



MENDOCINO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2015 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

MENTAL HEALTH  
1120 S. DORA STREET  
UKIAH, CA 95482

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*Before the Mental Health Board  
County of Mendocino • State of California  
Minutes – June 17, 2015*

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REGULAR MEETING     SPECIAL SESSION

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

JOHN WETZLER  
CHAIR

ROGER SCHWARTZ  
VICE CHAIR

DENISE GORNY  
SECRETARY

NANCY SUTHERLAND  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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JAN MCGOURTY  
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CATHY HARPE

KATE GASTON  
DINA ORTIZ

MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN  
TAMMY LOWE  
EMILY STRACHAN  
JILL McCAUGHNA  
MARGIE HANDLEY

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OPEN SEATS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT – FILLED
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT – FILLED
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT – 1-SEAT
- 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT – FILLED
- 5<sup>TH</sup> 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**

**Chair Wetzler called the meeting to order. (10:01) AM**

**Mental Health Board members present from 10:00 AM to 2:45 PM (10):**

Denise Gorny, Dina Ortiz, Emily Strachan, Jan McGourty, Margie Handley, Maureen O'Sullivan, Nancy Sutherland, Roger Schwartz, Tammy Lowe, Chair, John Wetzler, Board of Supervisors representation John McCowen

**Mental Health Board members present from 10:00 AM to 1:20 PM (1)**

Supervisor Dan Hamburg

**Mental Health Board members present from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM (1)**

William Russell

**Mental Health Board members absent (3):**

Kate Gaston (excused) Jill McCaughna (excused) Cathy Harpe (absent)

**Chair Wetzler noted that a quorum was present at (10:06) AM**

**HHSa Staff Present:** Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, HHSa Assistant Director, Bev Rae, BHRS Program Administrator and Marina Baird, BHRS, Administrative Secretary, Todd Storti, Administrative Service Manager, Bryan Lowery, HHSa Assistant Director, Bekkie Emery, Deputy Director, Social Services, Kelsey Rivera, Sr. Program Manager, Adult and Aging Services, Cynthia Silva, Deputy Public Guardian, Adult and Aging Services, Barbie Svendsen, Patient's Right Advocate, Karen Lovato, Program Manager, BHRS, Jenine Miller, Deputy Director, BHRS.

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 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 Group, Camille Schraeder, Executive Director, Redwood Quality Management,

Dan Hamburg, Supervisor, Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, HHSA Assistant Director, Susan Bridge-Mount, MHSA Senior Peer Counseling, Lauren Wantland, Senior Peer Counseling, Nancy Nanna, Senior Peer Counseling, Joanna Olson, Mendocino County Youth Project, Kevin Powers, Executive Director, Tapestry, Josephine Silva and Members of the Mental Health Advisory Board.

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

5/20/15 - Regular Meeting – *handout*

**Board Action:** The Board directed the Chair to agendize Public Comment.

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Lowe, seconded by Member O’Sullivan and carried with the following YAY votes from: Members Ortiz, McGourty, McCaughna, Handley, O’Sullivan, Lowe and Chair Wetzler with Members Gorny, Schwartz and Russell abstaining for not being present at the last meeting and Member Strachan abstaining for not being a member at the last meeting: **IT IS ORDERED** that the Mental Health Advisory Board approves the May 20th meeting minutes as written.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – TREASURER REPORT & SECRETARY REPORT- 5 MINUTES**

Mental Health Board Expense Report – *handout*

Member Sutherland noted that the year ended under budget and proposed meals and subsidized travel cost could be a future consideration. She also proposed an Ad-Hoc Committee.

**Board Action:** The Board directed the Chair to refer to the Executive Committee and agendize meals and travel for the next meeting.

