

MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION PUBLIC SESSION
May 5, 2011
12:00-2:00 pm

Commissioners Present:

Bill Swift, Chris Massa, Susan McGee-Stehsel, Gabriel Gonzales, May Farr, Veatrice Jews, Monica Alonso, Jane Godager, Monica Wilson, Michael Hill and Talli Simmons on behalf of Supervisor Neil Derry.

Excused Absent: David Ford, Roberto Casas, Tom Rivera, Tanya Perry, Jane Mercer

Guests:

Angel Baltazar, Field Representative for Supervisor Josie Gonzales; Harry Bratton, Greater Faith Grace Bible Church; Verna Jourdain, RCH; Dr. Christine Bierdrager, IBHS; Gwen Rodgers, EMQ FamiliesFirst; Sokha Chan, Rasmey Sam, AARC; Irene Garnica, Colleen Alton, Chino Valley USD; Michael DeGuia, Brittney Greenia, Megan Berryman; Filino Mamora, Taylor Baker, Jessii Carlson, Jerald Sandoval, Therese Eguia, Duyen Pham, Susie Gass, Amal Museitef, Kim Veuleman, Jennifer Sanchez, Kaitlin Hartman, Amanda Elliott, Melissa Millard, Alvina Osborne, Helen Velasquez, Griselle Bauzan, Christopher Johnson, Jill Royale, R. Antolin, Jessica Estipular, Colina Festa, Grizelle Ignawski, Megan Nelson, Yesenia Rios, Holly Duitson, Vanessa Paterson, Cal State San Bernardino Nursing Students; Faith Ikeda President Pathways to Recovery; Beverly Scott, family member; Tanya Bratton, Veronica Kelley, Megan Cuy Castellanos, Sherrie Alexander, Doris Turner, Manuel Aybar, Susanne Kulesa, Michael Oliver, Tim Jackson, Jonathan Buffong, Dennis Terrones, Douglas Fazekas, Gary Atkins, Larisa Crossno, Maribel Gutierrez, Maria Coronado, Christina Entz, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Jennifer Gonzalez, Paula Rutten, Lisa Hamilton, Cynthia Curbow, Cheryl Long, Andy Gruchy, Lisa McGinnis, Lauretta Ross, Dr. Jatin Dalal, Michael Schertell, Cynthia White, André Bossieux, Keith Harris, Mariann Ruffolo, Michael Day, Wendy Lee, Michelle Dusick, and Debi Pasco Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission, DBH

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and self introductions followed.

A motion made by Jane Godager and seconded by May Farr: the April 2011 Behavioral Health Commission minutes were approved as written. Motion passed; no abstentions

Veronica Kelley, Deputy Director, requested the Cultural Competency Award of Excellence be postponed until the arrival of the recipient.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH

Talli Simmons, Constituent Service Representative for Supervisor Neil Derry presented the Asian Pacific American Mental Health Awareness Proclamation to Sokha Chan, Chief of Monks from the Khmer Buddhist Society, and Rasmey Sam, Founder and Executive Director of Asian American Resource Center, both in San Bernardino.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments provided

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Susan McGee-Stehsel announced that Director Rawland and Assistant Director CaSonya Thomas will not be in attendance today due to attendance at state meetings. Susan stated that the recent 5th District Advisory

Committee (DAC) meeting held at the New Hope Family Life Center was very well attended. Issues were brought up regarding Request for Proposals (RFPs).

- Does DBH use the feedback received from community members?
- There seems to be discrepancies in the initial plan discussions compared to released RFP.
- It is becoming more difficult for smaller agencies to submit RFPs

Deputy Director Tanya Bratton stated that due to county policy, DBH cannot specifically address RFPs that are in process; however she suggested members of the Commission be provided training on the RFP Process, which will include an explanation of the RFP process in conjunction with approved Plans. This training will be advertised and open to the public.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

First District:

Commissioners Bill Swift stated that attendance at the 1st District DAC meeting is dwindling. He requested contact information of contract providers and DBH staff located in the 1st District. Debi Pasco will provide Bill information he requested.

Commissioner Gabriel Gonzales attended the Mental Health Boards and Commissions Data Training in conjunction with Riverside County on 4/30/11. When he mentioned that he was gay, the group welcomed him with open arms and treated him like a son.

