

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
MHC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Highlights -Thursday, January 14, 2021, Noon
Brittney Weissman, Chair, Presiding

I. Call to Order

Roll Call – Imelda Padilla-Frausto (here), Harold Turner (here), Brittney Weissman (here), Patrick Ogawa (here), Kevin Acebo (here)

- a. **Action Item:** Approve December minutes: On the motion of Acebo second by Ogawa and unanimously carried, this item was approved

II. DMH Update – Crystal Kibby, DMH Board Liaison

Countywide Appointments and Promotions effective January 5, 2021

Fresia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer

Rodrigo Castro-Silva, County Counsel

Adolfo Gonzales, Chief Probation Officer

Emilio Salas, Executive Director LA County Development Authority

Rafael Carbajal, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs

Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director of the Probation Oversight Commission

COVID 19 updates

- Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead department for COVID 19 vaccines. To date roughly 30% of DMH staff including DMH legal entity providers received vaccination registration invitations.
- To preserve beds, in January, DMH issued a directive to law enforcement requesting that they bypass emergency rooms and take patients that are being placed on a mental health hold who do not have any medical complaints directly to mental health urgent care centers.
- DMH and UCLA partnership launched a collection of resources specifically to help county workers and other essential workers manage stress.

Board announcements

- Commissioner Brittney Weissman was reappointed by 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger effective January 5, 2021.
- Board approved motion to propose lease agreement with Starview Behavioral Health to operate newly constructed urgent care center in the AV. Center will open at end of the month

Measure J Update – Measure J Implementation Advisory Committee met in December and January. DMH is scheduled to meet with Measure J committee members and will report back to the MHC at later date.

III. Non-Agenda Comments

Patricia Russell – commented on issue reported at SALT meeting regarding no virtual programming at IMD facility for clients to access services.

Sandra Rodriguez stated she has resources to share from Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center.

IV. Commission Business

a. **Implementation of Strategic Priorities**

Recommendations and suggestions

- 1) Priority groups investigate, report back, and follow up to provide update at full monthly meetings for the next 6 months. If possible two groups can provide updates.
- 2) Priority groups meet before full meetings to keep activity progress

Action: MHC staff schedule team meetings for priority groups to before full meetings

- 3) Continue town halls with SALTs. Suggestion - schedule a town hall before FY 2021 ends. Tailor town hall agenda toward issues faced in the past fiscal year
- 4) Connect with SALTs and UsCCs to obtain input on strategic priorities, written report is preferred.

b. Continue Planning 2021 Meetings

(Align calendar with federal, state, and local budgets)

January 28 - Telehealth presentation (Dr. Bonds invite)
AOT Update – Commissioner Turner
Strategic Priority Updates (tentatively from two groups)

February 25 - Budget and Legislative updates
Strategic Priority Updates (tentatively from two groups)

March 25 – Measure J Update
Board & Care update – Maria Funk (tentative)
Strategic Priority Updates (tentatively from two groups)

April 22 – MHSa presentation/30-day public comment
Strategic Priority Updates (tentatively from two groups)

May 27 – MHSa vote
Strategic Priority Updates (tentatively from two groups)

June 24 – Budget update (tentative - May revise)
Strategic Priority Updates (tentatively from two groups)

c. Public Comment

Esiquio Reyes—Happy New Year. Will focus to help homeless by providing food

Patricia Russell—Presented a question to Commissioner Acebo from criminal justice presentation at SALT2 meeting.

V. Adjourn