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Schwartz, seconded by Member Handley and carried with the following YAY votes from: Members Gorny, Ortiz, Strachan, McGourty, Handley, O’Sullivan, Sutherland, Schwartz, Lowe, Russell and Chair Wetzler: **IT IS ORDERED** that the Board Members accept as printed, the remaining balance of \$3,194.93 for FY 14/15.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT FORMAT – DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT - VICE CHAIR READS MISSION STATEMENT – 5 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

Read by: Member Schwartz

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A moment of silence was taken to honor Sharon Wolbach’s husband and Kate Gaston’s father.

Read by: Member O’Sullivan

***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 - NANCY NANNA, RETIRING PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR SENIOR PEER COUNSELING AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROGRAM MANAGER, LOREN WANTLAND, LCSW - 5 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

Nancy Nanna announced her retirement as Program Coordinator for Senior Peer Counseling. She introduced Loren Wantland the new program manager, Dianna Clark the new Executive Director to the Ukiah Senior Center and Susan Bridge-Mount, Senior Peer Counselor.

Members of the Board thanked Nancy Nanna for her years of service and welcomed Loren Wantland.

**Board Action: No Action Taken**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – INTRODUCTION OF SCOTT CAMPBELL, THERAPEUTIC COURTS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

Chair Wetzler introduced Scott Campbell, Therapeutic Courts Program Administrator. Scott states this is a new position made possible by funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Judge Moorman was the lead in writing the grant and the driving force in getting the 11:00 court up and running.

The grant the 11:00 Calendar to be formalized and he is excited to be on the cutting edge. Currently he is involved in responding to the grant requirements and is learning as he goes. He will be working with Paddy Michalski and his main focus will be with Behavioral Health.

**Board Action: The Board directed the Chair to re-agendize Scott Campbell for the September 16, 2015 meeting.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - TOM PINIZZOTTO, MSW, HHSA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, HEALTH SERVICES - 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

**a) Introduction to the Public Guardian Team  
Bryan Lowery, Bekkie Emery, Kelsey Rivera and Cynthia Silva**

Director Pinizzotto introduced Bryan Lowery, the HHSA Assistant Director and the Public Guardian. Bryan introduced his team which includes Bekkie Emery, Deputy Director of Social Services, Kelsey Rivera, Senior Program Manager and Cynthia Silva, Deputy Public Guardian. Bryan stated that between the four of them, they had 87 combined years of service.

The Public Guardian team has regularly scheduled meetings with RQMC and OMG that they consider a good collaboration. They meet with their clients frequently to make sure they are working towards progress, currently there are 63 LPS conservatorships in Mendocino County.

Bryan Lowery suggested the Board Members put together questions so the Public Guardian team can come to another meeting to better answer their questions.

**b) SB 82 Wellness Grant**

Director Pinizzotto announced the County has been awarded the \$500,000.00 SB 82 Wellness Grant and there are concerns on the sustainability of a crisis residential treatment program. Sustainability for this project is under review.

**c) AB 1300 Follow up**

AB 1300 failed to pass the deadline of May 29, 2015

**d) SB 614**

SB 614, a bill which would establish a certification program for peers and family members delivering services in public behavioral health was passed by the Senate earlier this month. Part of the bill is to develop criteria and set standards for peer counseling certification which could include training and life experience.

**e) Audit Up-Date by Todd Storti, Administrative Service Manager**

Todd Storti stated that he just received the cost reports from the State and is in discussion with the State.

The FY 15/16 contract amendments with the ASO's are being drafted and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 7th.

Todd looks forward to working with the Mental Health Board members.

**Board Action: No Action Taken**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - RQMC AND OMG UPDATES – 20 MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

- a) RQMC – Tim Schraeder, MFT – Chief Executive Officer**
- b) How many Board Certified Psychiatrists are employed by RQMC**

Tim Schraeder introduced Joanna Olsen with The Youth Project, Wynn Novonty with Manzanita and Kevin Powers with Tapestry stating there is a lot of collaboration among their partners.

He states there has been a 14% increase in care between this year and last year and there have been capacity issues. Setbacks are common but they prepare for them and have been able to handle them as they occur.

