County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health **OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION** Thursday, March 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes Merilla M. Scott, Chair, Facilitating **APPROVED – April 23, 2019 MSC – Dalgleish/Cooperberg – 1 abstention**

	Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1.	 Call to Order by Commissioner Scott Welcome and Introductions Roll Call: Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Ogawa Approval of minutes: February meeting was cancelled to attend the African American Mental Health Conference. Minutes from January 26 quarterly meeting will be approved at next quarterly meeting on April 6. Introduction of OCFA (Office of Consumer and Family Affairs) Staff Department of Mental Health Report – Curley Bonds, II, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations 	ACTION: None
	 Dr. Bonds reported the following: Staffing Updates/Re-organization CEO/BOS approved phase 2 of DMH reorganization to hire new staff Senior Deputy Director to oversee the Outpatient Bureau. Pending the hiring of the new deputy director Dr. Bonds will supervise Outpatient Bureau to obtain first-hand knowledge of operations and administration, develop good relations with service area chiefs, and participate in recruiting best fit staff for DMH DMH – added the following staff categories Two Program Manager IV positions approved to oversee the south and north areas in LA County: Carlotta Childs Seagle assigned to the south county (service areas 5-8), women's reintegration and the MLK Behavioral Health Center reconstruction. Lisa Wong assigned to the north county (service areas 1-4), review staffing patterns, work with new FSP task force, oversee contracts, and new justice involved and court linkage unit led by a new chief psychiatrist Public Guardian – DMH requested higher level positions to upgrade and compensate Public Guardian staff that have higher level of experience and skill sets; and support employee retention. Recruit adult TAY navigators to provide boots on the ground type service in the clinic, drop-in centers, and shelters, etc., in the service areas. The Office of Consumer and Family Affairs moved to Clinical Operations. The move to Clinical Operations will better serve high level client issues received directly from board offices and other high level companies and agencies to assure referrals receive the attention deserved. Community Health Workers will be assigned to the service areas to work with staff in the clinics. 	 ACTION ITEMS: Send recent reorganization chart, draft ok for commission (Stevens) Request AOT contract information (Weissman) Presentation on Psychological Testing – Invite Jorge Partida Del Toro to present information on psych testing (Curry) Provide contract agency and directly operated clinic information on MHC, SAAC Resources (Dalgleish)

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A(A(A(W3 A(Home Services Team – Home Services Team provides homeless outreach to impaired and severely poor individuals (formerly SB 82). CEO approved a Countywide Deputy position to work with the Home program, CalWorks, DCFS, and Veterans Administration. The services at these programs will collaborate so that client handoffs are few. Consumers can keep the same person for treatment and other service delivery. Bail Reform – In preparation of the pending Bail Reform bill DA Jackie Lacey formed a task force that includes Dr. Bonds and Dr. Sherin. DMH will focus on options to avoid incarceration such as reviewing screening tools at all levels of booking entry to eliminate discrimination against mental health Regional leadership quarterly meeting schedule change. Leadership staff will visit two SAACs every Monday starting April to engage maximum feedback from everyone's concerns from all Service Area Program Managers up to level 3 and line staff. Recruitment – Charles Drew Department of Psychiatry has recruited six resident graduates available for rotation at LA County. Resident Psychiatrists concentrate in medical specialties patients, physician leadership, academic programs, and psychological testing. TION – Send recent reorganization chart (draft ok) to Commission (Stevens) TION – Presentation on Psychological Testing (invite Jorge Partida Del Toro for the presentation) (Curry) TION – Stakeholder engagement: Ask contract agency and directly operated clinics to post positive information in the iting rooms (Dalgleish) TION – Keep YourDMH active on the agendas and reports to continue to educate the DMH and the public (Stevens) mments on agenda item Barbara Wilson – Glad to hear psychological testing is available and further stated she is familiar with completing the forms and can assist filling them out. Brittney Weissman – Excited about the psychological testing availabliity and suppo	5. Keep YourDMH active on the agendas and reports to continue to educate the department and the public (Stevens)
3 54	AC Co-Chairs' Reports	
	AC 1—Jean Harris, Co-Chair	ACTION:
	AC Report:	
•	Approved charter for YourDMH at SAAC meeting in February	
٠	Developing individual committees to meet separately and report back to SAAC	
•	Presentations from Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health America Antelope Valley on employment, education and training	
٠	Looking forward to utilizing SB10 (Peer Certified Support Specialist)	

