

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, April 26, 2018
 Meeting Minutes
 Lawrence Lue, Facilitating
APPROVED – June 28, 2018
MSC – Ogawa/Dalgleish/Unanimous

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1. Call to Order by Commissioner Lue Roll Call – Canetana Hurd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absent Excuse: Jeannine Pearce and Kita Curry Absent: Kathryn Barger 	ACTION: None
Approval of March 22, 2018 minutes – APPROVED MSC Weissman/Dalgleish/Unanimously	ACTION: Post minutes on the web
2. Presentation: Theresa Comstock, President, California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions (CALBHBC/C) – A statewide organization supporting the work of local mental health and behavioral health boards and commissions. The organization consists of all boards and commissions in California, which there are 59. Ms. Comstock shared the CALBHBC Spring newsletter and highlighted information in the issue, the duties of boards and commissions according to the state code; new statewide advocacies; and announced the annual statewide meeting coming to Los Angeles June 22-23. New projects -- Individual Placement and Support (IPS) employment rehabilitation practice. In CA 10% of people in the public mental health system work. IPS helps 50% or more of people get and maintain jobs. www.calbhbc.com/employment.html	
3. Public Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Macedonio – True engagement - Greater understanding of the role of the Commission in developing community awareness is needed for true engagement. Jean Harris – DMH Mimi grants are a great opportunity to support community outreach, but the rush to spend money on such short notice really impacts the potential of the events. I would encourage the Commission and DMH to offer this kind of support to community efforts on a regular basis. In fact, there should be more! But, with a more reasonable time frame in future. She also wants to see Dr. Sherin present at the commission meeting more often. Catherine Clay - Gave update on the status of the Peer Resource Center expansion. Mary Williams – Continues to advocate for her son Edwards Williams who is homeless as of October 2017. Held meetings in November 2017 with Hillview Hospital and La Tina Jackson, District Chief for service area 2. Was told in person face-to-face with Darcy Shelton and Angel from the Navigation Team from La Tina Jackson’s office that Edward transferred on March 8, 2018 to Didi Hirsch in Inglewood. As of April at the SAAC meeting, talked to La Tina Jackson – transfer not complete. Now I’m caught up between Hillview and Didi Hirsch Inglewood with no concrete results. They are still getting paid for services that Edward Williams is not receiving. Attempted to get intake done at Didi Hirsch-no appointment can’t meet with him? Patricia Russell – Important that more funding goes to B&C so that they will serve people with co-occurring disorders. At this time they mostly won’t consider them because of MOU issues. 	ACTION: Add General Jeff’s email to the contact list to receive Mental Health Commission meeting announcements

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reba Stevens – Made comments on the Peer Resource Center expansion and Management Team scheduled visits. • Tracy Williams – Spoke about her stay in a Women’s Shelter; for the past six weeks. There are women in the shelter who have mental illness. There is a reintegration program. A woman who has a severe mental illness was released from jail and given 30 days of medication. When her medication ran out she became very combative and LAFD was called. She was put in the ambulance they let her out and then left. The police arrived and took her to jail. Jail is not a mental health facility. • General Jeff – Skid Row needs more DMH outreach workers and I need to be notified of all Mental Health Commission meetings. ACTION – Add General Jeff’s email to the contact list to receive Mental Health Commission meeting announcements • Mark Karmatz – Proposed several questions on the peer supervisor interview process and consumers. • Sawako Nitao – Public comment form submitted after the meeting ended and the writing is illegible. Something about service pets for mentally ill are no longer getting food every Sunday from a lady in Beverly Hills. She no longer feeds the pets and they need food. 	
4. Discussion Action Items/Update – Commissioner Lue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Assistant Recruitment Update – Recruitment to fill the position continues. Working with HR to pursue moving forward on a selection list. • Nominations Committee for 2018-2019 Election – Commissioner Cooperberg announced the committee will present a slate of nominees at the May 24 meeting. • 2018 Annual Retreat – The annual retreat will be held Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Sportsman Lodge, Studio City, CA • Commission Strategic Plan Review FY 2018-2020 – No report • Board and Cares Report Update – Commissioner Weissman gave an update on the B&C patch questions presented to DMH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extra \$25 per day to B&C operators for certain patients ○ Some B&C that have contracts with DMH are applying for patches ○ DMH District Chiefs encourage B&C operators in their service area to apply for patches ○ DMH requested documentation for the work being created by the Service Area Chiefs ○ Plans to present B&C report to United Way Home for Good agency • Election of New Commission Representatives to Integration Advisory Board (IAB) – A motion made to nominate Commissioners Dalgleish and Lue as representatives on the IAB from May – December 2018. Motion passed by unanimous vote. ACTION: Contact Reba Stevens for 8 IAB priorities. 	ACTION: Contact Reba Stevens for the 8 IAB priorities.
5. MHSA Annual Update (AU) – Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Deputy Director Public Hearing Summary – Kara Taguchi, Mental Health Clinical Program Head, provided a summary of the public comments presented at the public hearing. Ms. Taguchi discussed how DMH will address treatment concerns and issues, continuity of care, and information for next year’s report commitment.	ACTION: The Commission approved the annual update by unanimous approval.

