



MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) REGULAR MEETING

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Fourth District, Presiding

Regular [HYBRID] Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: 510 S Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Virtual: [Meeting Recording](#)

Approval Date: Minutes were approved on December 14, 2023. Motion by Commissioner Dalgleish, second by Commissioner Sanabria.

MEETING TYPE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Special
MINUTES TYPE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at 11:00a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/WELCOME

- a. MHC Member Attendance:
Commissioner Root (A), Commissioner Padilla-Frausto (A), Commissioner Friedman (P), Commissioner Stevens (P), Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Dalgleish (P), Commissioner Banko (A), Commissioner Peng Xu (A), Commissioner Molina (P), Commissioner Sanabria (P), Commissioner Manalo (P), Commissioner Cooperberg (P), Commissioner Weissman (P), Commissioner Schallert (P), Supervisor Janice Hahn (A)-

QUORUM PRESENT

Absent (A); Present (P); Present Virtually (PV)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Stakeholder Group Reports

- i. SALT 5, Penny Mehra spoke about SALT meetings have lots of participants attending, activities planned throughout the year, collaborating with contract agencies for available services, and receive monthly reports from our service area district chief. Update: Asked our district chief to change our agenda so we get feedback from SALT membership to forward to MHC and CPT meetings. Next SALT meeting will be held in person.

- a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**

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- ii. SALT 1, Jean Harris introduced two new co-chairs, Michael Dutton, and Monica Olson. Mr. Dutton presented developing opportunities and reentering solutions at the meeting last month. SALT worked on the annual December day of giving plan to provide resources needed for the homeless and low-income individuals.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- iii. Access, Hector Ramirez spoke about the meeting held this month. Access has been looking for a non-disability co-chair to participate equitably because of the technical issues the MHC are having. Access is looking forward to relying on accessibility communication soon.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- iv. SALT 2, Barbara Wilson spoke about giving the SALT report at the MHC meeting. The report was not clear because two reports were combined. In October, SALT celebrated Heritage Hispanic month with a panel of people talked about lived experience and other serious mental health issues. SALT will meet for the first time in-person in December.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- v. SALT 8, Paul Stansbury reported updates on facilities moving in the service area. South Bay Mental Health Center moving. San Pedro Headquarters is moving to a temporary location, and the children's program has moved. SALT 8 is one of the last to have a peer resource center. Also, there was a presentation on matters with the homeless outreach mobile engagement program, and the monthly clergy meeting will resume.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- vi. SALT 6, Reba Stevens and Pastor E. Hamilton newly elected co-chairs, Jackie Cox is the Service Area Chief –
Update: West Central Mental Health Clinic has a new potential location. Co-Chairs are planning to host a mixer instead of agenda items to really invite the community for the opening. Dr. Horn will be presenting on MHSA which is critical for the community to be informed and aware of. SALT was informed that the service area has a \$141,000 budget that soon will expire.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE



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b. Members of the Public Comments

- i. Jim “The Hat,” spoke about honesty and trustworthy information helps the community to salvation. Also spoke about being cancer free and eliminated anxiety.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- ii. Carey Grier, spoke about the upcoming Veterans Halloween Fall Dance and the weekly food distribution. Also announced SPA 6 meeting, LA County Development Authority having community meeting, one meeting in person another online.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- iii. Claudia, shared her experience suffering from PTSD, raised in a dysfunctional family, suffering 24 years of abuse, and no cooperation asking the police for help. Also spoke on standing up for herself.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- iv. Hector Ramirez, spoke about MHC moving forward. Getting access to Spanish culturally appropriate services are non-existent in the community. I want to come back to voice not only Latino folks in the valley but most of LA county residents and consumers.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
- v. BLACCC, Osbee Sangster spoke about MLK’s justice quote, justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, and to remind mental health leadership to focus, human dignity matters.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Molina called for any objections to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda is adopted.

- a. Minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting, minutes approved, Commissioner Weissman abstained.
- b. Follow up on constituents’ concerns/issues - Concerns and issues gathered from constituent comments will be issued to MHC.
- c. DMH Legislative Update (Monthly report/quarterly presentation)
- d. Ad Hoc Reports – *No update*
 - i. Data Notebook (Commissioners Dagleish and Austria)

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5. STANDING ITEMS

a. Standing Items – monthly reports.

- i. DMH Director Updates (Theion Perkins, Acting Senior Deputy Director) Joined by Jaclyn Baucum, Deputy, Management Programs and Jennifer Hunt, Acting Senior Director for Re-Entry

Theion Perkins provided updates on hiring and overall efforts in September 2023 starting with supervisorial districts: *Click [here](#) for presentation.*

- i. CARE Court Update provided by Jennifer Hunt

a. CARE Court now has a webpage.

b. Referral Entry Points

c. Court invited CARE Court to set up a Self-Help Center in Norwalk

- ii. Jaclyn Baucum spoke about the 2023 meeting BHBH (Behavioral Health Bridge Housing)

Update:

a. LA County was offered \$321 million funding for housing, 75% in one group and 25% in the other groups.

b. 90% of MediCal patients referred to the managed care plan.

MHC Question: How do patients feel after leaving managed care and transfer to DMH?

MHC Request: Invite Jennifer Hunt and Jaclyn Baucum to return in February 2024 for update.

- iii. DMH MHSa Update (MHSa Administration Team) Kalene Gilbert and Dr. Darlesh Horn.

1. SB326/Proposition 1 – Kalene Gilbert – *Click [here](#) for presentation.*

Updates – signed by Governor Newsome in September 2023

- Change MHC to Behavioral Health Commission
- Change MHSa to Behavioral Health
- Educate community on what is in Prop 1-
- Changes made to modernize MHSa, no longer an Innovation program.
- Prevention will be state administered.
- Changes will be made if approved by voters in March 2024.

MHC Recommendation: MHC meet with BOS for their input, discuss input at MHC meeting then speak to inform community.

2. Community Planning Team (CPT) – Dr. Darlesh Horn. Click [here](#) for presentation.

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- a. Currently 121 are stakeholder participants.
- b. First phase - all selections were completed.
- c. First phase - service area gaps were Identified.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Carried from 9/28/23)**

- a. DMH Finance report back on Service Area Leadership Teams (SALTs) budget guidelines and spending flexibility. (*Carried report back to November 16, 2023, Regular MHC meeting*)
- b. Continued Discussion
 - i. MHC Retreat – Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023, 11am – 2:30pm, location *TBD*. Kevin Acebo, Retreat Facilitator, provided information on agenda topics to present that will inspire MHC on issues and challenges, guidance with board relationship, and goals.
 - ii. Two Town Hall MHC meetings FY2023-2024 (SA 1 – January 25, 2024, and SA 8 – April 25, 2024) Location is *TBD*

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Oversight Committee background and MHC participation – Commissioner Austria will continue as AOT Oversight Committee Chair.
- b. Discuss inviting a speaker from DPH-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) program to talk about the need and role of Sobering Centers.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** Time: 1:31 p.m.