

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health  
**OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
 Thursday, December 20, 2018  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Stacy Dalglish, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Facilitating  
**APPROVED – January 26, 2019**  
**MSC – Dalglish/Stevens unanimous with 2 abstentions**

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
<b>1. Call to Order by Commissioner Dalglish</b> Roll Call: Canetana Hurd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent Excused: Commissioners Scott, Friedman, and Ledesma</li> <li>• Absent: Commissioner Pierce</li> <li>• Approval of minutes: November 15, 2018 minutes approved by unanimous vote</li> <li>• OCFA (Office of Consumer and Family Affairs) Introduction</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION:</b> None
<b>2. Department of Mental Health Report – Curley Bonds, II, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations</b> Dr. Bonds gave an update on the following: Staffing Updates/Organizational Changes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Rod Shaner will retire at the end of December 2018. Edgar Soto, Administrative Deputy and the Discipline Chiefs will assume responsibility of the Policy Management and Development Office.</li> <li>Flora Gil Krisiloff will oversee the Office of Consumer and Family Affairs Office as Interim Chief and work with Clinical Operations to develop a tracking system to monitor client complaints</li> <li>Continue to move further to divide the Prevention and Child Welfare Divisions into two separate Divisions</li> <li>Received approval for a new Justice Involved Division and hire a high level psychiatrist to lead the division</li> </ol> FEMA funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woolsey Fire victims are reaching out to FEMA for help. FEMA has agreed to some funding for the victims.</li> <li>• DMH attends community forums regarding the fires; the community welcomes outreach from DMH.</li> </ul> SCPS Career Fair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continues to recruit MDs</li> <li>30 attendees</li> </ol> SB 82 Grant funding received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding will be executed prior to end of the year</li> <li>Purpose of funding is to engage the disengaged</li> </ol> START Motion – moving forward on the school threat program that allows DMH to hire staff to increase support for schools Attended meeting between County Leadership and LGBTQ Center	<b>ACTION:</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Work together to start recording information about this population</li> <li>b. Collaborate on trainings to bring the community together on the LGBTQ population</li> <li>c. Accurately identify those receiving services among the LGBTQ groups</li> </ul> <p>CBHDA Policy Forum – Attended annual policy forum on Suicide Prevention, Strict Fire Arms, and Reduce Homelessness</p> <p>Jail Diversion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Overcrowded Emergency Rooms – working toward redirecting people released from jail to FSPs and B&amp;Cs</li> <li>b. Motion by Barger and Kuehl to develop coordinate care programs within the Probation Camps and discharge follow up</li> </ul> <p>Commission concerns regarding DMH update-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Would like to see transgender classifications on medical record boxes where male or female check boxes occur.</li> <li>b) Organization Charts – Please bring a current chart to next meeting</li> <li>c) How are the dollars in both DMH and MHSA budgets distributed among programs so the commission gains more insight on approving the MHSA budget with the knowledge.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. SAAC Co-Chairs' Reports</b>	
<b>SAAC 1—No report</b>	<b>ACTION:</b>
<b>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell, Co-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC meeting discussion continued on YourDMH</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 3 –William Legere</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC hosted a holiday party and further discussed YourDMH</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 4 – Harold Turner, Co-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC hosted a holiday party</li> <li>• Presentation - Mercer began the gap analysis for the SAAC 2.</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 5—No report</b>	
<b>SAAC 6 – Reba Stevens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation - Mental Health Commission meeting be dark in December because many SAACs have holiday celebrations in November and December.</li> </ul>	
<b>SAAC 7 – No report</b>	
<b>SAAC 8 – No report</b>	
<b>4. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items</b>	
<b>Jim “The Hat” Whitener</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke about doing good will in 2019. Action for hope, wellness and recovery to end homelessness</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>William Legere</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Made comments on supportive employment, homeless people need employment to give them hope</li> </ul> <p><b>Marvin Thompson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested that clinical people be co-chairs for YourDMH instead of being placed on subcommittees. Implicit bias is very real because of the bullies at his residence. Change and service delivery is not positive because of implicit biases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Maria Tan</b> - Thanks to DMH Service Extenders supporting the Peer Resource Training program</p> <p><b>Tina Martinez</b> - Concerned about public transportation provided for clients to attend town hall meeting</p> <p><b>Gilbert LaBlanc</b> – Spoke about the community service he provides for homeless people. Clients in the “Valley Skid Row” area need to vote on issues to be educated with a voice.</p> <p><b>Barbara Wilson</b> – Compliments commission on advocating to the board on adult residency. B&amp;C homes still need additional funding and training. People who have mental illness need consistency, they change case management too often.</p> <p><b>Ricardo Kim</b> – Spoke about Your DMH issues: 1) stakeholders need a seat at the table at budget meetings for MHSA transparency, 2) Section 2 exercise (recruitment and maintenance) ran out of time; very important topic that needs to be done at each SAAC, 3) homeless anonymous</p> <p><b>Patricia Russell</b> – Suggested DMH and DA have a summit on jail mental health services so inmates receive the same services they did when under DMH.</p> <p><b>Mercedes Moreno</b> – Spoke on more permanent shelters, blankets, portable showers, medical services 24/7 are needed in the valley</p> <p><b>Sawako Nito</b> – Spoke about the Peer Center, receiving wrong information for meetings and location, and improvements made to Venice Beach bathrooms for tourist</p> <p><b>Amparo Ostogic</b> – Spoke about Your DMH document needs to be in Spanish and other threshold languages and client representation is not aligned with MHSA standards.</p> <p><b>Jacob Cohen</b> – Made comments on improvement of wheelchair, and he has taken too many medications and now he needs surgery to fix his stomach.</p>	
<p><b>5. Business Discussion/Action Items</b></p> <p>Standing Items –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Priorities – Ad hoc committee update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Internal Operations – no update</li> <li>II. Compliance and Oversight (AOT update) – Commissioner Weissman gave the update from the last meeting: Committee came up with some recommendations and reviewed program updates. They will vet the recommendations and submit them to the commission and DMH for approval at next meeting in March.</li> <li>III. Strategic Relationships and Partnerships – Commissioner Stevens gave the updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All SAAC meetings are covered by commissioner attendance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION Items:</b></p>

