



County of Solano

Local Mental Health Board

Minutes for Meeting of May 20, 2014

2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA – Multi-Purpose Room

4:30pm-6:00pm

Call to Order

- A. Vice Chair Alan Werblin called the meeting of the Solano County Local Mental Health Board to order and Roll Call established a quorum.

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| Members | Alan Werblin, Vice Chair | District 3 |
| Present: | Pamela Reyes | District 5 |
| | Lori Espinosa | District 5 |
| | Barbara Pisching Wright | District 5 |
| | Erin Hannigan | Supervisor, District 1 |
| Absent: | Lis Delatorre | District 3 |
| | Angela Faulkner | District 3 |

Others Present: Halsey Simmons, Melanie Cook, Rachel Ford, Christina Hangman, Esmeralda Liberato, Deborah Summers Collins, Cheri Hendrickson, Michael Wilson, Jessica T. Kongen, Marven Lightner, Mary Roy,

Chair Comments: Vice Chair, Alan Werblin announced the Mental Health Friendly Community Culminating Training Event, "A Bridge over Troubled Waters" on Saturday, May 31 in honor of May is Mental Health month in Solano County. Esmeralda Liberato introduced herself as an applicant interested in membership on the Mental Health Board.

- B. Public Comment – None

C. Consent Calendar

- a. On a motion by Barbara Pisching Wright, and a second by Lori Espinosa, the Solano County Mental Health Board approved the Agenda of May 20, 2014. On a motion by Barbara Pisching Wright and a second by Pamela Reyes, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2014 as written.
- Alan Werblin – Aye
 - Barbara Pisching Wright – Aye
 - Pamela Reyes – Aye
 - Lori Espinosa – Aye
 - Supervisor Hannigan – Aye

- D. Supervisor Hannigan read the resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors and presented to Halsey Simmons, Behavioral Health Director and Ann Edwards, Health

and Social Services Director, recognizing May 2014 as Mental Health Month in Solano County.

- E. Special Presentation: Solano County Mental Health Services Manager, Melanie Cook, and staff provided a presentation of the Solano County Mental Health Wellness and Recovery unit for the purpose to educate the board of the Mental Health structure and how the system works. Melanie highlighted May is Mental Health month activities. Rachel Ford, Consumer Affairs Liaison for Solano County Health and Social Services, discussed her personal story and presented the office of Consumer Affairs Liaison. Christina Hangman provided information on the Patient's Rights Unit. As there were not enough copies of the handouts, the board asked that electronic copies be sent to members and staff.
- a. Questions/Answers/Comments
 - i. Board Members would like the opportunity to suggest candidates to the Speaker's Bureau.
 - ii. Board Members would like the Wellness and Recovery Unit to send the Speaker's Bureau schedule to them.
 - iii. Q.: Is there a plan to put the crisis plan on the thumb drive? A: That is something the Office of Consumer Affairs will pursue.
 - iv. Q: The Board has an interest in bilingual support groups. What is the status of the Spanish family support group? A: We do not have a Spanish speaking facilitator at this time but we may consider a bilingual speaker from the speaker's bureau. Halsey said there may be some MHSA funds that could fund a contract to do this. Solano County Mental Health has a contract with NAMI and they will be conducting groups. Solano County Mental Health is also going to be working with UC Davis around ethnic health disparities.
 - v. Q: What is the racial/ethnic breakdown of Solano County consumers? A: Demographics are available on the Solano County website; Halsey will follow up and provide numbers.
- F. Outreach Committee update: Lori Espinosa delivered the outreach committee update and distributed flyers designed for distribution to the seniors who receive meals from Meals on Wheels Solano County, for Board approval. Supervisor Hannigan suggested printing one side in English and the other side in Spanish.
- a. Supervisor Hannigan moved to approve that the flyers will be distributed through meals on wheels to seniors in Solano County and to post in Solano County Senior Centers and the Food bank. Seconded by Pamela Reyes.
 - i. Barbara Pisching Wright – Aye
 - ii. Pamela Reyes – Aye
 - iii. Alan Werblin – Aye
 - iv. Lori Espinosa – Aye
 - v. Supervisor Hannigan - Aye



G. Board Retreat

- a. Table to the June 17, 2014 meeting.
- b. Supervisor Hannigan made a motion that the primary business for the June 17th meeting is to develop a mission statement and prior to that meeting, staff will provide the by-laws and statute. A second by Lori Espinosa.
 - i. Alan Werblin – Aye
 - ii. Barbara Pisching Wright – Aye
 - iii. Pamela Reyes – Aye
 - iv. Lori Espinosa – Aye
 - v. Supervisor Hannigan – Aye
- c. Barbara Pisching Wright proposed to develop an ad-hoc committee to re-write the by-laws. The committee to consist of Barbara Pisching Wright, Lori Espinosa and a staff member from Mental Health. A second by Erin Hannigan.
- d. Alan Werblin requested minutes of this meeting be distributed early before the next board meeting.
- e. Votes:
 - i. Alan Werblin – Aye
 - ii. Barbara Pisching Wright – Aye
 - iii. Pamela Reyes – Aye
 - iv. Lori Espinosa – Aye
 - v. Supervisor Hannigan – Aye

H. Public Comments

- a. Public Comments received by the following individuals:
- b. June (last name unavailable)
- c. John (last name unavailable)

I. Board Comments

- a. Barbara Pisching Wright announced that she will attend the Caminar Cammie Awards representing the Mental Health Advisory Board. She asked Halsey for an update on the status of hiring psychiatric staff for services and Halsey replied that we contracted with 4 different head hunter firms to acquire more staff.

J. **Meeting Adjourn to June 17, 2014.**