

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health  
**OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
 Thursday, November 15, 2018  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Merilla M. Scott, Chair, Facilitating  
**APPROVED – December 20, 2018**

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
<p>1. <b>Call to Order by Commissioner Scott</b>            Roll Call: Canetana Hurd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent Excused: Commissioners Curry, Wallace, and 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative</li> <li>Absent: Commissioner Pierce</li> <li>Approval of minutes: October 25, 2018 minutes approved by unanimous vote and 1 abstention</li> <li>OCFA (Office of Consumer and Family Affairs) Introduction</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> None</p>
<p>2. <b>Department of Mental Health Report – Curley Bonds, II, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations</b></p> <p>Dr. Bonds reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 40 DMH disaster volunteers signed up to respond to the recent fires. DMH staff stationed themselves at Red Cross shelters to assist with emergency services and provide linkages to temporary housing resources; job well done.</li> </ul> <p>Staff Promotions and Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sherin has completed two years overseeing DMH.</li> <li>Election results – new governor elected who promised to focus on mental health</li> <li>Prop 2 “No Place Like Home” passed. It allows MHSA to put more funding into housing</li> <li>Board motion: B&amp;C - Find efforts or mitigate payments to avoid B&amp;C closures. DMH will collaborate with CCL (Community Care Licensing) agency to help provide mental health services.</li> <li>Philanthropic successes – DMH matched a grant received from the Obama Foundation to leverage unspent funding.</li> <li>Board Motion: New position-Director for Coordinated Care in Juvenile Justice. The person will oversee juvenile diversion program in the camps, and be the voice and decision-maker for the juvenile population with courts.</li> </ul> <p>Clinical Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient appointment portal plan – Develop a standardized patient portal appointment system with the ACCESS program to use to make appointments and reduce no shows and a reminder process for clients who forget appointment dates for DMH clients.</li> <li>Develop a standardize process to conduct consistent team meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Put MHC and SAAC Co-Chair on newsletter distribution  <b>ACTION</b> – Send MHC – job opportunity for Deputy Director Jail Diversion</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b></p>

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<b>ACTION</b> – Provide update on Prop 2 IMD Waivers for DMH Report at next meeting Public Comment on DMH Report –None	
<b>3. SAAC Co-Chairs' Reports</b>	
<b>SAAC 1—No Report</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<b>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell, Co-Chair</b> Last SAAC meeting discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAC 2 members recommended OurDMH in place of YourDMH</li> <li>SAAC members main priority is co-occurring disorders, hospitals and housing</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 3 –No Report</b>	
<b>SAAC 4 – Harold Turner, Co-Chair</b> SAAC meet on October 18, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions and preparation continues with draft proposals, membership changes to prepare for YourDMH community engagement on December 19, 2018.</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 5—Karen Macedonio, Co-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus group presented at SAAC Co-Chair meeting was one of the best meetings</li> <li>Last SAAC meeting agenda involved 3 individual presentations; 1) Mercer group, 2) Inpatient and hospitalization, 3) MHSA update</li> <li>Winter Celebration - December 3rd</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 6 – No report</b>	
<b>SAAC 7 – No report</b>	
<b>SAAC 8 - Paul Stansbury, Co-Chair</b> Last SAAC meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Ogawa attended the SAAC meeting - Thank you Commissioner Ogawa</li> <li>Presentation on the concerns with LGBTQ community and the military environment discussed affecting mental health clients. Managerial staff and providers need sensitivity for this group</li> <li>Discussion involved hosting a town hall on YourDMH</li> <li>SAAC meet for one hour with Peers on mentorship before the regular monthly meeting.</li> </ul> <b>ACTION</b> – Send out flyer on SA 8 Consumer Recognition and Holiday Event	
<b>4. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items</b>	
<b>William Legere</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supportive employment is very important, helps client well-being. Need to have more clients in supportive employment.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Marvin Thompson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spoke about misunderstandings based on misinformation from the entertainment industry. Implicit bias is a huge problem with society that need to be fixed because it impacts who receives services</li> </ul> <p><b>Karen Macedonio</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won seat as newly elected official in Kern County. Also, Co-Chair in West LA where she formerly resided.</li> <li>Received mini grant for two streaming projects that were both filmed at SAAC meetings; 1) no one wanted to be in the video, 2) topic about YourDMH filled the room.</li> </ul> <p><b>Richard Fleming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer Advocate from SFVCMH spoke about barriers getting information available to Peers. Please make pertinent information available to public sooner because it will help stakeholders prepare community plans timely.</li> </ul> <p><b>Barbara Wilson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Dalglish and I attended a symposium on hospitals discharging homeless patients into the streets. Where are shelters or homes for people who cannot go to the B&amp;C?</li> </ul> <p><b>John Hallowitz</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have family members who suffer from trauma who does not receive warmth and welcoming at emergency rooms and provide no treatment plan. Ask MHC to address the issue and include in YourDMH.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Business Discussion/Action Items</b>	
<p>Standing Items –</p> <p>Internal Operations ad hoc – Commissioners Weissman, Wallace, Dalglish and Scott</p> <p>Seven priorities created for accountability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roles and expectations of the Mental Health Commission was reviewed at last meeting – roll out January 2019</li> <li>Completed Cultural Redefine – roll out January 2019</li> <li>Commission Engagement – Commission staff work with board offices on Commission resignations, vacancies and reappointments. Commissioners also contact their supervisor for follow up on vacancies. There are currently have two vacancies - ongoing</li> <li>General Infrastructure and Accountability – New standing agenda item: Action item list added to the monthly agenda to review and update items to assure the Commission is on staying on track and items not overlooked. A similar action item protocol is developed for the Executive Committee meeting.</li> </ol> <p>Review of current action items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a process for SAAC Co-Chair reports. What is the most efficient and effective way for SAAC Co-Chairs to update the Commission without redundancy and inconsistency? Streamline the process to reduce redundancy of information in the reporting process.</li> <li>MHSA requirements and evaluation tool to be better equip to evaluate the MHSA plan. – January 2019.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ACTION Items:</b></p>

