



MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) REGULAR MEETING

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Fourth District, Presiding

**MHC REGULAR MEETING and
DMH MHSA PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Date: March 28, 2024
Time: 11:00 am
Location: 510 S Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Attachments: [Meeting Recording](#)/[Public Comment Transcript](#)

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

Minutes approved on May 23, 2024, motion moved by Commissioner Manalo, second by Commissioner Dalglish, minutes approved by unanimous vote.

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. MHC Full Meeting started @ 11:08 am

2. ROLL CALL/WELCOME

Chair Molina welcome two new Commissioners, Thomas Roache and Jacqueline Sandoval-Valenzuela. Both are appointed by Supervisor Horvath, 5th District.

MHC Member Attendance:

Commissioner Root (P), Commissioner Padilla-Frausto (P), Commissioner Friedman (P), Commissioner Stevens (P), Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Dalglish (P), Commissioner Roache (P), Commissioner Sandoval-Valenzuela (P), Commissioner Molina (P), Commissioner Sanabria (A), Commissioner Manalo (P), Commissioner Cooperberg (P), Commissioner Weissman (A), Commissioner Schallert (P), Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Represented by Sarelle Janoian (P)-
Absent (A); Present (P)

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT- Chuck Woodruff; Anonymous, Berna Martinez, Monica Olsen, SALT 1; Pastor Nah, SALT 4; Hector Ramirez, UsCC; Charles Wade, SA 6; Paul Stansbury, SALT 8; Yvonne Sandoval, SALT 7; Barbara Wilson, SALT 2; Comment on Private Citizen, Ezekial Reyes, SALT 4; Eddie Fleming, SALT 6.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. *Approval of Minutes of the February 22, 2024, meeting.*



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- i. *Motion made, moved by Commissioner Manalo, second by Commissioner Austria. Minutes approved unanimously.*
- b. *Follow-up on Constituent Concerns/Issues meeting (Crystal Kibby). See link - [DMH Constituent Referral report for MHC](#)*
- c. *DMH Finance Update – MHC Budget Allocation and Expenditure Detail See link - [MHC Budget Allocation and Expenditure Detail Report](#) Consent Agenda approved unanimously. Executive Committee members agreed to have MHC Budget Allocation and Expenditure Detail report at the monthly meetings.*

5. STANDING ITEMS

a. DMH Director Updates (Dr. Lisa Wong, DMH, Director)

i. Update on Proposition 1

It is presumed that Proposition 1 passed by a narrow margin, and a bond measure that will allow us to expand the bed capacity. On the other hand, we have dedicated housing that will come at the cost of other mental health services. Together with key executive staff, we visited Sacramento to lobby and meet with legislators. After meeting with them we shared some impact that Prop 1 is going to have on all mental health county departments across the state and move forward with the implementation of SB 43.

I am invited to have a seat at the table on the planning committee for Prop 1 implementation. I will keep MHC posted as we move along.

Comment-Lisa Wong: Chair Molina suggested having a summer session for SALT planning, processing, and budgeting to explain about the SALT budgets and how it can be used.

Concerns: SALT budget, summer event session with SALTs to gain awareness of the budget. Out of the box ideas like invite a consultant for the budget and implementation process.

Question-Commissioner Shallert: Will legislators be open to mitigating the outcomes that will happen with Prop 1?

Response-Lisa Wong: Legislators were unaware and did not realize the impact on what we were going through. After a discussion with the legislators, they are open to commitment to the county.

Question-Commissioner Austria: Are there any drafts or new information moved that the MHC could have?



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Response from Lisa Wong: We are happy to share updates and any information with MHC. Right now, we have no new information to share. We ask for your patience.

- b. *DMH MHSA Updates (Dr. Darlesh Horn/Kalene Gilbert, DMH MHSA Administration) See links.*

[MHSA Two Year Program and Expenditure Plan FY24-25 through FY25-26](#)
[MHSA Two Year Program and Expenditure Plan FY24-25 through FY25-26 Fact Sheet](#)

- i. *MHSA Public Hearing*

Discussion-Chair Molina spoke on the magnitude of programs and why it’s taken a year to get to this moment:

What is the available funding for 2024/25?

Response-total funding listed by program-see below:

- *Community Service Reports-\$1.2b*
- *Prevention/Early Intervention-\$363m*
- *Innovations-\$281m*
- *Workforce education and training-\$36m*
- *Facilities and Technological needs-\$127m*

What would be our projected expenditures?

Response-Expenditures listed:

- *Outpatient and FSP-\$757m*
- *Prevention and Early Intervention-\$271m*
- *Activation-\$76m*
- *Workforce and Education Training-\$24m*
- *Capital Facilities and Technological needs-\$76m*

Question-Commissioner Manalo: You mentioned the potential of Prop 1 and I assume there may be a similar process that may be occurring as we get closer to July 1, 2026, and how DMH is going to implement?

Response-Kalene Gilbert: First piece of feedback is we will have to start to use this structure and planning process for Prop 1 in 2025.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – RELATED TO THE MHSA Two Year Program and Expenditure Plan, Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2025-26

Anonymous with Parents Anonymous, Anonymous with Parents Anonymous, Anonymous with NAMI Urban LA, Hector Ramirez, Osbee Sangster, Lisa Pine Parent and CEO of Parents Anonymous, Sydney-SALT 7, Anonymous, Ezekial Reyes.



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7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Annual Election of Executive Committee Officers FY 2024-2025*
 - i. *Distribution of interest survey to establish Nominations Committee*
MHC Nominations Committee is established and will oversee the Executive Committee Election for the following months.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. *MHC SA 8 Town Hall – April 25, 2024, 10:30am to 2:30pm.*
- b. *Due date to submit the full MHSA plan and MHC recommendation letter to the board is June 04, 2024.*

9. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourn @2:20

Commissioner Cooperberg ask that MHC adjourn in memory of Ron Harris, a mental health advocate and husband of Jean Harris, Co-Chair, SA 1.