



LA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC)

“Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Presiding

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	September 26, 2024		
<b>START TIME</b>	11:00am	<b>ADJOURNMENT TIME:</b> 1:30pm	
<b>LOCATION</b>	510 South Vermont Avenue, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Level (T), Los Angeles, CA 90020		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<a href="#">MEETING RECORDING LINK</a>	<a href="#">PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK</a>	<a href="#">AGENDA LINK</a>

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>ABSENT</b>
Commissioner Name		
Susan Friedman, Kathleen Austria, Reba Stevens, Stacy Dalglish, Thomas Roache, Jaqueline Sandoval, Michael Molina, Lawrence Schallert, Brittney Weissman.		Imelda Padilla-Frausto, Bennett Root Jr., Dr. Erica Holmes, Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Representative, Anders Corey, Victor Manalo, Marilyn Sanabria
<b>Quorum Present:</b> Yes	<b>APPROVAL:</b> October 17, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Sanabria, seconded by Commissioner Manalo.	

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<b>4. CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
a. Approval of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July 26, 2024</li> <li>- August 15, 2024</li> </ul>	Approval of items a, b, and d: Commissioner Sanabria motion moved, seconded by Commissioner Weissman, minutes unanimously approved.  <a href="#">DMH Org Chart Contact List Link</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July 26<sup>th</sup> minutes: Commissioner Dalglish Requests the contact list to be reshared with the commission.</li> <li>- August 15<sup>th</sup> minutes: Commissioner Dalglish</li> </ul>



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		requests further description of BHSA dollars and AI.
b. DMH Legislative Update	No discussion on this item. Item is approved.	
c. DMH Constituent Report Follow-up	<a href="#">Constituent Report Follow-up Link</a> Discussion: Commissioner Austria and Stevens find this report highly inadequate and believe that there should be a better approach to reporting to the commission about how people are assisted and what the results are. The Commission requests more information on how people are being helped and the resolutions. Item 4c is continued.	Crystal will add resolution and status to this report and will consult with County Counsel HIPPA laws related to this report.
d. MHC Budget Report (FY2023-2024 and FY2024-2025)	<a href="#">MHC Budget Report Fy2023-2024 Link</a> <a href="#">MHC Budget Report FY2024-2025 Link</a> No discussion on this item. Item is approved.	
<b>5. STANDING ITEMS</b>		
a. DMH Director Updates (Rimmi Hundal, M.A., Chief Deputy Director)	<a href="#">DMH Director’s Update Presentation Link</a> Discussion Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commissioner Austria would like to see more robust reporting with details combine for CARE Court and ATO. It is difficult to track who is doing what and how these two connect.</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Weissman: What were the initial projections since CARE Court launched? What is the Department doing to bring up numbers up? I believe there is a lot of work to be done to educate providers.</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Dalglish: What does collaboration with field-based organizations look like and how is your funding stream doing with CARE Court?</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Schallert: Compare and contrast the pathways for people in the ODR system with the CARE Court system. Is the number</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner Austria requests a robust combined report for CARE Court and AOT.</li> <li>- Commissioner Dalglish requests a report back on CARE Court budget and with detail of funding sources.</li> <li>- Chair Molina requests a report back about the plan for outreach including where is the outreach currently being done and to who for CARE Court and 988, lesson learned, and what is the plan for</li> </ul>