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<p>3) Develop a site visit process and tool – A discussion took place on what sovereignty and authority the Commission has for site visits. More detail is required to develop the process for site visits. - Update at December meeting</p> <p>4) Commission Vacancies – current vacancies are in District 4th and 5th</p> <p>5) Designate a Commissioner to Service Area Chiefs. – List will be prepared and sent to Commissioners and others</p> <p>6) Travel and mileage reimbursement protocol for Commission – December 2018</p> <p>7) Strategic Planning Quarterly Schedule – Next Quarterly Strategic Priorities meeting – January 26, 2019, 12-3 pm, PicWick Gardens in Burbank</p> <p>5. Restructure meeting and reorganize the agenda. New agenda structure and debriefing of last full meeting began at Executive Committee meetings - ongoing</p> <p>6. Public comment tracking system – OCFA staff attend full monthly meetings and provide services, referrals and resources. Executive Assistant attends the OCFA's Wednesday staff meeting for updates on referrals from public comments to update at Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>7. Designate a Commissioner for each Service Area Chief – ongoing</p> <p>Oversight and Compliance ad hoc– Commissioners Weissman, Dalglish, Friedman, Ogawa, and Stevens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHSA Update at next meeting – January 24, 2019</li> <li>• Data Notebook – Information topic will be available soon</li> <li>• AOT update – No meeting in November, update at December meeting</li> <li>• Site visits – update at December meeting</li> </ul> <p>Strategic Relationships and Partnerships - Commissioners Stevens, Ledesma, Cooperberg, Turner, Ogawa, Murata-Shih</p> <p>Stakeholder and Engagement —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitments for Commissioners to attend all SAAC meetings - ongoing</li> <li>• Continue with plans to update on faith base in January 2019</li> </ul> <p>Business/Action Items</p> <p>Town Hall Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission agreed upon quarterly town hall meetings in the service areas to attend and visit more service areas per year.</li> <li>• First quarterly town hall plan is January 24 in Santa Clarita.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Commissioner Cooperberg attended SAAC 2 meeting to formulate an ad hoc committee to plan the town hall. The first meeting is November 30.</p> <p>Commission Evaluation Results – Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners discussed results from the evaluation. They decided to return to scheduling presentations at the full meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Commissioner Reports</b>	
<b>Commissioner Ogawa</b> – Congratulate Paul Stansbury and Anne Lee on leading a well-balanced SAAC meeting. They did an	

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excellent job with turn out on diversity, providers, consumers, and mentors; good energy. Good speakers presented information clearly and spelled out the priorities. Important to hear information from those who work and live in the service area to help get the message to the Supervisor.	
<b>Commissioner Turner</b> – Attended a town hall meeting at Skid Row with Dr. Sherin. Many new units are being built in the area. It is very important to hear what the community says about new property management and owner trainings so that the residents are safe. Commissioner plans to continue investigating the complaints from residents in the community about the treatment and safety in reference to the new property management and report back to the Commission.	
<b>Commissioner Scott</b> – Commissioner plans to meet with Deputy Matos along with Cooperberg and Weissman later in the month. Commission will follow up at the next meeting.	
<b>Commissioner Dagleish</b> – Attended and spoke about the following events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color Me Trauma – great event</li> <li>• SAAC Co-Chair meeting was lively</li> <li>• Announced - MHSCAC Call in is open to all</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Announcements/Review Action Items</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Division staff will continue their presentation focusing on the MHSA budget at the Executive Committee meeting on January 10, 2019.</li> </ul> <b>ACTION</b> - Please submit your basic questions and concerns to Commission staff to gather a list of questions and concerns for the Finance staff to address at the meeting.	
<b>Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting</b> December 20, 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.