

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 Thursday, February 22, 2018
 Meeting Minutes
 Lawrence Lue, Facilitating
APPROVED – March 22, 2018 MSC – Dagleish/Turner

Discussion	Recommendation/ Action/Motion
1. Call to Order by Commissioner Lue Roll Call – Canetana Hurd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent Excuse: Cynthia Sanchez, Judy Cooperberg, Merilla Scott, Tiombe Wallace, and Jeannine Pearce • Absent: Kathryn Barger 	ACTION: None
Approval of January 25, 2018 minutes – APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE – 5 ayes 2 abstention	ACTION: Post on web
2. Public Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Devries – Announcement “The Emotional Health Peer Support Group” held at the Disability Community Resource Center, Venice CA. Unlike NAMI or ABSA we are a self-contained group that does not need to ask for donations. I am working on another chapter to be held at the Santa Clarita Mental Health Center (LADMH) • Jim “The Hat” Ask commission for support on getting our mental health conference back. • Dr. Stephen Mouton – Question: How is the gravely disabled and other aspects of the LPS 5150 address regional center clients admission, discharge and possible conservatorship • Reba Stevens – Requested clarifications made on a comment made by Acting Chair at the MHC/SAAC Co-Chair meeting • Barbara Wilson – Commented on a meeting held in SA 2 with B&C owners receiving support from DMH. Mimi McKay requested notes from the meeting • Maria Williams – Advocating for Edward Williams in FSP program at Hillview Mental Health – 12450 Van Nuys Blvd, Pacoima. I’ve talked to LaTina Jackson district chief for the area. Talked to Daryl Sholte, Angel (LaTina’s staff) Jack Avila, Megan Watson, Giovani Figueroa, Julie Jones from Hillview. Last contact was 2/14/2018 • Mercedes Moreno – Lives in SAAC 2. 1) The homeless people living in her area under the bridge is unsafe and 2) the area near Van Nuys Orange station smells terrible. The homeless people use the street like a bathroom • Maria Tan – LPS concerns and OA reports • Mark Karmatz – CAMPRO “Doors to wellness being” has phone and webinars on Tuesdays. • Sawato – Complaint about NAMI membership fees being collected and also having to pay for conference, which has increased. • Patricia Russel – Hospital care in service area 2 facilities do not follow the policies for client care and discharge. Issues needs monitoring for accountability. 	ACTION:
3. Discussion Action Items/Update – Commissioner Lue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Assistant Recruitment Update – Three of 5 candidates were interviewed. Interviews will continue to pursue the candidates that best fit the needs of the Commission • Board and Cares Report Update – Executive Committee Recommendation to Approve 	ACTION: Post B&C report A Call to Action: The Precarious State of the

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<p>Commissioner Weissman and others presented the B&C report to the Measure HHH Oversight Commission. The presentation received interest in the report but not totally in line with their focus which is permanent supportive housing. Commissioner Weissman pointed how board and cares can partner with permanent supportive housing to use the services and save beds. Commissioner Weissman and others will continue to present the report to more private and public agencies to gain interest and support in saving the B&C owners and beds.</p> <p>A Call to Action: The Precarious State of the Board and Care System Serving Residents Living with Mental Illness in Los Angeles County</p> <p>MOTION was made by Brittney Weissman and Seconded by Patrick Ogawa to accept and approve the following report: A Call to Action: The Precarious State of the Board and Care System Serving Residents Living with Mental Illness in Los Angeles County, prepared by the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission Ad Hoc Committee on LA County’s Board and Care System.</p> <p>It should be noted that as part of the discussion it was recommended that as further support is pursued of this report, that housing gaps in SA 6 be carefully reviewed and examined.</p> <p>Public Comment on Board and Care item Reba Stevens – Share the report with SAACs so that they can help promote the B&C offerings Paul Stansbury – Educate LASHA to include the mental health population when housing is available.</p> <p>MOTION/Carried/Approved – Unanimously Approved ACTION – Remove the word “draft” from report and post report on Commission website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Motion on the Definition of Gravely Disabled – Commissioner Ogawa Commissioner Ogawa – Presented the following timeline on the board motion on the definition of gravely disabled: 1) October 31, 2017 BOS motion by 5th and 2nd districts - assessment of those gravely disabled and incapable of seeking or accepting mental health treatment and care. 2) January 10, 2018 DMH report to BOS – proposing to amend existing state law to provide basic personal needs. 3) January 30, 2018 motion by 5th and 2nd districts - sponsor legislation what would amend the definition of gravely disabled pursuant to the recommendations outlined in January 10, 2018 report. <p>Mimi McKay, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning – The intent of the motion is to offer a county-sponsored bill to move forward on the board motion to change the language of the gravely disabled legislation.</p>	<p>Board and Care System Serving Residents Living with Mental Illness in Los Angeles County” prepared by the Los Angeles County Commission Ad Hoc Committee.</p> <p>ACTION: Remove the word “draft” from report and post report on Commission website</p>

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<p>Vicki Kozikoujekian, Senior Deputy County Council – Gave an update on the current version of the gravely disabled legislation which was too broad and only included Medi-Cal. The purpose of this motion is to author a county-sponsored bill to change the definition and move forward on this type of legislation. If amended, AB 1971 will provide new dollars in support of changing the language. It will expand an “open the door” to catch outpatient conservatorships and others with placement and long term treatment for possible chances for recovery situations. The intent is submitting a Los Angeles County co-sponsored bill to move toward the bill which will require funding from LA County.</p> <p>MOTION was made by Patrick Ogawa and Second by Stacy Dalgleish to support the Board of Supervisors’ directive to the Chief Executive Office to work with the Director of the Department of Mental Health to sponsor legislation that would amend the definition of gravely disabled. The Commission further moved that support documentation be submitted as deemed appropriate to the Board of Supervisors, the Director of the Department of Mental Health and the State legislators in support of the most recent amended definition.</p> <p>Public Comment on Gravely Disabled item Reba Stevens – please take the gravely disabled survey provided by DMH and share report with SAACs Mary Williams – please investigate Hillview Patricia Russell – commented that if hospitals in service area follow policies for discharging clients will better with the new definition.</p> <p>Motion/Carried/Approved – 6 ayes, 1 abstaining</p>	
<p>4. Department of Mental Health Report – Mimi M. McKay, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sherin is unavailable to attend because his is presenting to the MHSOAC (Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission) on two Innovations projects the Technology Suite and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, and CHFFA (California Health Facilities Finance Authority). Will report back on the status of the projects. • The process of finalizing the reorganization continues which will come out by the end of the month. Aligning the department by administrative and operational functions. New hires for Chief Deputy Director, Operations Dr. Curley Bonds will start April 2. Dr. LuAnn Sanderson, Nursing Discipline Chief will start February 26. • MHSOAC – Proposal for CSS and PEI Unspent Funds – Joined by Kim Nall and Darleish Horn DMH has accumulated MHSOAC funds totaling \$896 million during Fiscal Year 2015-16 and 2016-17. Funds for the following programs must be spent by June 30, 2018 or revert to the State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Services and Support - \$57.931 million ○ Prevention and Early Intervention – \$90.133 million ○ Workforce Education and Training – \$24.2 million 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capital Facilities/Information Technology - \$16.5 million A proposed plan is in process to utilize the funds that must be spend by June 30, 2018. The remainder of unspent funding must be spent by 2020 and 2021 ● Reinvigorating Stakeholder Engagement-Roles of SAACs and SLT – The focus for reinvigorating the SAAC and SLT stakeholder groups is being proactive in getting more voices to the table that represents the groups they represent. DMH is a resource for stakeholder led groups and not being led by the department. Ms. McKay discussed some of the following plans to initiate reinvigorating the groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DMH become a resource for the SAAC and SLT groups b) Stakeholder groups led and not be led by the department c) Make sure people represent the constituency in their area d) Engage new voices to be heard e) Use technology and other media to communicate like virtual meetings to reach out to those unable to attend f) Open geography for meeting sites g) Improve SAAC outreach and engagement 	
5. Commissioners' Report	
<p>Commissioner Dalgleish – Attended presentation on Board and Care report to Measure HHH Bond Oversight Commission meeting. The report was well received and the commission has begun talking about how to support the issue with innovative housing programs.</p>	
6. SAAC Co-Chairs' Report	
SAAC 1 – No Report	
<p>SAAC 2 – Patricia Russell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued to discuss hospital issues to get better treatment for the community ● Membership campaign began ● One hundred people attended the last SAAC meeting <p>ACTION: Place hospital issues on March 8 Executive Committee agenda</p>	<p>ACTION: Place hospital issues on March 8 Executive Committee agenda</p>
SAAC 3 – William Legere	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase SAAC membership ● Peer certification discussion 	
SAAC 4 – Mark Karmatz	
<p>Housing issues discussion Presentation from Heritage Clinic on resiliency and employment.</p>	
SAAC 5 – Mark Karmatz	

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Announced next SAAC meeting details	
SAAC 6 – No Report	
SAAC 7 – No Report	
SAAC 8 – Paul Stansbury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Board and Care and sober living issues • Discussed school and health issues similar to those in Miami school shooting • Peer certification – how to support the bill so opportunities for peers are available • SLT/SAAC in need of more resources and technology. Staff support needed to help with activities so that clergy participation will increase. 	
Meeting adjourned - Next Meeting March 22, 2018 @ 9:30 – 11 am St. Anne’s Auditorium 155 N. Occidental Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90026	

Meeting highlights by Canetana Hurd