

September 15, 2015



SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for Meeting of
September 15, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lori Espinosa called the meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) to order at 4:30pm. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiffany Banks
Christie Lynn DeClue
Lis Delatorre
Lori Espinosa
Angela Faulkner
Esmeralda Liberato
Erin Hannigan
Melanie Norris

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Werblin

STAFF PRESENT: *In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:*
Cindy Limerick Mental Health Administration
Halsey Simmons Behavioral Health Director
Sandra Sinz Mental Health Services Administrator
Akon Walker Project Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: *In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:*
Linda Kaufmann; Sara Pryor; Tracee Stacy; Mike Wright

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracee Stacy provided information on community Mental Health programs to include Safetalk and Assist Trainings and Support Groups; flyers distributed.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Hannigan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 15, 2015; seconded by Christie Lynn DeClue.

Discussion: Item number 8 under Board Comments: add "and memoriam"; Vote 7/0/1

Motion Approved by Unanimous Vote

Abstain: Lis Delatorre

IV. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS:

The Board received a presentation by Gerald Huber, Solano County Health & Social Services Director. Mr. Huber gave an update on legislative initiatives that focus on Children's initiative with Foster Care and Child Welfare Systems, Medi-Cal funding, ACCESS issues in the context of psychiatry, Homeless initiatives happening within the County, and the drug Medi-Cal waiver.

Comments, Questions & Answers:

1. Supervisor Hannigan shared information regarding services to the homeless in Marin County called the Homeward Bound project as an example of a County wide effort to provide continuity and a continuum of housing options for the homeless.
2. The Board discussed the issue of a fracturing system of the variety of housing options and recommends that it would be best for the community to have two or more housing/service/shelter options and resources for the homeless.
3. The Board stated concern about the possibility that funded housing will start flourishing in order to soothe the homeless issue so it doesn't look so bad; and they recommend that the homeless mentally ill population be protected from being taken advantage.

V. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
Behavioral Health Program Report:

Halsey Simmons, Behavioral Health Director, provided an update on Local, State and Federal Mental Health Services to include updates regarding:

- Board Approval for Heather House to provide housing for 4 to 8 individuals.
- Behavioral Health is working with Bay Area Community Services to acquire Rosewood House for an overnight stay program to accommodate 5 people coming from the CSU who would otherwise be hospitalized, for up to 72 hours; and there will also be a short term transitional housing program for the homeless mentally ill.
- Rainbow Center, a contract of MHSA, is in the first stage of the project, the outreach and needs assessment, will continue to provide updates.
- ICD-10 Conversion
- Finalized a request for funding of the CHFFA grant proposal for property purchase of a Crisis Residential Center
- MHSA Innovation Project is going to the Board of Supervisors on October 27, 2015 for approval.

Akon Walker, Project Manager for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

- The County has approved the use of Social Media to report out information on MHSA, and community partners will be able to communicate services. It is not interactive and there are plans to monitor incoming social media.

Sandra Sinz, Mental Health Services Administrator

- Quality Improvement is getting ready for EQRO, a once a year systems review.
- Ms. Sinz is looking at the Adult System of Care in effort to develop more collaboration with service partners by prioritizing resources to reform the system and create more outpatient opportunities.

Mental Health Advisory Board Executive Committee:

Discuss dates for a site visit to Crestwood – Chair Espinosa will send out optional dates to the Board and asked members to respond with their preferred date/time.

Outreach Committee Report: Angela Faulkner

Upcoming events discussed; Suicide Prevention Walk at Lagoon Valley on October 24, 2015

Membership Committee: Tiffany Banks

The Membership Committee is working to recruit practitioners and family members. Board applicant, Michael Wright, introduced himself to the Board.

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR – Requires Board Action * Note – Supervisor Hannigan had to leave early from the meeting and is absent from the vote count *

1. Angela Faulkner made the motion to hold the regular meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board on November 17, 2015 from 4:30pm-5:00pm; and hold the MHSA Annual Update Public Hearing on November 17, 2015 from 5:00pm-6:00pm; seconded by Christie Lynn DeClue.
Vote: 7/0/0
2. Annual Report Committee will remain Lori Espinosa and Cindy Limerick
3. Lis Delatorre and Tiffany Banks volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for the purpose of identifying a slate of candidates to serve as elected officers for 2016.
4. Angela Faulkner made a motion to delete item VII.4 of the agenda and move to the elections of January 2016; seconded by Christie Lynn DeClue
Vote: 7/0/0
5. Lis Delatorre made the motion to affirm the 23rd of September as the Annual Board Retreat; seconded by Melanie Norris
Vote: 7/0/0

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

- The Board discussed the issue of the Senior Population and how to identify isolated seniors in the community.
- Chair Espinosa asked for the following items to go on future agendas:
 - Suicide prevention committee report
 - How to advocate to the Board of Supervisors
 - What do contract service providers need from the Board?
 - The Death with Dignity Bill

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2015; 4:30pm at 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA 94533, Multi-Purpose Room.