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<p>ACTION: Motion to approve the MHSA Annual Update Fiscal Years 2018-2019 was moved by Commissioner Dalglish seconded by Commissioner Cooperberg.</p>	
<p>6. Department of Mental Health Report – Jonathan E. Sherin, Director, Department of Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH Reorganization Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New hires-Dr. Curley Bonds, Chief Deputy Director of Clinical Operations and Dr. LuAnn Sanderson, Nursing Discipline Chief briefly spoke about her experience, education and new roles at DMH. ○ Plan to re-engineer rehabilitation policies such as enhancing the transportation of folks on “holds” in comfortable conditions to the hospitals. ○ Consolidation of program development and outreach-Commission plays a major role in communicating with the grass roots groups in particularly with approval of the MHSA annual update. The Strategic Communication Division under Mimi McKay is developing a system to internally and externally communicate with all stakeholders and legislation statewide. It is important that the Commission work with the stakeholder groups and listen to what they do. • Women’s Reintegration Program – The program provides wraparound services for women with mental health issues including housing and employment who are released from the criminal system into the community. The program presented a proposal to expand into two components, re-entry and reintegration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop the plan to reach beyond service area 6 to have dedicated clinical teams available for every service area for every level of treatment ○ Design well-being centers staffed accordingly with peer and occupational services. ○ Add two dedicated clinic drivers ○ Increase staff from 26 - 96 ○ Trainings available for trauma informed care and sexual assault • Report on Status of MHSA Accumulated Funds – DMH received 60-70 proposal submissions and lots of fantastic ideas. Information will be posted on the webpage. The goal to stabilize the funding was accomplished. <p>Public Comments on the subject</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Harris – Commented on reintegration of families ○ Catherine Clay – Gave update on program information and successes gained with the new administration. But program has not asked the women advocates or peers to engage or give feedback. Would like re-entry component remain at 83rd and Vermont Streets ○ Reba Stevens – Program needs to have data on the number of women incarcerated, and program needs more than 14 beds. ○ Tracy Williams – Opposed the announcement in the presentation that stated 14 beds are available. 	<p>ACTION:</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>ACTION:</p>
7. Commissioners’ Report - None	
8. SAAC Co-Chairs’ Report	

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<p>SAAC 1 – Jean Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last SAAC meeting was the second of evening meetings to increase community engagement. Topic was priorities for the year and priority number 1 is housing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing presentation from a PEI agency faced with NIMBYism is holding up progress to build the facility to serve homeless ○ Community needs to be educated on NIMBYism by proposing the benefits on housing, supportive services, hospital services, employment services ○ Legislation and Advocacy – outreach to the community to talk about DMH resources and services, legislation and advocacy, poverty, homelessness ○ Lack of staff in the Service Area and no child or adolescent beds available; maybe 12 beds to serve adults 	
<p>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last meeting topic was outreach to the community and addressing the growing Aramean population. • Glad to hear Dr. Innes-Gomberg announce co-occurring disorders will be included in MHSA service delivery plans • Ms. Russell received funding from the mini grant to screen a film she produced for May is Mental Health Month celebration. • Hospital issues in terms of discharging people without any services was also discussed 	
<p>SAAC 3 – William Legere</p> <p>May is Mental Health Month celebration on May 10, from 12-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources are available at the service area center and food pantry • Dr. Sherin will be the guest speaker • Poster campaign – outreach to businesses in the community to inform them of the resources in the service area. 	
<p>SAAC 4 – Harold Turner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So that all populations have a voice in the service area the SAAC continues to actively reconstitute, reinvigorate, and redo outreach work and engagement so all diverse populations are represented at the SAAC. 	
<p>SAAC 5 – Karen Macedonio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update - Service area has 3 health neighborhoods and 3 supervisory districts. Funding is forthcoming through INN 2 dollars for two health neighborhoods. One health neighborhood works with 0-5 year olds. SAAC presentation gave statistics on the connections of pathogenic, solute genic and eudemonia in communities and youth. The connection focused on chronic health issues and substance use that in the future may affect the youth in need and capacity. 	
<p>SAAC 6 – Tracy Williams and Ashley Scott</p> <p>New SAAC Co-Chairs gave the update on the positive things, needs of the SA 6 community, and last meeting updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt. Tabor Church sponsored a health fair, food, housing, portable showers • Presentation – Dignity Health will have a new location into SA 6 • AB 114 – SAAC action item established to educate all service areas on AB 114 and AB 1971. Call to schedule for training. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clear explanation as to where will INN and PEI money be distributed • SA 6 partnered with Kedren to apply for CalMESA grant for a campaign to fight stigma in the community for May is Mental Health month celebration. 	
SAAC 7 – No Report	
SAAC 8 – Paul Sansbury Last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Trans Cranial Magnetic Treatment Mobile Unit • Presentation on the school partnership initiative. The challenge is multiple jurisdictions in terms of cities, schools and law enforcement agencies working to outreach to all agencies. • May is Mental Health Month activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next SAAC meeting – peer panel groups from Project Return and NAMI ○ San Pedro Mental Health Center activity with 50 different vendors ○ Harbor UCLA activity on May 24 	
Commissioners’ Reports – None	
Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting May 24, 2018 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration – Room 739 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	

Meeting highlights by Canetana Hurd