

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, September 27, 2018
 Meeting Minutes
 Merilla M. Scott, Chair, Facilitating
APPROVED – October 25, 2018
MSC: Dalglish/Weissman by unanimous vote with 1 abstention

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
<p>1. Call to Order by Commissioner Scott Roll Call: Canetana Hurd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent Excused: Kita Curry, Tiombe Wallace, Kathy Cooper Ledesma, Judy Cooperberg • Absent: Jeannine Pierce, 5th District Representative • Approval of minutes: July 26, 2018 minutes approved by unanimous vote with corrections • Introduce New Commissioner: • Lawrence Murata Shih, Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Hilda Solis – Interest is in serving the community. Currently works for DPSS HR and has worked in other positions in LA County including DMH. Excited about the appointment and look forward to working with the Commission • Introduce New Staff • Pinki Mehta, Executive Assistant – Ms. Mehta came from Public Health on a four-year contract assignment. Ms. Mehta has been with the Commission 2 months and has already hired two additional staff, Senior Typist Clerk and Student Professional Worker to support the Commission work. 	<p>ACTION: None</p>
<p>2. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items</p> <p>Tiffany Duvernay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave follow up on public comment from July 26 commission meeting regarding therapy visit at DMH Clinic --The therapist assigned to see her was overwhelmed • Would like grant writing training to ensure available grants are written properly to receive mini grant funding smoothly. • Provide mental health services for reentry program clients <p>Thomas Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged DMH to get the word out to participate in the census count because it increases services offered • Wants mini grant awards expanded. <p>Tina Martinez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants help with brother who is abusive to Mom. SFVMH has yet responded to the issue (referred to OCA staff) <p>Wendy Cabil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation vehicle equipment assigned to SPA1 are not functioning. • Announced WOW program is up and running <p>Barbara Wilson</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on B&C PATCHES process needs acceleration because large bed capacity facility owners are being offered purchase deals <p>Julissa Izamaraz – Spoke about child who attempted suicide has other mental health issues that are not being addressed in the therapy sessions or treatment plans or not following through with treatment plans (referred to OCA staff)</p>	
<p>3. Discussion Action Items/Update – Commissioner Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the IAB: Stacy Dalgleish stated IAB continues its transition with possibly a sunset date at the end of the year. A decision will be determined by vote. Hospital and Health Care Delivery Commission has resigned from IAB. Reba Stevens announced two interviews occurred for Health Agency Director and Christina Ghaly appointed Director of Health Services. Update on December Town Hall – Susan Friedman provided update on 2017 town hall in December. Commission proposed hosting town hall meetings quarterly so that Commission visit more SAACs yearly. More information on a town hall schedule is forthcoming. AOT Chair Appointment – Chair appointed Brittney Weissman serve as Commission representative on the AOT Oversight Committee. Ms. Weissman will facilitate this year’s first meeting this month as Chair. She looks forward for more stakeholder engagement. Commission Evaluation – Chair stated Commission evaluations encourage continuous improvement and asked that Commissioners complete the evaluations. Agenda item moved to October meeting. Annual Report Approval – FY 2017-2108 MHC Annual Report approved by unanimous vote - 1 abstention Quarterly Strategic Priorities Meeting Update Update on Oversight and Compliance – Stacy Dalgleish, Ad Hoc lead discussion to update and introduce priorities leads in the five areas <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Weissman – AOT component – First AOT meeting upcoming facilitated by Commissioner Weissman as Chair. Updates are forthcoming Commissioner Friedman – MHSA and the Commission’s responsibility to approve annual MHSA reports. Develop strategies to enhance knowledge of MHSA funding approval process. Site Visits - Reach out to directly operated and contract agencies. Develop tools for accountability SAAC visits – Commissioners participate and report Data Notebook – Commissioner Lue reported the next Data Notebook will be announced at the California Behavioral Health Planning Council quarterly meeting in October. Updates are forthcoming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming Quarterly Meeting Schedule – Commission proposed options for the next quarterly meeting dates in January 2019. Stakeholder Engagement – Important to hear public comments so that MHSA standards and policies are followed <p>Public Comments on agenda item – Speaker asked Commission to ensure stakeholder engagement is involved in decisions and development of the Commission strategic plan</p> 	<p>ACTION:</p>

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4. Department of Mental Health Report – Curley Bonds II, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YourDMH – continuing to solicit feedback from all interested stakeholders on the new model for engagement, including of course the Commission • Budget Season – Identifying priorities – bottom line is massive growth and expansion but limited resources • Board Mandates – State required parts that DMH has to support with funding • Critical needs- clinic/clients at risk • Administration/Central • Redesign of clinic flow for outpatient services in directly operated clinics – pilot project to examine optimum caseloads and staffing patterns • Strategic Planning – two meetings occurred with high level staff designed to set priorities • Meeting with CEOs from ACHSA members – announced COLA and CMA rate increases (4% each) • On the horizon – expansion of Court Linkage Program (discussion with Judge Gordon and Ohta from Superior Court) to determine how MH clinicians can/should be deployed • Meetings with ODR – tour, discussions about division of work and funds • Public Charge Law – can have a negative impact on undocumented individuals seeking services • Trieste Italy Delegation visit – the theme is the right and opportunity to whole life. Visited the jail, mental health clinics, and families • Introduce Dr. Jorge Partida, Discipline Chief of Psychology, specialize in addiction and trauma; international care, and an author, consultant, and international speaker. Focus in DMH is the profession of psychology moving clients toward better and fuller lives independently in communities and providing communities with better services. • Public comment on agenda item – Speaker inquired about loved one who is mentally ill subjected to being placed in locked facility 	ACTION: Follow up with Commission on budget process and updates
5. Commissioner Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Turner – Distribute YourDMH report to SAAC membership to review to prepare members for the December 19 meeting. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Lue – Request B&C update from ad hoc group and update on CALBHBC. YourDMH elevates the utilization of cultural groups to interface with SAACs. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Weissman – Participated in the thirteen-member delegation from LA that visited Trieste, Italy. The thirteen-members continue to meet monthly in preparation of the Italy delegation visiting Los Angeles. Among the Trieste delegation was psychologist, a psychiatrist, and senator from Rome. The collaboration between the two countries addressed socialized medicine and cultural differences hoping to make services much more appealing and less traumatic. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Friedman – Spoke about a conversation involving a person with an issue with a child not having contact with therapy 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dagleish – Attended suicide prevention conference, EQRO and SAAC 5 meetings. YourDMH is hot topic on radar at every SAAC. Some SAACs have begun writing their charters. Unable to attend a meeting in Santa Monica on homelessness Dr. Sherin was present for Q & A 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Ogawa – Spoke about department head/deputy or board representative not present for the entire full Commission meetings. The Commission is an advisory board and meets only once a month. In fairness to the public, the department needs to hear comments and concerns made by the public. It is essential that DMH and/or board representatives are available at full Commission meetings. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Scott – Met with Chair of Hospital and Health Care Delivery Commission who shared information about their ad hoc committee on integrating health, mental health, and substance use priorities to building bridges. Scheduled to meet with Dr. Sherin and Mimi McKay. Met with Angelica Ayala, Third District Health Deputy about developing relationships with all board health deputies. Scheduled to meet with Service Area District Chiefs October 10. 	
6. SAAC Co-Chairs' Reports	
SAAC 1 – No report.	
SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell, Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly Rysman spoke at last SAAC meeting. Ms. Rysman wants an ongoing relationship with the SAAC and shared her contact information with members. • Jamie Garcia, Hospital Commission will present at the meeting in October on hospital discharges involving none communication with loved ones and family members • SAAC will review YourDMH for November meeting 	
SAAC 3 – William Légere, Member SAAC 3 meet on September 13-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation – Starview Mental Health center • DMH update given by Dennis Griffin • Discussed YourDMH and SAAC merger with SLT 	
SAAC 4 – Harold Turner, Co-Chair Last meeting-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on a bridge project proposal to build transitional housing in the service area. SAAC supports the proposal • Participating in listening sessions on Measure H. Will share information at next meeting. 	
SAAC 5 – Jim “The Hat” Last SAAC meeting --	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on how to account for and identify certain factors before the act of suicide takes place • SHARE held annual job fair in September; over 105 attended 	
SAAC 6 – No report	
SAAC 7 – No report	
SAAC 8 - No report	
7. Announcements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC 6 event – Intercity Marathon at Jesse Owens Park • Exhibit, “Can’t Stop Won’t Stop,” opened at the African American History Museum in Expo Park. The exhibit reflects the history of the African-American history in America will be open until 2019 • Commissioner suggested due to current changes taking place, information on all SAAC meetings be available on information table at Commission meetings to inform and encourage attendance. 	
Public Comments continued	
MC Harris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke about DMH supervisors intimidating staff who attend DMH activities. • Wants Commission to attend scheduled events and set up resource table 	
Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting October 25, 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