

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Thursday, July 25, 2013

~ **Approved Minutes** ~

**Please note the minutes are a brief summary and
not a word for word transcription of events at this meeting.**

Larry Gasco, Chairman, Presiding

1. **Call to Order – Larry Gasco**

- The meeting was called to order by Larry Gasco
- Roll Call by Canetana Hurd
- Attendance recorded as follows:
Absent excused: Phillip Chen
Approval of Minutes – Chair motioned to approve June 2013 minutes, seconded, and carried.

MSC – Gasco/Cooperberg/DeBose

2. **Chairman’s Report – Larry Gasco**

- **Executive Committee Report** – Delores Huffman reported on the July 11th meeting.
 - 1) Two people attended the meeting who are candidates for the vacant Commissioner slots.
 - 2) The following meetings will be dark in August: MHC/SAAC Chairs; Executive Committee; and Full Commission
 - 3) Faculty at California State University at Northridge is interested in research in mental health. Commissioner DeBose will provide more information when school resumes in the fall.
- **MHC/SAAC Chairs Report** – No report for the July 9th meeting because the meeting was cancelled.
- **Bylaws Committee Report** – Barry Perrou reported that the July 2nd meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Bylaws committee members are Barry Perrou, Larry Gasco, Jerry Lubin, Vicky Sofro, and Judy Cooperberg.
- **CALMHBC (California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions)** – Commissioner Hayward McNeill announced that he has officially resigned as CALMHBC Director for the Los Angeles County area.
- **SLT (System Leadership Team) Report – No report**
- **Chairman’s Comments** –
 - 1) Encouraged Commissioners to volunteer for DMH New Employee Orientation sessions,
 - 2) Discussed the Commission sponsoring the Latino Behavioral Health Institute Conference and the Native American Indian Conference (**ACTION**-Commissioners agreed to sponsor both conferences)

- 3) Asked Commissioners to continue to meet with their perspective health deputies
- 4) Reinstate the legislative breakfast event
- 5) Complimented Catherine Bond for coordinating valuable conferences addressing stigma for our mental health community.
- 6) Profiles of Hope Awards funding – Ms. Terry Lewis reported 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s signing the historic Community Mental Health Act into law. The legislation provided the foundation for contemporary mental health policy. In recognition of the historic event the awards committee will seek assistance in asking Patrick Kennedy to make a statement via satellite during the award program.

3. **Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal, Legislative Analyst**

Ms. Rajlal announced:

- Dr. Karen Baylor the current Director of San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health will be the new Deputy Director for Mental Health at DHCS.
- The Legislature is on holiday until mid-August. No budget cuts, and additional funding is available (see ATTACHMENT 1)

4. **Public Comments**

- William Legere – Can communities in Los Angeles County have their own police and fire departments in lieu of the LASD and County Fire Department?
- Ms. Wanda Soloman, NAMI Family to Family Member asked for sponsorship for conference August 16-17, 2013.
- Sawako Nito commented on non-Asian speaking consultant. The Asian consultant made recommendations for fiscal year 2013 and left her report. She did not complete the job at that time. She needed a bilingual consultant not Catherine Bond.
- Patricia Russell I will give you an update for the EBI Program for inmates in Twin Towers. Jail Mental Health address the need for co-occurring disorder groups.
- Jean Harris, NAMI West LA, will be holding a Mental Health/Criminal Justice workshop for 250 attendees, which is funded through DMH. The organizers have asked DMH and in particular Cathy Warner to expand the available funding due to such incredible interest to participate. The event has already reached the 250 person limit and hasn’t even been publically announced yet. I ask that our Commissioners support the request for expansion of this event.
- Luz Flores, Telecare – La Casa issue
- Michael Henderson, Telecare-La Casa issue
- Archie Souder announced the Fresh Start working families community festival; free back packs, school supplies, free haircuts, and entertainment

- Lolita S. Namocatcat proposed a question to Mr. Luckham, as a gravely disabled person; can I be sued for not getting a full time job?