They have been working with Dr. Timme, Dr. Evans and Dr. Van Schoor and have very positive relationships with them. Dr. Timme comes every Friday and reviews every case which has been extremely helpful.

Chandra Gonsales reported she worked to put the data into the dashboard, she had to make a few changes as RQMC does not place youth out of the county.

Camille Schraeder reported it was time consuming and they will have to figure out how to make sure the psychiatry connection is captured in the reporting.

- c) **OMG – Mark Montgomery, Psy D-Vice President of Operations**
- d) **How many Board Certified Psychiatrists are employed by OMG**

Mark Montgomery states they are working very hard getting contracts out to their providers.

There is a lot of need for services and they have been working collaboratively with Manzanita, The Hospitality Center, MCAVN as well as with other partners in this room.

Mark Montgomery has more training planned in the coming year.

Ortner Management Group has been working with the County on the Electronic Health Records and are excited about the upgrade.

Medication support on the coast is moving along smoothly and Mark reports Dr. Garratt and Dr. Randhawa are both working 16 hours a week, Tim Jackinsky is working 24 hours a week and Dr. Riley as needed. They are also two Nurse Practitioners.

Mark Montgomery states that although it is not a mental health issue, the number one problem on the coast is alcohol and drugs. There are not a lot of alcohol and drug treatment providers locally or statewide.

Housing continues to be an issue locally and statewide as well.

**Board Action: No Action Taken**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – JOINT MHSA MEETING UPDATE – 10 MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

The MHSA plan was discussed and it was determined that a Special Session Meeting was needed in order to allow more time for the Board members to review it.

**Board Action: Upon motion by Member Lowe, seconded by Member Ortiz and carried with the following YAY votes from: Members Gorny, Ortiz, Strachan, McGourty, Handley, O’Sullivan, Sutherland, Schwartz, Lowe, Russell and Chair Wetzler: IT IS ORDERED that the Board Members agree to a Special Session Meeting on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM to 2:00 for the purpose of reviewing, approving and make recommendations if required to the MHSA Annual Plan for the FY 2015-2016 .**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.10 – DISCUSSION ON REVISION OF THE BYLAWS INCLUDING INTEGRATE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - 10- MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

There was discussion on the formation of an Ad-Hoc committee and the following Board members volunteered:

- Jan McGourty
- Nancy Sutherland
- Denise Gorny
- Maureen O’Sullivan
- John Wetzler
- Supervisor John McCowen

**Board Action: The Board directed the Chair to arrange a meeting time.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - MEMBERSHIP PROCESS POLICES AND PROTOCOL DISCUSSION – 30 MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

There was a brief discussion that the Membership Process Polices and Protocol should be part of the bylaws and consistent with State law.

**Board Action: No Action Taken**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – DISCUSSION ON AD – HOC COMMITTEE PROTOCOL – 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

There was discussion on restructuring and creating new Ad Hoc Committees to prepare for next year’s annual report.

**Board Action: The Board directed the Chair to table agenda item No. 12 for the July 15, 2015 meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD ON TIME – 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

Chair Wetzler expressed the desire to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting the Mental Health Advisory Board be provided with timely quarterly financial reports from the County.

**Board Action: No Action Taken**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – DISCUSSION OF MEALS – 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

There was discussion on meals which included the suggestion of reducing the length of the meetings to two hours, therefore eliminating the need for food. It was also stated food would be addressed in the revision of the bylaws.

**Board Action: No Action Taken**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - CORRESPONDENCE AND BACKUP MATERIALS RECEIVED AND FILED**

- OMG Data
- RQMC Data

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – AGENDA ITEM HANDOUTS:**

- MHAB draft meeting minutes – 5-20-15
- Treasurer’s Report

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 - PUBLIC COMMENT**

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THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ADJOURNED ON June 17, 2015 AT **2:46P.M.**



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John Wetzler, Chair



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Attest: Marina Baird, Administrative Secretary

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

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