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<p>b) Activity log reports, SAAC meeting updates, and completed goals will be reported at quarterly strategic planning meeting on January 26.</p> <p>Business/Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review Action Items from last month - Pinki Mehta gave the update on Action Items from last month</li> <li>b) SA 2 Town Hall Update – Town hall will focus on unmet needs and resources in Service Area 2 particularly Santa Clarita Valley. Town hall details - Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 11 am – 2 pm, College of the Canyons – University Center, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355</li> <li>c) Debrief on December 19<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Engagement meeting – Recommendations for future meetings discussed are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-workgroups need to be independent from other groups in separate breakout rooms or areas to concentrate and focus on issues</li> <li>-hire professional facilitators or facilitators familiar with topic for workshops</li> <li>-need note takers or recording of meeting</li> <li>-overall meeting was necessary and it will continue to change and evolve</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) SAAC Transition and Implementation – Continue discussion on SAAC transition and implementation at January 8 SAAC meeting</li> </ul> <p>Mercer Presentation – Shawn Thiele Sacks</p> <p>DMH asked Mercer to conduct an initial needs assessment and gap analysis on inpatient, subacute and hospital alternatives (unlocked residential treatment) for mental health and substance use disorder services. Mercer will incorporate and review the following components as available data allows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate mental and substance use disorder service need in each service area</li> <li>• Demographic (gender, age, income level, race/ethnicity) trends of Los Angeles County residents, inpatient, sub-acute and hospital alternatives by analyzing up to five years of data</li> <li>• Identify and analyze county operated, county contracted and private providers delivering inpatient acute, sub-acute and hospital alternative services, including current unused capacity.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Commissioner Reports</b>	
<p><b>Commissioner Curry</b> – US Senate passed a bill for a national 3-digit crisis hotline number for suicide prevention. Didi Hirsh receives over 2 million calls per year regarding suicide. Commissioner stated concerns questioning continuous funding for the hotline.</p>	
<p><b>Commissioner Turner</b> – Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) law now in California allows eligible individuals with disabilities and their families to save money for disability related expenses in a tax-exempt account. Commissioner recommended inviting ABLE to present at commission meeting.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Schedule (ABLE) presentation at commission meeting in 2019</p>

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<b>Commissioner Shih</b> – Recommended that Commission look into Kaiser Nursing strikes. Many of the facilities are in District 1.	
<b>Commission Weissman</b> – Met with Erik Matos along with Commissioner Scott and Cooperberg to discuss vacancies and upcoming budget hearing	
<b>Commissioner Stevens</b> – Integration Advisory Board for the Health Agency sunset effectively December 2018. No Health Agency Director has been appointed yet. Announced cold/wet weather shelters are open, and the homeless count is up coming.	
<b>Commissioner Lue</b> – Announced his term as commissioner will expire at the end of this month. Due to family and personal responsibilities he will not seek reappointment. Expressed appreciation for all the work of the current and past commissioners. Commissioner Lue plans to stay engaged with mental health and wishes everyone well.	
<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 be gathered for the Finance staff to address at the meeting.	<b>ACTION:</b> Please submit your basic questions and concerns to commission staff to be gathered for the Finance staff to address at the meeting.
<b>Meeting adjourned</b> – The meeting adjourned in memory of Former Commissioner Jerry Lubin who passed on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Mr. Lubin was appointed Commissioner by Former Supervisor Zev Yaroslovski for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> District. Mr. Lubin served for 12 years (2003-2015) as Commissioner and three consecutive years as Commission Chair.	
<b>Next Meeting</b> January 24, 2019 from 11 am – 2 pm Service Area 2 – Santa Clarita Valley Town Hall College of the Canyons – University Center 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91355	

Meeting highlights respectfully submitted by Canetana Hurd