

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health  
**OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
 Thursday, June 28, 2018  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Lawrence Lue, Facilitating  
**APPROVED – July 26, 2018**  
**Unanimous/2 Abstentions**

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
<b>1. Call to Order by Commissioner Lue</b> Roll Call: Canetana Hurd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent Excused: Harold Turner, Merilla Scott, Judy Cooperberg, and Brittney Weissman</li> <li>Absent: Jeannine Pierce, 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative</li> <li>Approval of April 26 and May 24 meeting minutes: Approved by unanimous vote</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION:</b> None
<b>2. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items</b>  <b>Jean Harris</b> – Regarding the Antelope Valley Psychiatric Urgent Care facility – not going to give up until it is a reality. Broke ground on a supportive housing project (51 units) in the Antelope Valley using Measure H housing funding to provide supportive services and create a community for homeless and homeless at risk. <b>Sawako Nitao</b> – Insurance company denied \$30k request from family members for a client with mental illness from the Asian Coalition who passed away. <b>Patricia Russell</b> – The caseload in the Public Guardian Office regarding conservatorships should reduce its caseload when the gravely disabled definition expands.	
<b>3. Discussion Action Items/Update – Commissioner Lue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcome/Introduction: New Commissioner Rev. Kathy Cooper Ledesma</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> District</li> <li>13 year Senior Pastor at Hollywood United Methodist Church</li> <li>Welcome and serve people in all lifestyles with mental health issues and homeless as children of God.</li> <li>Glad to be at the table for the faith based community</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Executive Assistant Recruitment Update:</b>                Pleased to announce an offer made to an individual that accepted the position. HR began the hiring process. We are hopeful the start date is sometime in July 2018.</li> <li><b>Election of 2018-2019 Commission Officers – Commissioner Lue</b>  <b>Slate of nominees:</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Merilla M. Scott  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:</b> Stacy Dalgleish and Susan Friedman  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:</b> None  <b>Members-at-large:</b> Harold Turner and Patrick Ogawa             </li> </ul>	<b>ACTION:</b>

