

**SOLANO COUNTY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 18, 2012

Solano County Health and Social Services – Multi-Purpose Room
2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA 94533

Board Members Attendance:

Board of Supervisor – Linda Seifert
District 3: Alan Werblin – Chair
Elizabeth delaTorre
Rose Marie Wilson
District 4: John Rayfield
District 5: Bill Davis

Absent:

District 1: Dody Reustle – Vice Chair
District 2: Joan Burnett
District 4: Tammy St. Armand

Other Attendees:

Halsey Simmons, Mental Health Director; Cynthia Limerick; Rachel Ford; Ann Miller; Betty Warner; Cheri Hendrickson; Tracie Pannell; Jeff Hopkins; Tracee Stacy

- I. Call to Order:** The Solano County Mental Health Board met on the 18th day of September, 2012 in regular session in the Multi-Purpose Room at 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield, California. Alan Werblin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:44p.m.
- a) **Roll Call** established a quorum
 - b) **Approval of Agenda:** Linda Seifert moved to approve the agenda of September 18, 2012 as written. Bill Davis seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried (6)
 - c) **Approval of Minutes:** Bill Davis moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2012 as written. Linda Seifert seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried (6)
 - d) **Chair Comments:**
 - a. Board Member Rose Marie Wilson was acknowledged in her role as Interim Executive Director of NAMI Solano County.
 - b. Alan Werblin, Chair, invited the Board and community to the upcoming cultural competence event sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and Solano Community College entitled Meeting the Mental Health Needs of African Americans: November 15, 2012 presented by Dr. Gloria Morrow.
- II. Presentations:**
- a. Rachel Ford, Solano County Mental Health Consumer Affairs Liaison, presented an update on the Peer Counseling Pilot Program and announced a written policy guide available for review within Solano County QI Unit.
 - i. Questions & Answers
 - 1. Board Members suggested that graduates participate in NAMI
 - 2. Halsey Simmons - Based on comments from the last presentation, Mental Health plans to conduct outreach efforts for future recruits and the Board is invited to participate.

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III. Director's Report:

- a. Halsey Simmons, H&SS Deputy Director, provided County Mental Health updates to include:
 - i. Impacts to Solano County Mental Health of structural state budgeting changes and consequences of changes.
 - ii. Locally, Mental Health Clinical Services are looking at ways to reduce expenditures in hospitals.
 - iii. Crisis Stabilization Unit is slated to open October 15, 2012 operated by ANKA Behavioral Health.
 - iv. Solano County CCP, in response to AB109 and community effort, is requesting to go to the Board of Supervisors to open a Day Reporting Center, dedicated to the AB109 population, and projected to open sometime later in this fiscal year or the beginning of next – located in Fairfield and Vallejo; The Mental Health Board recommends providing convenient transportation to/from the Center.
 - v. William J. Carroll center is open and Mental Health Children's services is open and operating; adult services case management will begin late December and psychiatry services are scheduled to begin in March.

IV. Public Comments:

- a. A Community Member responded to the Jail Liaison position appearing disconnected from Mental Health services in Fairfield resulting in the Board requesting a presentation or update on the program.
- b. A Community Member requested that Mental Health keep a County staff member as facilitator of the Wednesday evening support group. Halsey Simmons responded that Mental Health has no intention to remove staff from the group; we value the group.

V. Board Activities & Comments

- a. Resource committee scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 4:30pm.

VI. Agenda Items for future:

- a. CIT Training

VII. Adjournment: 6:01PM to the November 20, 2012 Meeting of the Solano County Local Mental Health Board