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SAAC 2 – Richard Fleming, Member and Patricia Russell, Co-Chair	
SAAC Report	
 RAND provided a presentation and study at last SAAC meeting. 	
• SAAC meeting held at different location where SAAC was able to provide resources to engage consumers to join the SAAC.	
SAAC will develop a peer panel at next meeting	
Working on charter via conference calls	
SAAC 3 –No report	
SAAC 4 – Ricardo Kim, Member	
SAAC Report	
RAND presented at SAAC meeting. SAAC identified priorities	
 Ad hoc committee assembled to develop the charter continues to meet 	
 Goal is to finish charter by end of fiscal year to start new fiscal year with a completed charter 	
SAAC 5—Karen Macedonia, Co-Chair	
SAAC Report	
• SAAC continues to read charter with ad hoc committee. The document is five-pages; an addendum was added to develop	
goals and track them on an annual basis.	
 Co-Chair announced she stepping down to addresses issues in Kern County 	
• Recommended the MHC address its vacancies to go to the supervisors and ask to see the drawer of applications available.	
SAAC 6 – No Report	
SAAC 7 – No report	
SAAC 8 – Paul Stansberry	
SAAC Report	
SAAC continues to review the charter	
 Conducting pre-meeting peer reviews to recruit more peers and provide peer training on the terminology. 	
Public Comments - Non Agenda Items	
William Legere	
 Spoke about the necessity for supportive employment is the key to recovery. 	
• Important for coalitions, particularly the Asian and Black groups, to have meetings so they can receive funding.	
Elizabeth Sadlon	
 Is the lead consultant working on a white paper for B&C. 	
Presented a flyer inviting participation on an adult residential facility stakeholder system.	
 Would like to speak at April 25 commission meeting and announced a summit on May 8 at St. Anne's. 	

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Daniel	Wong –	
•	Presented an article, "A Rational Approach to Homelessness," a model homeless program used in San Antonio, Texas to help homeless people not return to the streets.	
Sonya	Aadam	
•	Requesting LACDMH support CA DPH-Office of Health Equity and Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) and make recommendations for PEI funding for African American population.	
	Recommended requesting LA County to provide data on race and ethnicity	
-	Duvaney Smith	
	CAF, WOW, service extenders, and other consumers received a 1099 owing taxes. CAF orientation need to be clearer about possible tax obligations connected to receiving CAF funding	
	Request the composition of the MHC members comply with Welfare and Institutions Codes	
	a Wilson	
•	Requested permission to circulate petitions for signatures requesting B&C rate increase from \$25 to \$35 per day, per person. Anyone who wants to sign to show community support of the increase.	
Wendy	Cabil	
Spo	oke about:	
٠	A shelter incident	
٠	Training given by Antelope Valley transit authority	
٠	SPA 1 is in the process of revitalizing the Client Advisory Board	
٠	WOW program is up and running	
٠	Attended training at SHARE on Peer Workforce Project, it was very good	
Ricardo		
•	about YourDMH document issues:	
	Ad hoc member for YourDMH	
•	YourDMH decide to rename SAAC by the end of the fiscal year. Please agree on YourDMH Service Area Groups or YourDMH Service Area Committee and be consistent on all areas of communication.	
•	Please add "Erasing the Stigma of Mental Illness to the YourDMH document under "Values" section for "Dedication:"	
Maria .	luarez –	
•	Spoke about falling in the lobby at the Peer Resource Center 560 S. Vermont Ave about 3 months ago and have not received the accident report promised to her from the security officers. Hospital staff is suspect the injuries sustained from the fall appear to be related to domestic violence. Hospital staff want to see the accident report. (Issue forwarded to OCFA staff).	

Julian Turner – Homeless issues

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Homeless with a Shelter Plus Care voucher unable to find housing since 2017				
 Not getting enough support and assistance to find housing Denied rental because of credit score and a disability (Commissioner Stevens volunteered to assist speaker with housing) 				
Monisha Parker –				
 Spoke about LA Family Housing (Bridge Housing) has no support and no structure. Speaker has been homeless for 2 months in a depressing situation because shelters trigger PTSDT. 				
5. Business Discussion/Action Items	Business Discussion/Action Items			
 Quarterly Strategic Planning Meeting – April 6, 2019 Discussion on Agenda Priorities: Role of the Commission in the new stakeholder engagement process-Commissioners discussed ideas on YourDMH, SAAC representation and communication. Engage stakeholders in an efficient way to streamline the process to be timely and impactful.	ACTION Chair will send questions prior to April 6 meeting to get feedback on communication ACTION – Commissioner Weissman volunteered to participate on Nominations committee			
visit 5 sites, 3) third year visit one site in each service area.				
6. Commissioner Reports - None				
7. Announcements/Review Action Items				
 By-Laws Discussion (Commissioner Dalgleish and Stevens) Bylaws committee distributed a copy with track changes for discussion, review and provide feedback before the April 25 meeting. Specifically focus on the holiday months of November and December. Next Quarterly Strategic Planning Meeting – Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 12:30 – 4 pm. 	ACTION: Place bylaws on April 25 agenda for approval			
Meeting adjourned –	1			
Next Meeting - April 25, 2019 from 11 am – 2 pm, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration – Room 739, 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012				

Meeting highlights submitted by Canetana Hurd