5. DMH Report – Robin Kay, PhD, Chief Deputy Director, reported on DMH preparation for the Affordable Care Act:

- 1) Prepare contract providers for full implementation of initiatives
- 2) Transition of medical records integration to IBHISS
- 3) New service delivery design such as transporting homeless into integration redesign.
- 4) Working on integrated plan for MHSA, risk management, and self-sufficiency for TAY.

Dr. Kay announced the appointment of a new Deputy Director. Ms. Lesley Blacher comes from CEO and will join the department August 1. Dr. Kay will invite Ms. Blacher to the September meeting. (**ACTION**)

6. Presentation – Court 95 System

Richard C. Luckham, Administrator II, The Mental Health Courts

Richard Luckham presented an overview of the LPS Hold flow chart, summary of the LPS Act, and a breakdown of the Mental Health Conservatorship process. He also spoke on the following:

- a) Mental Health Court started in 1914 at LACUSD Medical Center.
- b) Jury has 30-40 trials per year contesting conservatorships
- c) Two medical doctors are available daily for evaluations
- d) Three courts in the Mental Health courthouse of Los Angeles Superior Court conduct a wide variety of services to the mentally ill. Two judges and one commissioner work in the courthouse.
 - Department 95 handles cases involving the mentally ill and criminal justice system,
 - Department 95A handles all LPS conservatorship proceedings for the mentally ill for the entire County of Los Angeles, including jury trials, placement issues, “do not resuscitate” petitions, rehearings, electro convulsive therapy requests and, medical petitions. On average the presiding commissioner hears about 100 matters per day.
 - Department 95B conducts sexually violent predator probable cause hearings. Department 95B also hears habeas corpus proceedings and medication capacity appeals related to persons who have been involuntarily committed pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5250 and 5270.15
- e) Cases have significantly increased in all categories. Los Angeles has 2 judicial assistants in court normally other courts have one.

- f) Los Angeles Superior Court conducts approximately 45% of all hospital-based hearings in the state of California.

ACTION: Several Commissioners are interested in visiting Court 95. Staff will arrange the visit with Mr. Luckham's schedule.

7. **Commissioners' Reports**

- **Commissioner Judy Cooperberg** reported that 156 law enforcement officers have been trained to address emergency psychiatric crisis in the field. Ms. Cooperberg further announced that Supervisor Antonovich has provided funding for future training of law enforcement officers interacting with people with mental illness.
- **Commissioner Herman DeBose** discussed an issue of having no Commission staff when emergencies occur. He recommended the Commission appeal to the Board of Supervisors for assistance solving the issue.
- **Commission Baron** commented on the Court 95 presentation. He further stated that he is amazed at the number of mentally ill in Twin Towers.

8. **SAAC/Community Reports/LACCC**

SAAC Reports

SAAC 1 – Jean Harris reported the SAAC meeting:

- JoEllen Perkins, DMH District Chief, presented a new structure that will help standardize the SAAC membership
- Health their first executive meeting and reviewed the minutes
- SLT update
- Quality Assurance update on nutrition and health insurance
- Mental Health Commission will be back to meet in the Antelope Valley in December 2013
- Update on Antelope Valley Mental Health.
- Issued membership applications

SAAC 2 – Barbara Wilson thanked the Commission for interest in Service Area 1 and the developments in law enforcement training. In SAAC 2 pilot projects are going on. Ms. Wilson further discussed a situation in the Service Area pertaining to conservatorship.

SAAC 6 – Dorothy Banks thanked Chairman Gasco for attending the recent SAAC 6 meeting. She further announced other topics from the meeting; SAAC moving forward to develop 7 sub committees, of the 8 goals 2 were voted to move on now, and Yvette Townsend will attend the next meeting.

SAAC 8 – John Czernek announced the SAAC was dark in July. The next meeting will have a Project Return presentation, and training with Dr. Goodwin on strategic planning.

