

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, July 26, 2018
 Meeting Minutes
 Merilla M. Scott, Chair, Facilitating
APPROVED – by Unanimous vote

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1. Call to Order by Commissioner Scott Roll Call: Canetana Hurd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent Excused: Kita Curry and Patrick Ogawa Absent: Jeannine Pierce, 5th District Representative Approval of minutes: June 28, 2018 minutes approved by unanimous vote with correction and two abstentions 	ACTION: None
2. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items Tiffany Duvernay – Spoke about going to DMH clinic seeking therapeutic services but was given a list of support groups and never received therapy. Jeannine Horowitz – Seeking partnership for research for sexual assault grant for Los Angeles Gilbert LaBlunk – Seeking grant to promote music therapy for mental illness Wendy Cabil – Stepped down from SAAC 1 Co-Chair position. Reason for stepping down: consumers who receive services have no voice, need to create a culture about clients, want to campaign about “Know abuse and yes to ACCESS,” trauma informed care for consumers is needed in the service area, and current co-chair needs people skills Thomas Smith and Tiffany Duvernay – The homeless outreach event Mt. Tabor was successful and effective. Showers and shelter resources were available for homeless who attended. Recommending more than one outreach per month and expand CAF to more than one speaking engagement. Carmella Anila – SFV needs to provide more homeless services like cleaning the sidewalk. Also SFV should provide workshops for public speaking Tina Martina – Announcement: SFVHM research to help who are in need of resources Mark Karmatz – Announced upcoming conferences Jane Livingston – Eligibility Julita Bernestein – The increase of homelessness in the San Fernando Valley area needs better guidance on how they will be helped, where and how to start receiving resources and services needed. Facilitate their applications and process the way it should be done for these homeless people to get a place to live quickly.	
3. Discussion Action Items/Update – Commissioner Scott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Assistant Hire: Pleased to announce Pinki Mehta, Executive Assistant will start Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Chair Transition Plan – Commissioner Lue will stay involved advising planning and coordinating commission activities until the end of December 2018. Election Results for 1st and 2nd Vice Chair; Appointment of Member-at-Large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election: 1st Vice Chair–Stacy Dagleish, 2nd Vice Chair–Susan Friedman 	ACTION:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appointment: 3rd Member-at-Large-Reba Stevens ● August Meeting Schedule for Executive Committee and Full Commission - Dark ACTION: Commission decided to move August 9 Executive Committee meeting date to August 23, 2018, same time and same place. ● Strategic Plan Focus Discussion: Form ad hoc committee to refine and prioritize the following areas (pillars): Area 1 - Internal Operations: Role/expectations of Commission, Culture re-defined, commissioner engagement, general infrastructure/accountability of commission, restructure full commission meeting, develop public comment tracking & follow up, annual report. Develop 1 page of expectations of the commission – Lead Chair Scott Area 2 - Oversight and Compliance: MHSA standards/evaluation, Site visits of DMH directly operated and contract providers, data notebook, AOT, stakeholder engagement, ongoing evaluation tool – Lead Commissioner Dalglish Area 3 - Strategic External Relationships: building relations with public/consumers, board of supervisors, DMH, SAACs, SLT, Health Agency, other commissions – Lead Commissioner Stevens Schedule 90-day Check-in – ad hoc committees present a 1-page deliverable on how plans will work ● Integration Advisory Board (IAB) – Commissioners Dalglish and Stevens IAB is quite dysfunctional, discussion on getting rid of all union representatives, not much accomplished regarding the board's 8 strategic priorities. Presentation by Fred Leaf-on looking for health agency director, shared a proposed organization chart, looking at budget for health agency, handed out Center for Health Equity (CHE) final draft open to recommendations ACTION – Invite Heather from Public Health to present at MHC on IAB. ● Data Notebook – completed for submission to California Behavioral Health Planning Council ● Travel Reimbursement – no comment 	
4. Department of Mental Health Report – Curley Bonds II, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations	
Reorganization 1. Descriptions of Divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prevention b. Emergency Outreach & Triage c. Outpatient d. Intensive Services e. Public Guardian 2. Recruitment ongoing for a Psychology Discipline Chief, Peer Discipline Chief (Keris Jän Myrick) will join DMH next week. 3. Preparations are ongoing to meet the requirements of the Final Rule; negotiation with the unions. The expectation is	ACTION:

