



MENDOCINO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2015, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
MENTAL HEALTH
1120 S. DORA ST.
UKIAH, CA 95482

*Before the Mental Health Board
County of Mendocino • State of California
Minutes – January 21, 2015*

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

REGULAR MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

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1ST DISTRICT – FILLED
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ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL, QUORUM NOTICE, AGENDA CHANGES - 3 MINUTES (10:03) AM

Chair Wetzler called the meeting to order.

Member Gorny took roll call.

Mental Health Board members present (11):

Kate Gaston, Denise Gorny, Tammy Lowe, Jill McCaughna, William J. Russell, Roger Schwartz, Nancy Sutherland, John Wetzler, Sharon Wolbach, Board of Supervisors representation, Supervisor Hamburg and Supervisor McCowen.

Mental Health Board members absent (3):

Member Ortiz (excused), Member McGourty (excused), Member O'Sullivan (excused)

Chair Wetzler noted that a quorum was present at (10:04) a.m.

HHSa Staff Present: Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, HHSa Assistant Director, Marina Baird, BHRS, Administrative Secretary, Rosanna Jordan, Administrative Secretary, Adam Brumm, Compliance Manager, Joy Kinion, Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist/Out Reach Worker and Barbie Svendsen, Patient's Rights Advocate

Mental Health Services Act Stakeholder Committee members present:

Todd Harris, MFT, Clinical Director, Ortner Management Group, Mark Montgomery, Psy D, Vice President of Operations, Ortner Management Group, Tim Schraeder, Chief Executive Officer, Redwood Quality Management Company, Dan Hamburg, Supervisor, Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, HHSa Assistant Director, Josephine Silva and Members of the Mental Health Advisory Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DISCUSSION & ACTION- 5 MINUTES

12/17/14 - Regular Meeting – *handout*

Board Action: Upon motion by Member Gaston, seconded by Member Schwartz and carried unanimously: IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Advisory Board approves the December 17, 2014 meeting minutes as written.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – TREASURER REPORT & SECRETARY REPORT- 2 MINUTES

Mental Health Board Expense Report – *handout*

Member Sutherland’s Treasurer’s report is included in the agenda packet.

Board Action: Upon motion by Member Schwartz, Seconded by Member Gorny and carried unanimously; Board Members accept as printed, remaining balance of \$7,089.88 for FY 14/15.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT FORMAT – DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT - VICE CHAIR READS MISSION STATEMENT – 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Read by Chair Wetzler

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Read by Member Schwartz

Mendocino County Mental Health Board Mission Statement

“To be committed to consumers, their families and the delivery of quality care with the goals of recovery, human dignity, and the opportunity for individuals to meet their full potential.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - TOM PINIZZOTTO, MSW, HHSA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, HEALTH SERVICES – 30 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

a) Introduction to Joy Kinion, Mental Health Rehabilitation

Specialist/Out Reach Worker – Director Pinizzotto introduced Joy Kinion, a 35 year county employee to the Mental Health Advisory Board. She is currently working in her new role as a Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist/Out Reach Worker and is in the first stage of a pilot project which has been funded with a three year grant and a donation of \$12,000.00 from the Sheriff for a car.

She has a long term community relationship working search and rescue and respected associations with Law Enforcement. Referrals come from various sources including family members. Her goal is to provide early intervention to link clients to community services and to reduce recidivism to county jail and hospital readmissions.

Director Pinizzotto stated that once data is collected it will be available to share and will be helpful when applying for additional funding for future program expansion.

Mobile Outreach & Prevention Services Grant Project flow chart hand-out provided.

b) Introduction to Barbie Svendsen, Patient’s Rights Advocate – Barbie Svendsen has worked for the county for 10 years in many different capacities. On August 1, 2014 she accepted the role of Patient’s Rights Advocate. This is currently a half time position and is in

development. She can be reached by phone at (707) 463- 4614, is available to clients in her office at 1120 S. Dora Street as well as being available to meet with them off site.

Some of the services she can assist with are Patients’ Rights, Appeals and Grievances, Requests for Change of Provider and Requests for a Second Opinion.

Handouts were provided.

- c) **Adam Brumm, Compliance Manager – Technology Update** – Adam Brumm explained when the new system is complete it will enable the user to see when they have a client under the care of the hospital. The system would also include prescriptions, and the ability to exchange information with community agencies while providing uniform reporting of data.

He stated he wanted to clarify the date of completion reported on the December minutes should have read the third quarter of FY 2014/2015.

He noted he will return to the Mental Health Board meeting in April to give an additional update and will provide an actual visual demonstration to the board when the system is ready.

- d) **Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program – Grant Application was released January 15, 2015** – Director Pinizzotto stated the next round of funding was released on January 15th. The vision is to provide early intervention, proactive outpatient crisis services and the development of a crisis residential program.

There has been discussion with the state regarding lack of funds coming to Superior County and funds being transferred between small counties and metropolitan areas. There will be more to report on this in the future.

- e) **AB 1929** – Adam Brumm stated that monies have been received for permanent housing. The amount is approximately 1.3 million dollars. A Request for Qualifications is being drafted.

