



MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) REGULAR MEETING

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

Kathleen Austria, Chair, Second District, Presiding

Regular [HYBRID] Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.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 of June 22, 2023, Minutes

Motion made by Chair Austria

- Moved by Commissioner Dalglish
- Second by Commissioner Molina

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL/WELCOME

- a. MHC Member Attendance:

Commissioner Root (PV), Commissioner Padilla-Frausto (P), Commissioner Friedman (P), Commissioner Stevens (P), Commissioner Barbour (P), Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Dalglish (P), Commissioner Banko (A), Commissioner Molina (P), Commissioner Sanabria (A), Commissioner Cooperberg (P), Commissioner Weissman (P), Commissioner Schallert (P), and Kyla Coates (P)- **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. SALT 2 – Barbara Wilson reported meetings are online and held every second Thursday. Last meeting was presentation from North Valley regional Center. It was very informative and generated many questions from both agency representatives and family members.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – The SALT meetings continue to have technical issues.

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2. SALT 4 – Esiquio Reyes, Co-Chair reported SALT 4 hosted an event with 200 people attended and joined the membership. This month we are hosting smaller events giving out gift cards and portable charges. Our SALT continues to get more people involved by working with Koreatown Mental Health Center and Pastor Nah.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
 3. SALT 1 – Jean Harris Spoke about a presentation on interior design and how using colors can help traumatized children and adults be calmer and more peaceful. Next month’s presentation will be on depression and bipolar support.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
 4. SALT 5 – Andria McFerson, Co-Chair: Reported the month was busy. The summer celebration honored one of our previous chairs, Celinda Jungheim, hosted two events, and Juneteenth.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – Better intercommunication is needed to communicate with seniors and different people who are not familiar with the virtual world.**
 5. SALT 8 – Paul Stansbury, Co-Chair: Paul reported SALT plans to do more in person meetings periodically. May is Mental Health Month celebrations, events and activities were favorable and enthusiastic. There were many new sites in areas unseen before, it helps to reach out to the community and the stakeholder process.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
- b. Members of the public (2 minutes caller)**
1. Osbee Sangster Black Los Angeles County Client Coalition: Spoke about the follow up request presented to the Commissioners was not carried over to today’s agenda. She expects the item is placed on the agenda next month.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
 2. Jim “The Hat” Announced the Jehovah’s Witness Organization offers hope and transformation classes to reduce stigma.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
 3. Benny, Executive Director Announced over 300 adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for elderly and low income LA residents are facing closure.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – Commissioners inquired about the number of facilities impacted by closure.**
 4. Barbara Wilson Spoke about the quarterly report pertaining to residential care facility closure is painful.

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- a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
5. Jean Harris Spoke about the number of veterans lacking advocates, service providers, and help.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
6. Yvonne Sandoval – SALT 7 Member: May is Mental Health Month was extremely awesome. She joined many events and visited most of the vendors to gather information to distribute to local libraries.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
7. Andria McFerson-Spoke about assembly and state bills are making provisions so that SALTs can meet in person and hybrid for people who are still reluctant to meet in person.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE
8. Alvin – Spoke about starting a dance group, but people and funding is needed.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns** – NONE

IV. OLD BUSINESS (FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION)- CARRIED FROM 5/25/2023.

- a. **Bylaws Amendment** – Action requested: Motion to approve Bylaws Amendment
Motion: Commissioner Molina moved to approve
Support: Commissioner Dagleish seconded
- b. **MHSA: Governor’s Proposed Changes** – Kalene Gilbert announced Governor Newsom proposed to modernize California’s behavioral health system three major components: 1) modernize MHSA with new funding allocation mandates and expanded populations, 2) authorizing a general obligation bond to fund unlocked community behavioral health settings to bring in \$4.6 billion, 3) improve statewide accountability and access to behavioral health services. See slides for detail. **(Presentation slides pending)**
- c. **988 and Alternate Response Crisis (ARC)**– [Review presentation for full details.](#) Current Statistics and Supervisor Hahn’s Motion on Mobile Teams. Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg spoke about ACR data. Due to time constraints 988 Current Statistics and Supervisor Hahn’s Motion on Mobile Teams (carried to September 28, 2023).
- d. Homeless Emergency Order – Current and Future Steps (carried to Regular Mental Health Meeting September 28, 2023).

V. NEW BUSINESS (For action/discussion)

- a. **Approval of minutes: May 25, 2023**
Discussion/Requests: Corrections from the floor - Page 1, item III.a.i.3, correct commentor’s spelling of name to Jean Harris; page 2, public comment, item III.a.i.5, correct commentor’s spelling of name Adria McFersen; correct Commissioners’ Dagleish and Weissman last names.

Action requested: Motion to approve minutes with requested corrections.

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Motion: Commissioner Molina moved to approve minutes

Support: Commissioner Weissman seconded

Ayes: 12 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

b. **2023 Executive Committee Election:**

i. 2023-24 Executive Committee Election

Slate of Candidates

Chair:

Kathleen Austria

Michael Molina

First Vice Chair:

Bennett Root

Brittney Weissman

Second Vice Chair:

Bennett Root

Member-at-Large:

Brittney Weissman

Nominations from the Floor:

Jack Barbour for Second Vice Chair

Stacy Dalglish for Member-at-Large

Bennet Root for Member-at-Large

NOTE: This election will be redone during the July 27, 2023, MHC Regular meeting.

VI. **AD HOC GROUP REPORTS (Carried to July 28, 2023)**

a. Outreach and Engagement (Members: Commissioners Dalglish and Cooperberg)

b. Retreat (Members: Commissioners Root, Weissman, Friedman, Stevens, and Barbour)

VII. **Commissioner Reports (Carried to July 28, 2023)**

VIII. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Carried to July 28, 2023)**

IX. **COMMISSION FOLLOW-UP ON CONSTITUENT CONCERNS/ISSUES (Carried to July 28, 2023)**

X. **STANDING ITEMS (Carried to July 28, 2023)**

a. DMH Update

b. DMH Legislative Update

c. DMH Finance Report

ADJOURNMENT Time: 2:00 p.m.

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