



MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

Kathleen Austria, Chair, Second District, Presiding

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 13, 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: September 14, 2023 – Commissioner Austria approved motion to move July 13, 2023, minutes, Commissioner Weissman second.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Welcome

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

3. Public Comment

a. Stakeholder Group Reports

i. Discussion/Announcements:

1. Osbee Sangster, acknowledged the MHC for speaking on resolved and unresolved issues, and those not turning their back on disparity.
Announcement- No cost computers are available for the needy, contact BLACK Los Angeles County Client Coalition.

a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE

b. Members of the Public

i. Discussion/Announcements

1. *Carey Grier* – Ms. Grier attended the board meeting on July 11, 2023, to advocate for Community Health Workers to receive equitable pay increases. She is also advocating for office space.

a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE

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2. *Supervising Community Health Worker* - Attended the July 11, 2023, board meeting to demand equitable pay for all Community Health Workers (CHW). On July 1, 2023, some CHWs received pay increases but not all received pay increases. CHWs also received a letter expressing concern from Lisa Wong and BOS. CHW will continue attending board meetings and continue to ask for MHC support.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – CHW would like for DMH to support equitable pay increase for every CHW not just some.
3. *Pam Inaba* – LA County Client Coalition, Inc. – Spoke on the following topics:
 - 1) SB 46 – passed but consumers oppose the senate bill. It supposed to make it easier to force clients into hospitals and conservatorship.
 - 2) SB 36 – changed the way services are developed and delivered.
 - 3) MHSA community planning process has started and going through December. Please attend.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE.
4. *Hector Ramirez* – Spoke about attending the MHSA stakeholder event. The experience was discrimination and retaliation. and referred to as peers instead of stakeholders. The group requested Patient’s Rights Activist to attend these meetings so that primary stakeholders are not paralyzed and targeted.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – The group requested a Patient’s Rights Activist to attend these meetings so that primary stakeholders are not paralyzed and targeted.

4. Old Business (For Discussion/Action) NONE

5. Approval of Minutes

May 11, 2023 - Motion to approve minutes moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Molina. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

6. Discussion of Proposed Items for Consideration for the July 27, 2023, MHC Regular Meeting Agenda

- a. Items for Consideration:
 - i. Old Business
 1. REVOTE - MHC 2023 Executive Committee Election
 2. DMH Legislative Update
 3. DMH Finance Report

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7. DMH Updates - Crystal Kibby, DMH Board Liaison

Administrative Highlight. Click [here](#) for presentation slides. Click [here](#) to download the highlights report.

- a. Leadership Positions hired
 - Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Communications Manager
 - Tonica Robertson, Chief Peer Services

- b. Mental Health Commission Referrals
 - 4-Constituent Referrals
 - 1-Administrative Referral

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Dalgleish, seconded by Chair Molina.
Meeting ended at 1:01 pm.

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