Board Action: The Board directed a report back to the MHAB in February on the status of the draft RFQ.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD’S PLAN TO USE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMAT - 15- MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Focus on financial comparisons to gain understanding of the total Mental Health Program, enabling the Mental Health Advisory Board to properly and honestly advise the Board of Supervisors on Mental Health Issues.

Supervisor McCowen provided direction to the Mental Health Advisory Board on Ad Hoc committees to give them a way to gather the information they need to do their job while complying with the Brown Act.

A valid Ad Hoc Committee would have to be less than a quorum, have an assigned task with limited duration and contain only members from the Mental Health Board, however they can invite community.

To have a more efficient meeting, a list of advance questions prepared as well as prioritizing what the group would like to accomplish while setting achievable goals would be helpful.

The mission for today's meeting is to firm up committees to define a specific task with a report of findings and recommendations for the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

Handout provided by Supervisor McCowen

Chair Wetzler asked for a clear system to be established with the method of contact through Director Pinizzotto and cc'd to the ASO's and the Board Chair.

Tim Schraeder and Chandra Gonsales asked for clarification on the data reports.

Director Pinizzotto asked staff to set up a Data Dashboard Meeting with Kate Gaston, Director Pinizzotto, Adam Brumm, Mark Montgomery, Chandra Gonsales and Sandy O'Ferrall for February 4th.

Board Action: The Board directed Member Gaston to work with the ASO's to provide a data collection report.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FINALIZE COMMITTEES TO CONFIRM CHAIRPERSONS, MEMBERSHIP AND DISCUSS AVENUES TO GATHER INFORMATION – 15 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION

- a) **Financial Data Ad Hoc – collect base line financial data to present to the Mental Health Advisory Board - Chair Sutherland, and Member Ortiz, with Primary Contact – Manny Orozco**
- b) **Housing Ad Hoc – review and access current inventory of available housing and review opportunities for expansion - Chair Gorny and Member Lowe with Primary Contact – Director Pinizzotto and ASO's as needed**
- c) **Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Standing Committee – Chair Schwartz with Members Wetzler and Ortiz**
- d) **Inmate Services Ad Hoc – access the current delivery services to jail inmates and report findings and recommendations to the Mental Health Advisor Board - Chair Gaston with Primary Contact – Director Pinizzotto**

- e) **Crisis Care Ad Hoc – work with staff, ASO’s and other stakeholders to review and assess the current status of crisis care services and report findings and recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board** - Chair Sutherland, Members Gaston, Lowe and Russell with Primary Contacts - Todd Harris (Ortner Management Group), Dan Anderson (Redwood Quality Management Company) and Sandy O’Ferrall (Ukiah Valley Medical Center)

- f) **Cultural Competency/Diversity Ad Hoc – work with staff and other stakeholders to assess cultural competence and diversity compliance, training and outreach and report findings and recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board** - Chair Ortiz and Member O’Sullivan with Primary Contact – Karen Lovato

- g) **AB 1421 Ad Hoc – work with staff, ASO’s and other stakeholders to assist in implementation of Laura’s Law in Mendocino County (projected implementation date of July 1, 2015) with monthly updates to the MHAB** - Chair Wetzler and Members McCaughna and Gorny with Primary Contacts – Director Pinizzotto, Bev Rae, Program Administrator and Supervisor Hamburg

Ad Hoc Committees were updated per discussion to have a specific topic and duration with a report due to the board by May 1, 2015. Staff will send an email of Ad Hoc committees to the Board.

Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Standing Committee was not directed at this time.

Board Action: The Board directed Chair Wetzler to remove Youth and Adult Services from the Ad Hoc committees and add as an ongoing agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – BREAK INTO AD HOC GROUPS WITH COUNTY PROFESSIONALS CONTRIBUTION OF INSIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE OFFERED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL GROUP - 30 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Board Action: The Board directed agenda item 8 removed

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – OPEN DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK OF PROGRESS AND BARRIERS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES – 15 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

In preparation of the Chair’s Annual Report committees should gather information resulting in an end product of a one page report due to the Chair by May 1, 2015.

Board Action: The Board directed agenda item 9 removed

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - CORRESPONDENCE AND BACKUP MATERIALS RECEIVED AND FILED

- OMG Data
- RQMC Data

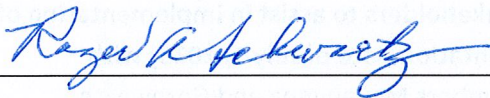
AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – AGENDA ITEM HANDOUTS:

- MHAB draft meeting minutes – 12-17-14
- Treasurer’s Report

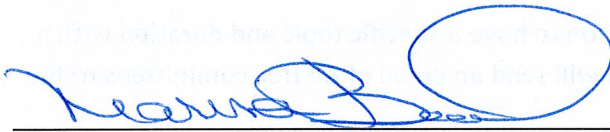
AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - PUBLIC COMMENT

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THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ADJOURNED ON JANUARY 21, 2015 AT 2:17 P.M.



John Wetzler, Chair *Vice Chair,*
Roger Schwartz



Attest: Marina Baird, Staff Assistant III

Thank you for your interest in the proceedings of the Mendocino County Mental Health Advisory Board.

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