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<p><b>Nominations from the floor –</b> Harold Turner nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair (Commissioner Turner cannot physically accept or decline because he is absent excused). Election results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chair: Merilla Scott</li> <li>– 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Tie between Stacy Dagleish and Susan Friedman</li> <li>– Members-at-large: Harold Turner and Patrick Ogawa</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b> – A second election for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair will take place at the July 26 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 Annual Retreat Comments</b> - Commissioner Scott Commissioner Friedman stated a majority of the commissioners attended the retreat making it a very important day of commitment to accomplish specific areas of focus. Commissioner Stevens stated there were commitments made to follow up on peer public comments, she will remind the Commission of the commitments made</li> <li>• <b>Integration Advisory Board (IAB)</b> – Commissioners Dagleish and Stevens discussed the structure, membership, and purpose of the IAB and the Health Agency at the last meeting. Final reconfiguration is pending.</li> <li>• <b>Public Comment on IAB</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Suzette Shaw – Commented on the IAB and mental health representation peers that represent the community need to be representation on the commissions and board.</li> <li>2. MC Harris – Commented on the status of the HR and the unions offering career advancement when it comes to COD talent available to train for peer supervisors.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
<p>4. <b>Department of Mental Health Report – Curley Bonds II, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations</b> Dr. Curley Bonds, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations reported the following: DMH Overview – Clinical Operations Reorganization of DMH is moving forward as we continue to receive input from the trenches:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Move from age group bureau structure to division structure to represent the specific services we provide like mobile, outreach, emergency and prevention alignments</li> <li>b) Staffs reassignment letters continue to go out weekly create specific changes and challenges with old and new assignments</li> <li>c) Promotores program with cultural specificity to Spanish speaking communities now focus on other underrepresented communities</li> <li>d) Work continues on restructuring the geographic placement of the three Jr. Deputy Directors and Senior Deputy Director positions recommended by CEO</li> </ol> <p>Personnel:</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keris Jän Myrick, hired to start August 1, 2018 as Discipline Chief, Peer Support</li> <li>○ Yvette Willock, Discipline Chief, Social Support Services hired</li> <li>○ David Ruskin, PhD, Discipline Chief, Psychiatry comments – goal to make easier to access services and reduce barriers to care.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Final stages of SB 82 are ok.</li> <li>○ Janus Decision - Unions limiting the way employees pay dues</li> <li>○ Remolding clinical services to provide better access, scheduling, and real time contact with doctors in the clinics</li> <li>○ Advance to utilize nurse practitioners</li> <li>○ AB 1971 – Moved rapidly toward the process to assist mental health clients with tri morbid health conditions for conservatorship. Reclassify conservatorship positions to retain employees seeking opportunities with other departments who are capable to process the services needed for health treatment.</li> <li>○ SB 50 Diversion program too small and has not grown. Discretionary funds have declined. DMH will explore sources to find funding to continue the program.</li> <li>○ Charles Drew Residency program - Six new psychiatry residents fully funded by Health Agency through DMH have started internships. The program is community based. Intern orientation is one month consisting of tours in the community to talk to people about their concerns so they know what the needs are in real time.</li> <li>○ WeRISE – Art exhibit and multimedia event for May is Mental Health month attracted 18,000 people and 3,000 school age kids. SLT meeting held during the month at the facility. The Sparks women’s basketball team held its first mental health awareness month activity at the facility.</li> <li>○ Met with ACHSA Leadership (Association of Community Health Services Agencies) – Agency shared concern where are the services for children and community health going to fit in the DMH reorganization. Dr. Bonds will follow up with ACHSA and share info with the Commission the alignment and changes in duty statements reflecting children services and community health.</li> </ul> <p><b>AB 114 Presentation: Spending Plan for Funding – Debbie Innes-Gomberg, PhD, Deputy Director reported-</b></p> <p>History of Innovation Plan (INN) and the spending guideline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Innovation Plan funds must be spent over 3-year period</li> <li>○ AB 114 passed allowing reset to intentionally spend unspent dollars by June 2020</li> </ul> <p>Detail and timeline to spend unspent dollars are attached to 10 Innovation Plan projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 INN projects posted 5/25 for 30 days-- proposals sent to MHSA</li> <li>○ 3 INN projects posted 6/18 for 30 days-- will be sent to MHSA</li> <li>○ 1 INN early psychosis treatment model comes from Italy is being developed for proposal. Treatment reduces psychiatric hospital stays to outpatient beds creating better health treatment.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Presentation on Homelessness – Lisa Wong, Service Area 3 District Chief reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SA has dedicated housing team in the directly operated clinic—no caseload system. Works directly with the clinic on housing issues only that increases the percentage of homeless obtaining housing</li> <li>○ New FSP – Homeless Full Service Partnership</li> <li>○ Statistics from the 2018 homeless count presents a slight decrease in homelessness (see link for power point presentation on statistics)</li> <li>○ PEI for homeless population</li> <li>○ RRR – Recovery, Resilience &amp; Reintegration looks at whole person</li> <li>○ Mental Health Clinic Services – peer support, medication, case management, shelter bed, and others</li> <li>○ Field-Based Services – Field Capable Clinical Services – assessment in the home, and others</li> <li>○ Urgent Care Centers</li> <li>○ Service Area Navigation Team</li> <li>○ Hospital In-Reach</li> <li>○ Whole Person Care</li> <li>○ SB 82 Mobile Triage Team</li> <li>○ Winter Shelter Outreach</li> <li>○ SA Homeless Collaborations</li> <li>● Upcoming Efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased FSP slots in each service area (978 total), including the addition of some new DO teams (4)</li> <li>○ Addition of specialty FSP programs focused specifically on homelessness</li> <li>○ Increased outreach &amp; collaboration with the Faith Based Community (safe parking, shelters, Section 8 landlord outreach)</li> <li>○ Increasing consistency in homeless programming across Service Areas and DO programs</li> <li>○ Building up housing resources across an array of settings (shelters, motels, bridge housing, board &amp; cares, permanent housing, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Public Comment on the #4</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maria Tan – Older adults</li> <li>2. MC Harris – Commented on homeless outreach COD and substance abuse counselor needed on housing teams</li> <li>3. Suzette Shaw – Commented on solving issues of homeless and poverty that she volunteered as a member</li> </ol>	
<b>5. SAAC Co-Chairs' Report</b>	
<p><b>SAAC 1 – Jean Harris, Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Last SAAC meeting – 50 attended, elected three co-chairs, 2 SLT representatives, expanded the executive committee membership, and added a secretary. DHS presentation on the County High Desert Hospital Ambulatory Clinic</li> </ul>	

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<b>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell, Co-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie screening “Reaching Out” for May is Mental Health month was great community engagement event.</li> <li>• Molly Rysman, Health Deputy, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, will speak at SAAC meeting in September on intentional communities.</li> <li>• Jamie Garcia planning to come and present at future meeting</li> <li>• District Chief and other clinical staff attended the family member part of the SAAC meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 3 – William Légere, Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May is Mental Health Month celebration was successful.</li> <li>• National Committee of Alcohol and Drugs from Pomona presented on underage drinking</li> <li>• LGBT in SA 3 encouraged being part of the SAAC and work together.</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 4 – No report</b>	
<b>SAAC 5 – Karen Macedonio</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learned a lot during the May is Mental Health Month celebrations</li> <li>• Westside Coalition Directory is complete</li> <li>• SAAC and Westside Coalition meeting presentation was on GEO tracking and exercise</li> <li>• Next election SAAC hopes to elect 4 Co-Chairs</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 6 – Ashley Scott, Co-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC reviewed Commission strategic plan. Discussed wanting to see Commissioners attend SAAC meetings</li> <li>• SAAC meeting presentation on children in the community on trauma issues, and adults asking for more resources</li> <li>• Working on next budget to develop strategies to use all dollars allocated.</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 7 – No report</b>	
<b>SAAC 8 - No report</b>	
<b>6. Commissioners’ Reports –</b>	
<b>Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting</b> July 26, 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.