive • FY 2017-2018 Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health Promotoers (Promotoras) ▪ TAY Peer Support Specialist Training ▪ Online Licensure and Pre-Licensure ▪ Learning Net Management Development – Roll out FY 2017-2018. New system will also help with online conference registrations ▪ Efforts targeted for consumers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HOPE Training Program ○ Peer Housing Specialist Training Program ○ Macro Peer Advocacy Program ○ Individual Placement and Support ▪ Parent Partners Training Programs – going on now ▪ Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Training Programs-helps group homes transition to mental health providers ▪ Financial Incentive Program (Loan Support Repayment Program, Tuition Reimbursement, and UsCC Graduate Recruitment Program) • See handout (insert link here) with more detail on WET program information 	

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6. Commissioners' Report	
Commissioner Turner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at ways to restructure SAACs into committees in a way they could be more inclusive. Many people may not be interested in everything that goes on at the SAAC but may be interested in particular subjects. Committees that are inclusive can structure meet times that work those interested in the subjects of interest. Information would flow better between organizations and open to more community participation. <p>ACTION: - Take Commissioner Turner's suggestion regarding SAACs restructuring to Mimi McKay so she can discuss with Commission what her plans are to restructure the SAAC</p>	
Commissioner Dalglish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the MHSOAC (Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission) meeting. Commissioner Dalglish asked if the Commission has ideas to broaden the outreach to better distribute messages for these types of meetings because attendance was low. 	
Commissioner Scott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Theresa Comstock, President of CALBHBC. Commissioner announced upcoming trainings, information on adult residential facilities, and the Quarterly/Southern Region meeting and mental health board in San Diego. 	
Commissioner Friedman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also met with Ms. Comstock. Talked about how to take the issues that are common among the California counties that will be represented on the MHSOAC and how to get the attention of the legislation on mental health laws. The MHSOAC was not well represented and the attendance was low for such an important commission to host. 	
Commissioner Pearce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Shelter will open at the North Long Beach Library on December 7 Community Hospital will be losing down June 2019 due to state policy and fault line issues. Efforts to keep the hospital open were to divide the hospital in half and provide behavioral health services on one side. City of Long Beach and Mayor clearly wants to keep the hospital open as a full hospital. Community Hospital is the only hospital on the eastside of the community and has the least amount of wait time for ER. Long Beach City Council will be reaching out at the County level for partnerships and community engagement to keep it open. 	
7. SAAC Co-Chairs Reports	
SAAC 1 – No report	
SAAC 2 – Barbara Wilson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law enforcement from PMRT, MET and SMART presented at SAAC meeting, over 100 attended 	
SAAC 3 – William Legere	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At SAAC meeting, a presentation by two doctors was given on trauma and trauma in schools. Very interesting topic concluded with the doctor recommendation to educate the parents so the students can do better. 	
<p>SAAC 4 – Harold Turner Commissioner Turner followed up from last month’s report stating that it was an enlightened experience to have a presentation conducted in Spanish. More meetings should be conducted in Spanish or other languages for English speaking people to experience the impact of language translations.</p>	
<p>SAAC 5 – No report</p>	
<p>SAAC 6 – No report</p>	
<p>SAAC 7 – No report</p>	
<p>SAAC 8 – No report</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting – December 14, 2017 @ 9:30 am – Noon South Coast Botanic Garden – Frances Young Hall 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90724</p>	

Meeting highlights by Canetana Hurd