

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 THURSDAY, June 25, 2015
 MEETING MINUTES
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING
Approved at September Full Meeting

Presenter	Discussion	Recommendation/Action/Motion/
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call – Canetana Hurd Absent Excused: Songhai Miguda-Armstead and Arnold Gilberg Absent: Fred Leaf • Chairman Gasco asked for a moment of silence in honor of the 9 individuals who were murdered in South Carolina. • Resignation – Chairman announced the resignation of Dr. Barry Perrou from the Commission. The Commission will recognize Dr. Perrou’s outstanding leadership on the Commission and honor his efforts in law enforcement and mental health advocacy at a later date. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of May 28, 2015 minutes 	Motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015 MSC – DeBose/Lue Abstention - Cooperberg
Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman’s Report	2015 Executive Committee Election Commissioner DeBose, Committee Chair The slate below was voted in and accepted. Chairman – Dr. Larry Gasco Vice Chair – Dr. Herman DeBose Secretary – Dr. Songhai Miguda-Armstead Members–at-Large – Victoria Sofro, Lawrence Lue, and Dr. Hector Ramirez	No nominations were made from the floor Motion to accept the slate of officers for the 2015/16 Executive Committee MSC - Cooperberg/De La Torre
	MHC/SAAC Chairs Report – Celinda Jungheim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC Chair meetings continue to be vital and attended by all SAAC Co-Chairs. • Discussed having Dr. Steve Goodwin to lead training on how to lead meetings because of Co- 	

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	Chairs stepping down.	
	<p>Executive Committee Report</p> <p>Vice Chair DeBose provided an overview of 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 for the Office of the Director regarding the internal budget process that increases funding for MHC annual activities, and the need for additional staff. • Commissioners and staff will work with Chief Deputy Director to identify funds for additional staff. • Retreat date is scheduled tentatively on Thursday, August 27. • Discussed the MHC response to a violation of Brown Act Section 54954.3. • Chairman welcomes comments to make 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>

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<p>Marvin J. Southard, DSW Director, Mental Health</p>	<p>DMH Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court ruling approved continuance of high level of care for people in California • 1915B Waiver was approved for a 5 year extension. The extension allows mental health to be carved out for specialty care. • IMD/Managed Care Reimbursement – Loosening of the IMD exclusion for managed care reimbursement was extended to 15 days per month. Exclusion allows more access to IMDs important to the Laura’s Law program and the diversion plans. <p>Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles County DA Jackie Lacey was given the National NAMI award for the Diversion Plan. • Senator Steinberg was given an award at the National Housing Conference. <p>Health Neighborhood rollout continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 MOUs signed to bring more partners into communities. • Looking for partners from parks, museums, libraries, and public works to participate in roll out • Organizing of efforts with 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 	<p>ACTION – MHC wants an opportunity to review the Integration Model prior to it going to the board.</p>

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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. • 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) because of its geographic size. Commissioner DeBose invited other Commissioners who are interested in participating on CALMHBC 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 	

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	<p>will be to facilities in Service Area 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with DMH budget committee – DMH announced it has found money for additional staff for Commission’s Office <p>Commissioner Lue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended SLT meeting. Proposal reviewed by SLT for CSS one-time funding of \$25 million additional to housing program (\$17.5 million to housing program and \$7.5 million to housing trust) 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"> Commissioner Cooperberg announced that Jean Harris has stepped down as Co-Chair. 	
SAAC 2 Report Barbara Wilson Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Innes-Gomberg presented the stakeholder process No housing services in Santa Clarita Valley Thanked Commissioner DeBose for visiting housing facilities in San Fernando Valley 	
SAAC 3 Report William Legere Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian community needs more mental health services 	
SAAC 4 Report	No Report	
SAAC 5 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honored Jerry Lubin at Open Meeting 	

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Celinda Jungheim Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Westside Directory • Officer election in July 	
SAAC 6 Dorothy Banks Co-Chair	No meeting in June because of African American conference	
SAAC 8 Report John Czernak Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Innes-Gomberg presented the Innovations Plan to SAAC • Presentation on Human Trafficking • Stepping down as Co-Chair • Elected to DMH Staff Advisory Committee 	
LACCC Betty Dandino	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thankful to everyone involved in supporting all conferences • Keynote speaker at the Hope and Recovery conference was enlightening and informative • CCAF changes are both good and bad 	
Meeting adjourned	Next Meeting – July 23, 2015 @ 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street – Room 739 Los Angeles, CA 90012	

Recorded by Canetana Hurd