

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 THURSDAY, July 23, 2015
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING
Approved – September 24, 2015

Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation/Action/Motion/
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call – Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Howard Askins, Songhai Miguda-Armstead, Herman DeBose, Jo Helen Graham, Hector Ramirez, Sharon Lyle, and Victoria Sofro Absent: Fred Leaf 	No Quorum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of June 25, 2015 minutes 	No Quorum – Tabled approval of minutes until next full meeting
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman raised a question brought to him by SAAC 2 Co-Chair at SAAC/MHC meeting. The question related to Kern/San Bernardino/LA County cross over services cutting into Kern and other county’s resources. • Question to Dr. Southard – What happen to the consortium among the three counties that provided outreach services? • Dr. Southard response – He will speak to the Director from Kern county about the issue 	Action - Dr. Southard will speak to the Director from Kern county about the issue
	<p>Executive Committee Report Vice Chair DeBose reported on items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting held June 11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Act Training scheduled for all county commissioners. • MHSA Annual Update Public Hearing held May 28, 2015. • Discussion with Analyst, Office of the Director, regarding the internal budget process that increases funding for MHC annual activities, and the need for additional staff. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners and staff will work with Chief Deputy Director to identify funds for additional staff. • Retreat date is scheduled tentatively on Thursday, August 27. • MHC response to a violation of Brown Act Section 54954.3. • Chairman welcomes comments/recommendations that will help Commission operate more effectively. <p>MHSA FY 2015-2016 Annual Update Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$91 million proposal was approved by MHSOAC for the Innovations Plan • Chairman thanked Dr. Southard and staff for the hard work developing the plan and providing the information requested by the Commission. • Commission requested the continuance of having program head staff available at the public hearing to provide positive feedback and better understanding of the whole MHSA process. 	<p>Motion to approve the MHSA FY 2015-2016 Annual Update MSC – Ramirez/Askins</p> <p>Any further discussion on the MHSA Annual Update? Opposed – Lyle Motion passed</p>
<p>Marvin J. Southard, DSW Director, Mental Health</p>	<p>DMH Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion Program – The diversion report is public. It cannot work without a drug component. • Good template for DMH mental health services and funding. • Received clearances from County Council for SB 82 funds. These funds will impact Laura’s Law and the homeless population. • DOJ/LA County submitted agreements to address use of force and suicide issues. <p>Health Neighborhood rollout continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 MOUs signed to bring more partners into communities. 	<p>ACTION – MHC wants an opportunity to review the Integration Model prior to it going to the board.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for partners from parks, museums, libraries, and public works to participate in roll out • Organize contract agencies and health providers to also participate in roll out <p>Legislative Analyst – Susan Rajlal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional \$7+ billion was added to the state budget. • No cuts to mental health services. Extra money was added to mental health and substance use treatment benefits. • Most dollars will go to education and paying down debt 	
Public Comments	Seven requests to speak were submitted to address the Commission	
Commissioners’ Report	<p>Commissioner Cooperberg – Sheriff approved 3 new MET teams to cover Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley; started June 6.</p> <p>Commissioner Ramirez – Attended the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African-American Mental Health Conference • CALMHBC Quarterly Meeting in Burlingame, CA • Working with DMH to work with older adults program • Will carry the torch for Special Olympics <p>Commissioner Sofro – Thanked Commissioner Lue for initiating (sharing) the support letters for the Coalition (Alternative Model)</p> <p>Commissioner Gasco – Congratulations to coordinators and organizers for both the African American and the Hope and Recovery Conferences.</p> <p>Commissioner DeBose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the African American Conference. Thanked Dr. Southard, Carlotta Seagle-Childs for a great conference; it was well attended. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALMHBC Report - Larry Gasco was reelected as President at the meeting on June 18-20, 2015. There are 5 Regional Director positions for LA County (Commissioners Gasco, Lyle, Ramirez, DeBose, and one vacancy). Commissioner DeBose invited other Commissioners who are interested in participating on the CALMHBC to contact Chairman Gasco. • Attended the Housing Conference – Remarks from Steinberg were enlightening • Visited board and care facilities (licensed and unlicensed) in the San Fernando Valley. Next visit will be to facilities in Service Area 6 • Met with DMH budget committee – DMH announced funding identified for additional Commission staff. <p>Commissioner Lue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended SLT meeting. • SLT reviewed proposal CSS one-time funding of additional \$25 million for housing program; proposal was approved • Looking forward to seeing Dr. Ghaly’s final report. There continues to be an opportunity and interest from the board to hear from clients despite some of the concerns that have been raised. <p>Commissioner Lyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested Skid Row Council Neighborhood report. The African American conference needs a larger venue. • Made recommendation that Barbara Wilson be part of the Housing Committee at DMH. 	
SAAC 1 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
SAAC 2 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Innes-Gomberg presented on the MHSA 	

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Patricia Russell Member	innovations report regarding bids/RFP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – Sheriff representatives will train NAMI members allowing them to go into jails and speak • Discussed 5150 holds and discharge patient with bus tokens 	
SAAC 3 Report William Legere Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capt Jim Smith, Monterey Park Sheriff spoke about triage with mental health and foster care at last SAAC meeting 	
SAAC 4 Report Mark Karmatz Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last SAAC meeting District Chief spoke on linkages for jails 	
SAAC 5 Report Celinda Jungheim Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vets presentation at the new location • Elections for new members and co-chair • Legislative Breakfast in December 	
SAAC 6 MC Harris Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings are now held at Augustus Hawkins, still no Commission presence at SAAC meetings • New computer lab at Hawkins • Announced the opening of MLK 	
SAAC 7 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
SAAC 8 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
LACCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 	
Meeting adjourned	Next Meeting – September 24, 2015 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street – Room 739 Los Angeles, CA 90012	