



MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) REGULAR MEETING

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Fourth District, Presiding

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 28, 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 minutes: Approved on October 26, 2023, motion made by Chair Austria, moved by Commissioner Dalgleish, second by Commissioner Molina

1. CALL TO ORDER

- i. The meeting was called to order at 11:00a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/WELCOME

- i. MHC Member Attendance:
Commissioner Root (A), Commissioner Padilla-Frausto (A), Commissioner Friedman (P), Commissioner Stevens (P), Commissioner Barbour (P), Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Dalgleish (P), Commissioner Banko (A), Commissioner Peng Xu (A), Commissioner Molina (P), Commissioner Sanabria (A), Commissioner Manalo (P), Commissioner Cooperberg (P), Commissioner Weissman (A), Commissioner Schallert (P), Kyla Coates (A)- **QUORUM PRESENT**
Absent (A); Present (P); Present Virtually (PV)

Welcome New Commissioner:

New Commissioner Victor Manalo appointed by 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Commissioner Manalo is a social worker and teacher at CSU Los Angeles for 20 years.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

i. **Stakeholder Group Reports**

- 1. SALT 2 - Barbara Wilson SALT 2 meeting members completed surveys and discussed going forward. Ms. Wilson spoke about her trip to Sacramento to advocate for licensing facilities closure crisis and meet with elected officials.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**

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2. SALT 1 - Michael Duten stated Kingston Campus for homeless individuals gave a presentation at the last SALT meeting. Hopefully many more presentations are made because membership in north county is growing.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
3. SALT 4 - Pastor Nah spoke about the MHSA update provided at the SALT meeting. The November meeting will be in-person. The annual celebration will consist of sharing past issues and moving forward.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
4. BLACCC - Osbee Sangster – 2024 homeless crisis is here. It needs a more ambitious plan to not cut back on mental health services that help the unhoused.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
5. SALT 5 - Penny Mehra spoke about Dr. Horn’s presentation at the last meeting, Jennifer Hunt discussed CARE Court details, and SALT discussed maternal health plans and concerns for unhoused.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
6. CCC - Wendy Cabil unable to report due to audio issues.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**
7. CCC - Bernice Mascher thanks to MHC for making space and time for CCC to share updates. Meetings have been very productive. Co-Chair invited MHC to attend their monthly meetings.
 - a. **Issues/Concerns – NONE**

ii. **Members of the public**

1. Andy – Attended the trip to Sacramento with Ms. Wilson. Spoke about the lack of funding is difficult to manage and operate a facility, and the lack of knowledge among the elected officials regarding the funding was a surprise.
2. Sabrina – An advocate for child survivors of sexual assault asked the MHC for support to propose a bill she will introduce in Maryland.
3. MC Harris - Inquired about commission report backs to the BOS, the retreat, and removing unhoused out of restrooms in Venice Beach.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Molina called for any objection to adopting the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda is adopted.

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- a. Minutes of the July 27, 2023, meeting, **minutes approved – Commissioner Dalgleish moved, Commissioner Austria second.**
 - b. Follow up on constituents’ concerns/issues - Concerns and issues from constituents are gathered and will be issued to MHC.
 - c. DMH Legislative Update (Monthly report/quarterly presentation)
- 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (For Action / Discussion / Action)**
- a. DMH Finance Report - (Carried from 7/27/23) (Sara Lee Dato, Acting Finance Manager) Sara Dato’s report provided updates on the SALT Budget requested by MHC. [Click slides for detail.](#)
 - b. Discuss dissolution of current Ad Hoc Groups (Retreat and Community Outreach and Engagement Ad Hoc) - Ad hoc groups are dissolved.
- 6. STANDING ITEMS**
- a. Standing Items – monthly reports.
 - i. DMH Director Updates (Kimberly Nall, Administrative Deputy)
Kim Nall provided updates on the following topics. [Click slides for detail.](#)
 1. DMH Overall Hiring Efforts to Date
 2. DMH Hiring Efforts: Leadership Positions

MHC Question: Update on urgent care center in Santa Clarita? –
Response – Ms. Nall stated a meeting is scheduled meeting with Henry Mayo Clinic.

MHC Question: Hiring qualification for interns or people with years of practice?
Response – Ms. Nall will submit more detail on the hiring process.

CalAIM Update
Update: DMH applied for over \$6 million in funding to strengthen and expand the program.

MHC Request: Continue providing updates on CalAIM program so that MHC will know more about the program.

 - ii. DMH MHSA Update (MHSA Administration Team: Dr. Darlesh Horn, Division Chief and Kalene Gilbert, Mental Health Program Manager IV) - [Click slide for detail.](#)
Dr. Horn provided detail on stakeholder increase and success plus information from the slides and on MHSA calendar changes.
 1. SB326/Proposition 1 – Kalene Gilbert announced SB 326 and AD 531 were signed and passed legislature.
 2. Community Planning Team (CPT).–.



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MHC stated that some CPT plans are not included in all SALTs, in addition to FSP.

MHC Question: What’s going to happen to the outpatient clinics?

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss creating an Ad Hoc group to work on the 2023 Data Notebook
 - i. Commissioner Dalgleish will work on the data notebook and form a committee to help. Commissioner Austria volunteered to join the committee.
- b. Inform the Full Commission of the Executive Committee’s intent to plan/coordinate the following:
 - i. MHC 2nd 2023 Retreat – the second retreat will be held on a regular commission meeting date to focus on the goals and objectives.
 - ii. Two Town Hall MHC meetings for FY 2023-2024 held in SA 1 and SA 8 – MHC staff will plan and coordinate both town halls.

ADJOURNMENT Time: 1:30 p.m.