Second District:

Commissioner May Farr announced that May is Mental Health Month. The Mental Health Clothing Drive will be held May 9-13; Evening with the Stars will be held on 5/18/11-submit your nominations; NAMI Breakfast at the Montclair Applebees restaurant on 5/14/11. The NAMI Walk will be held on 10/29/11.

Commissioner Monica Alonso participates in the Full Service Partnership (FSP) Program and at Amazing Place Clubhouse. She asked: what is the client screening process for the FSP Program and Clubhouses? *Mike Schertell, Deputy Director responded that clients are referred to the FSP Program by their doctor. Maria Coronado, Program Manager responded that Clubhouses are available to everyone with a mental illness.*

Third District:

Commissioner Chris Massa looks forward to attending the California Network of Mental Health Clients Conference in June and the NAMI California Conference in August.

Fifth District:

Commissioners Veatrice Jews and Jane Godager reported that during the 4/26/11 Fifth District Advisory Committee meeting the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches (IECAAC) expressed dissatisfaction regarding the RFP process. They had been encouraged to wait for Innovation RFPs and were disillusioned when the Innovation Plan that was being developed came out different upon release. IECAAC are concerned that their input was not taken into consideration. The Commissioners requested that a representative from DBH Administration attend the May 24th DAC meeting to answer questions.

Board of Supervisor Representative:

Talli Simmons, Constituent Services Representative for Supervisor Neil Derry stated she recently received report of a crisis in the Third District. She contacted Behavioral Health and received immediate assistance from Gary Atkins, Cynthia White, and Megan Cuy Castellanos. Of all the county departments, DBH is the most responsive.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Tanya Bratton, on behalf of Director Rawland, announced that the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care was awarded \$7,455,200 in 2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program funds. This award will allow the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership to continue with the measurable progress already made in meeting the recommendations of the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness in the County of San Bernardino.

FY 2010-2011 Federal, State and County Budget

State - The redirection of \$862 million of MHPA funds from the state level to the counties has been approved for the provision of:

- Medi-Cal Managed Care
- Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Educationally Related Mental Health Services

County – Mr. Devereaux presented the county budget on 5/3/11 - \$122 million shortfall over the next 5 years due to:

- Service shortfalls
- Adelanto Jail
- Labor contracts
- Retirement costs

Solutions include:

- More revenue (property taxes)
- Efficiencies
- Service level reductions (\$82 million)
- Compensation reductions (\$30 million)

Healthcare Reform

Medi-Cal recipients have received notice from the Department of Health Care Services to choose a Managed Care Provider for their physical healthcare; IEHP or Molina. This does not include behavioral health services or Medi-Medi patients at this time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: County and District Demographics Part II

Veronica Kelley, Deputy Director thanked Dr. Keith Harris and Manuel Gomez of Research and Evaluation for their assistance in preparing this presentation. Data was provided for San Bernardino County as a whole and by region. Also included in the presentation is what DBH is doing to address disparities. PowerPoint presentation attached to original minutes.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – May 2011

Irene Garnica, Community Liaison for Chino Valley Unified School District has worked with at risk and drop out students for the past 18 years, assisting families with clothing, food, and providing resources through home visits and phone calls. She works closely with Spanish speaking families to create a bond and build their trust to help get students back into school.

Nomination:

“Irene works with all families in need from Chino Valley Unified School District, especially those who are homeless. She sits on the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) and deals with families with truancy issues.”
Congratulations Irene!

NEW BUSINESS

No new business items

OUTSIDE AGENCY AND OTHER REPORTS

Manuel Aybar, Program Manager I, provided a brief update of the Clubhouses:

- Maintain activities and trips
- Ensure quality meals
- Mental health court at various locations
- Cal State Nursing Students are conducting practicum at TEAM House, Pathways to Recovery and Emergency Homeless Centers.

Lynn Neuenswander, Public Information Officer: The 2011 consumer calendar artwork is now displayed on the back wall of the Auditorium. The Auditorium west wall mural has been postponed due to upcoming construction at BHRC.

Lynn also announced the May Mental Health Month activities:

- Evening with the Stars, Doubletree Hotel in Ontario - 5/18/11
- Stomp Out Stigma Pep Rally, County Government Center - 5/17/11
- Nothing to Hide: Mental Illness in the Family Traveling Exhibit
 - 4/29/11-5/12/11: San Bernardino County Museum
 - 5/13-31, 2011: San Bernardino County Government Center
- Consumer Art Exhibit, County Government Center, 5/2-31/11

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Susan McGee-Stehsel
Chairperson

Debi Pasco
Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission