



MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

Kathleen Austria, Chair, Second District, Presiding

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: 510 S Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Virtual: [Meeting Recording](#)

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

Approval Date: July 13, 2023 - Motion for approval of minutes made by Commissioner Dalglish, seconded by Commissioner Root.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Welcome

MHC Executive Committee Member Attendance: Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Friedman (A), Commissioner Dalglish (P), Quorum present - **QUORUM PRESENT Absent (A); Absence Excused (AE); Present (P); Present Virtually (PV)**

III. Public Comment

a. Stakeholder Group Reports (3 minutes per report)

i. Discussion/Announcements:

1. Osbee Sangster, African American UsCC – Spoke to remind the Commission the African American UsCC facilitates attendance for consumers in mental health conferences and training.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – Information was provided to the Commission to report back on many topics regarding the African American UsCC. Ms. Sangster is asking the Commission to act.
2. Jean Harris, SALT 1 Co-Chair – Spoke about the Antelope Valley SALT is growing and engaging to increase client and family attendance. SALT is gaining 3-5 new members each meeting.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE

b. Members of the public (2 minutes caller)

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i. Discussion/Announcements

1. *Osbee Sangster* - Spoke on behalf of the Black Los Angeles County Client Coalition (BLACC).
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – For many years DMH notified the Commission continually to take part in necessary issues and actions increasing consumer representation. The matter of concern is legitimate and once again hope the Commission act and participate.
2. *Carey Grier* - Spoke on behalf of peers and community health worker concerns within DMH. Understanding there is a critical shortage, peers and community health workers within the department do everything and anything outside of their scope of practice. Ms. Grier is advocating for them.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – Staff shortages
3. *Richard Kim* - Service Area 4 Member – Spoke about lived experience team healthcare workers are not being supported throughout the county. Richard stated workers are unable to do what they do best. Richard recommended to meet with all community health workers at the Peer Resource Center to discuss concerns and the new direction DMH is moving.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – Lack of support for healthcare workers and public access to the MHC meetings.
4. *Hector Ramirez* - Service Area 3 Co-Chair - Spoke about the Mental Health Awareness Month events he attended and shared his excitement about seeing so many of his Latino community members engaging and participating. Hector also commented that providing accommodations for ADA required participants was very low.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – ADA access at events is not enough.
5. *Pam Inaba* - Spoke about the materials for MHSA were complicated and a lot to read. Please provide the materials as soon as possible and a more accessible venue.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – Materials need to be developed with the end user in mind. Currently, MHSA materials are not in plain language.

IV. Administrative Items (For Action/Discussion)

- a. Approval of Minutes – February 09, 2023
- b. Approval of Minutes – March 09, 2023
- c. Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2023

Discussion/Requests: NONE

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Action requested: Motion to approve minutes collectively as submitted.

Motion: Commissioner Dalglish moved to approve

Support: Commissioner Friedman seconded

V. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Prepare regular Commission meeting agenda for the May 25, 2023

i. Agenda Items/topics for consideration for the May 25th meeting:

1. Standing items:
 - a. DMH Update
 - b. DMH Legislative Update
 - c. DMH Finance Report
2. Election of Executive Committee Officers
 - a. Nomination Committee: Presentation of nominees on June 22, 2023, meeting
3. MHC Bylaws Amendment – Moved to June 22, 2023, MHC regular meeting.
4. California Association of Local Behavioral Health (CALBHBC) Training (Theresa Comstock)
5. MHSA: Governor’s Proposed Changes – Tabled to June 22, 2023, meeting.
6. 988 – Current Statistics and Supervisor’s Hahn’s Motion on Mobile Teams – Tabled to June 22, 2023, meeting
7. Homeless Emergency Order – Current and Future Steps - Tabled to June 22, 2023, meeting.

Discussion:

Chair Austria suggests having reports on Standing Items (Item 1) rather than presentations. *Commissioner Dalglish* suggested a better approach. She suggested to have the Standing Item Updates (i.1.a, i.1.b, and i.1.c) sent to the commission well in advance from the MHC Regular meeting rather than this being read to the commission during that meeting.

Chair Austria asked Crystal to the Department to provide the Standing Item updates at least a week before the meeting to give the Commission time to review and prepare with questions. During the Commission meeting, we would like to have a brief presentation with recaps and highlights and allow time for discussion/questions.

Dr. Wong suggest asking for input from DMH Director of Policy and Strategy, *Elan Shultz*, about the best way to update the Commission about legislative matter.

Chair Austria asked for the Legislative Update to be more specific and include bills that impact LA County/DMH and inform the Commission on DMH/BOS position on important bills.

VI. Presentation:

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- a. DMH Updates (Crystal Kibby, DMH Board Liaison). Click [HERE](#) to access presentation slides.

Discussion:

Chair Austria asked for a detail report on CalAIM for the next MHC Regular meeting. In addition, she would like a position status report not just for MHSA but for the whole County. An item by item and detail on where all the vacancies are.

Crystal stated that the Director’s Update for the next MHC Regular meeting will include more detail. In addition, the Department will try to provide as much information as the Department as access to.

- VII. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Dalglish. Meeting ended at 1:01p.m.