Los Angeles County Client Coalition (LACCC) – Pam Inaba announced the Coalition has 4 new officers, 4 committee chairs, continue outreach training, and will finish year-end report plan.

Dennis Miller, recording secretary submitted minutes from the LACCC July meeting (see Attachment 2)

9. **Meeting adjourned/NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 26, 2013

11 am – 1:30 pm

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration - Room 739

500 West Temple Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Minutes prepared by Canetana Hurd



2013 Budget Report from the Legislative Analyst

- Governor's Proposed Changes to Realignment Funds with mental health losing partial funding to CalWORKs was rejected
- Addition of \$60 million to reach and serve the unserved or underserved with mental health services for implementation of ACA
- SB 82 Steinberg's Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 authorizes \$206 million in mental health funding to be accessed by counties through a grant process. \$147 million in one time funding for crisis intervention, crisis residential, mobile crisis response teams and rehabilitation services; @\$54 million in ongoing funding for triage workers throughout the state. Grants to be administered by CHFFA and OAC. Also \$400,000 provided for statewide effort to develop consensus guidelines for involuntary treatment under 5150 to be led by CIMH.
- AB 85 sets up the mechanism for counties to pay a share of "savings" for implementation of ACA. The \$300 million is to be taken from the Realignment Health Subaccount; no mental health funding will be taken in this process.

Selection of Dr. Karen Baylor, currently the Director of San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health, will be the new Deputy Director for Mental Health at DHCS.

The Legislature is on holiday until mid August.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION

General Meeting Agenda

Friday, June, 21, 2013, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Headquarters

550 South Vermont Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Los Angeles, CA 90020

My first notes as the newly elected Secretary Recorder at this meeting, for the LACCC monthly general meeting.

- 1). William Legere was the temporary chair. I was elected to be secretary to take notes.**
- 2). Phyllis Coto, ground rules.**
- 3). I called 4 introductions.**
- 4). Old Business:**
 - a). Questions for Dr. Southard:**
 - b). Food for future general meetings lunches (Phyllis Coto)**
 - c). Future Meeting Speaker Suggestions (Phyllis)**
 - d). A report on the Community College Partnering Project at Citrus College on June, 5, 13 (Mark Karmatz)**
 - e). A Report on the Spiritual Conference on June, 6, 13 (2 members)**
 - f). LACCC Innovations Recovery Conference June, 3, 13 (Pam)**
- 5). LUNCH (Highlighting June & Summertime)**
- 6). ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- 7). OLD BUSINESS (Continued)**
 - g). Announcement on the Client Congress forum that was to be held on Friday June, 28th, 13 (Pam)**

1). Volunteer signups for the LACCC Resource Tables, by Pam.

h). Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 Elections, by Pam and Maura:

1). Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Cortez.

2). Recording Secretary: (Me) Dennis R. Miller.

3). Sergeant at Arms: Priscilla Caffery.

4). Timekeeper: Oscar Gomez.

11). REPORTS:

a). Reports from Chapter Chairs there:

1). BLACCC: William Legere.

2). ASIAN: Sawako Nitao.

3). Coalition LATIINA: Vicky Garcia.

4). LONG BEACH LACCC Chapter: Ursula Sims.

b). Report from the Treasurer: Larry Looney.

c). Report from:

1). LACCC CHAIR: Pam:

2). LACCC VICE CHAIR: Rose Hugh:

3). STEERING COMMITTEE: Pam.

12). General meeting was Adjourned at 2 pm.

13). The future dates of upcoming meetings and other information Pam.

14). Announcement: Orange County Fair 2013 opens Friday July, 12th - August, 11th, 2013. I know how to get there by train and bus. Come and talk to me after the meeting for that information. I go every year for it is cooler there by Huntington Beach in Costa Mesa and the fair is more family oriented than the Los Angeles County fair that opens in August, 30th > September, 29th this year 2013 in Pomona, CA around Labor day weekend for its opening this year. The Metro link train to San Bernardino stops at the fair only on the weekends due to fuel cost, being up. Have an enjoyable and cool summer this year 2013.