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<p>extending service hours at most clinics to include more evening and weekend hours.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Facility - Damien Parker has been asked to review all request for facility improvements and to triage them. This will help us to make our care environments more welcoming and appealing. Project will range in scope. 5. Innovation Technology Suite was launched. 6. Public Guardian <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report on Expanding Conservatorship Capacity –based on an instruction from BOS to convene stakeholders from the Superior Court, mental health experts, consumers and consumer advocates to report back with recommendations. currently under review – but some highlights: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. System approach to clients who are GD, previously on 5150s or involved with law enforcement to provide them with consistent MH care throughout the process. ii. Review of current staffing patterns – augmenting positions, because there aren’t enough – also supporting pay increases to reduce turnover iii. Training – provide more robust training for conservatorship – establishment of a training unit to help both providers and the public iv. Conservatee FSP program. To ensure that FSP level services are available to conservatees. v. Environments – enrich the environments where conservatees receive care. B&C and residential, IMDs and State hospitals – the Standard of Care motion stated that 90 beds have been authorized and added at Sylmar Health and Rehabilitation and Crestwood Behavioral Health Center – placement has begun at these locations. We are seeking more 7. AB 1971 – was heard at Senate Judiciary Committee – passed, and now will go to the Senate Floor – it was modified to make it a pilot for LA County, and the language defining inability to care for serious medical conditions was changed. This bill would, until January 1, 2024, expand the definition of “gravely disabled” for these purposes, as implemented in the County of Los Angeles, to also include a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for medical treatment, if the failure to receive medical treatment, as defined, results in a deteriorating physical condition that a medical professional, in his or her best medical judgment, attests in writing, will more likely than not, lead to death within 6 months, as specified. 8. UCLA – DMH Affiliation Agreement – presented to BOS Deputies (in Cluster) a proposal to increase the size of the agreement to support two new initiatives. Trauma Informed Care and FSP Program Development, to make them more evidence based. 9. Conversations about Court Linkage and Jail Reentry – discussions are occurring about the role of DMH vs ODR. We feel strongly that our Department is well equipped to provide the services needed and would like to expand these programs. 10. Antelope Valley – received communication from representative of AV Hospital, requesting info about how to establish a crisis stabilization unit 	

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5. SAAC Co-Chairs' Report	
SAAC 1 – Chyheeb Jospeh, Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAC continues to focus on the lack of an urgent care center (ucc) in the Antelope Valley issue. Funding is available for the ucc but the project has been delayed for three years. SAAC is collecting 5-10K signatures to deliver to board of supervisors. 	
SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell, Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to reach out to communities, more instructions on pipeline Scheduled presentation for September and October: Molly Rysman on homelessness and Jaime Garcia on better hospital evaluations for people ready for discharge 	
SAAC 3 – William Légere, Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school students involved with NAMI upcoming generations going into special careers like mental health 	
SAAC 4 – Harold Turner, Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work on membership and a complete review of SAAC guidelines to revitalize the group. Next meeting agenda share membership applications for voting and non-voting 	
SAAC 5 – No Report	
SAAC 6 – Tracey Williams, Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAC met to review strategic goal for 3, 6, 9 month updates. All members are involved to be held accountable and think out the box. Discussion will continue over to the next meeting. 	
SAAC 7 – No report	
SAAC 8 - No report	
6. Commissioners' Reports – No report	
Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting September 27, 2018 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration – Room 739 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	

Meeting highlights respectfully submitted by Canetana Hurd.