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	<p>of seriously mentally ill people who are experiencing people homelessness is much lowered than we thought? Are we finding that it is not that high?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rimmi: Research shows that only 30% of individuals who are experiencing homelessness have a mental illness. But once you're on the street, you do develop symptoms of a mental illness because again, you're dealing with such harsh conditions. The criteria are so strict and it's a voluntary program. That create a challenge for the number of referrals, but in the last one month, our referrals have gone up by 20%.</li> <li>➤ Chair Molina: Outreach is insufficient, do people know about CARE Court?</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Sanabria would like to see outreach be conducted to case managers, advocates, and a more strategic outreach approach.</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Friedman - DMH Communications (CIOB) person who should be involved in the outreach efforts.</li> </ul>	<p>next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner Stevens would like to know how CARE Court is being advertise.</li> <li>- Commissioner Weissman requests a Google form to share information with DMH about potential organizations to outreach or provide education to.</li> </ul>
<p>b. DMH BHSa Updates (Kalene Gilbert, LCSW)</p>	<p><a href="#">DMH BHSa Update Presentation Link</a></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commissioner Weissman would like to have SAPC formally invited to attend MHC meetings and commissioners to attend SAPC meetings.</li> <li>➤ <a href="#">MHSa/BHSa Stakeholder meeting materials link</a></li> <li>➤ Commissioner Stevens – With the need to implement the new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Plan, if services are to be in person, I am concerned with case loads. Certainly more staff need to be hired and be paid adequately.</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Friedman – What are we doing to help people get on the contract list?</li> <li>➤ Kalene – Our hope is to broaden our base of FSP providers. It is our expectation and we have said publicly that we plan a re-solicitation with hopes of building and going beyond our existing provider network.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rimmi/Kalene will report back on stakeholder meetings discussion points and a list of attendees.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commissioner Wessman – If someone is going to go from a directly operated team to a legal entity team, for instance, how can that client access what they need when they need it? If the care is provided between insiders or outsiders to the system, how can we ease that?</li> <li>➤ Kalene - There are a couple of ideas around that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One is making sure folks have the full continuum within each their agency, so you don't have people going between agencies?</li> <li>○ Another might be really looking at engagement, resources, and our engagement mechanisms to make sure that folks are firmly connected from one to another.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>I expect this is going to be some of the conversation we'll be having together and getting feedback about what's working for us.</p>	
<b>6. NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<p>a. 2024 Retreat Discussion: Review after-retreat report and establish Ad Hoc group chaired by Victor Manalo.</p>	<p>Retreat Report Link Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chair Molina – The Executive Committee discussed the retreat, and we decided that the best thing to do is to form an ad hoc group chaired by Commissioner Manalo with the goal of keeping these objectives relative and current for the Commission to work on.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2024 Retreat Ad Hoc Group Members: Commissioners Manalo (Chair), Friedman, and Sanabria</li> <li>○ This group will not be required to meet in person. They will meet virtually and will report to the Exec Comm with discussions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Commissioner Dalgleish requests that this report be update. Specifically, page 4 objective 1 on page 1 be edited to reflect a</li> </ul>	<p>- Updated 2024 Retreat Report is attached.</p>



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	<p>very specific goal which was that “by the end of this fiscal year we have a full commission.”</p> <p>Motion to establish 2024 Retreat Ad Hoc is made by Commissioner Sanabria, seconded by Commissioner Friedman</p>	
<p>b. MHC Meeting Day Change Discussion</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair Molina shares concerns to be considered:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o If the commission meeting day changes to Wednesday:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DMH Board Liaison, Director, and BOS Representatives will likely not be in attendance to commission meetings due to cluster meetings.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Chair Molina requests for a poll to be created and sent to the commission to identify the most favorable option for commissioners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kenia will create a poll</li> </ul>
<p>c. 2024 Data Notebook</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Commissioner Dalgleish will, once again, lead this year’s survey completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commissioner Stevens requests that stakeholders’ input be included in the process of completing the data notebook.</li> <li>➤ Commissioner Dalgleish intends to engage the UsCCs and SALTs in this process.</li> </ul>	
<p>d. Presentation by SistahFriends</p>	<p><a href="#">SistahFriends Presentation Link</a></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Yolanda Whittington – I am here to request the Commission’s support for the opening of an enriched residential facility to serve older adults. This is to procure a facility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kenia will work on an LOS draft</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Commissioner Stevens asks for the Commission to provide a Letter of Support (LOS) to SistahFriends/Yolanda Whittington.</li><li>➤ Chair Molina requests Kenia draft an LOS for Commission review and approval.</li></ul> <p>Motion in support of providing an LOS was made by Commissioner Austria and seconded by Commissioner Stevens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Commissioner Weissman requests for SistaFriends to provide more background on the history the organization, the finance, and business plan. Before we sign a letter, we need to learn more about the history of the organization, leadership, etc. The presentation doesn't provide enough background.</li><li>➤ Commissioner Austria requests the minutes reflect that the commission conceptually supports the project.</li></ul>	
<b>7. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
a. MHC SA 6 Town Hall	10/24/2024, 10am to 2:30pm, Jesse Owens Community Regional Park	