



MENDOCINO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2015, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES
778 S. FRANKLIN STREET, CONFERENCE ROOM 778
FORT BRAGG, CA 95437

*Before the Mental Health Board
County of Mendocino • State of California
Minutes – March 18, 2015*

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

REGULAR MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

JOHN WETZLER
CHAIR

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

ROGER SCHWARTZ
VICE CHAIR

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

DENISE GORNY
SECRETARY

Member Sutherland took roll call

NANCY SUTHERLAND
TREASURER

Mental Health Board members present(10):

Kate Gaston, Tammy Lowe, Jill McCaughna, Jan McGourty, Dina Ortiz, Maureen O'Sullivan, Roger Schwartz, Nancy Sutherland, Chair, John Wetzler, Sharon Wolbach, Board of Supervisors representation, Supervisor McCowen

DAN HAMBURG
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mental Health Board members absent (4):

Denise Gorny, William Russell (excused), Sharon Wolbach (excused) and Supervisor Dan Hamburg

JOHN MCCOWEN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ALTERNATE

Chair Wetzler noted that a quorum was present at (10:03) AM

JAN MCGOURTY
WILLIAM J. RUSSELL
KATE GASTON
DINA ORTIZ

HSA Staff Present: Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, HSA Assistant Director, Bev Rae, BHRS Program Administrator, Marina Baird, BHRS, Administrative Secretary

MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN
SHARON WOLBACH
TAMMY LOWE
JILL MCCAUGHNA

Guest Speaker: Anna Shaw, Executive Director, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center

OPEN SEATS

1ST DISTRICT – FILLED
2ND DISTRICT – 1 SEAT
3RD DISTRICT – FILLED
4TH DISTRICT – 1 SEAT
5TH DISTRICT – 1 SEAT

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Stakeholder Committee members present:

Todd Harris, MFT, Clinical Director, Ortnier Management Group, Mark Montgomery, Psy D, Vice President of Operations, Ortnier Management Group, Camille Schraeder, Chief Systems Officer, Redwood Quality Management Company, Anna Shaw, Executive Director, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, Susan Holli, Love in Action, James Bassler, Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, HSA Assistant Director, Dan Hamburg, Supervisor, and Members of the Mental Health Advisory Board.

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

2/18/18 - Regular Meeting – *handout*

There was discussion on whether or not a vote was cast on a letter of thanks to the Fort Bragg City Council, Agenda Item No. 7. There was not an official vote. Member Gaston notes it is on the Agenda, Item No. 9 for this meeting.

Board Action: Upon motion by Member Schwartz, seconded by Member O’Sullivan and carried unanimously: IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Advisory Board approves the February 18, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

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

Mental Health Board Expense Report - *handout*

Member Sutherland noted that the treasurer’s report is included in the agenda packet, the date error has been corrected and the numbers balance.

Member Gaston mentioned talk of spending the balance should take place towards the end of the fiscal year.

Board Action: Upon motion by Member Gaston, seconded by Member O’Sullivan and carried unanimously; Board Members accept as printed, remaining balance of \$5,422.93 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 - 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

a) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Upgrade

The County is getting ready for the ICD-10 code billing changes, a new federal requirement which has a compliance date set for October 1, 2015.

The County has set target dates as follows:

June 1, 2015 – Avatar system will be reconfigured to support ICD-10 code billing changes

August 1, 2015 – Mendocino County Health and Human Services Internal roll out

September 1, 2015 – Redwood Quality Management operational on Avatar

December 1, 2015 – Ortner Management Group operational on Avatar

March 1, 2016 – SUDT programs operational on Avatar

b) Loan Assumption Awards

There are five local loan assumption awardees which will be granted approximately \$25,000.00 combined, to pay off student loans. The names of those awardees will be announced once the state gives official notice to the awardees.

c) Wellness Grant

Authorization has been received from the Board of Supervisors to apply for the \$500,000.00 Wellness Grant which can be used for equipment, furnishings and buildings. Emergency room data has been received from Ukiah Valley Medical Center. Support letters were requested.

Supervisor McCowen asked when the letters would be needed - Support letters are due by March 30, 2015 and Bev Rae will be the point of contact.

Chair Wetzler asked Director Pinizzotto to explain what the end product would look like – Director Pinizzotto states that the facility or house is to have a home like atmosphere and provide services 24/7/365.

d) Housing RFQ Update

Assembly Bill No. 1929 was signed by the Governor in September. The Board of Supervisors approved the dollars and the Request for Qualifications went out on Tuesday, March 17th to approximately 40 different housing agencies to bid. The RFQ is listed on the General Services website and bids must be submitted May 4th by 3:00 PM.

http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/gs/pdf/03-17-15_RFQ_MHSA_Housing_GSA_Final.pdf

Mendocino County will receive approximately 1.3 million. \$400,000.00 of those dollars are for long term maintenance of the facility. Another requirement of this is care management. Whoever receives this opportunity will have to show they have the capability and the competency to deliver care management.

Chair Wetzler asked if the 1.3 million is MHSA money. Director Pinizzotto and Supervisor McCowen clarified that it is MHSA State wide money that has been held up for seven years and can finally go to the counties. The funds can be used for rental assistance or capitalized operating subsidies; security deposits, utility deposits, or other move-in cost assistance; utility payments; moving cost assistance; and capital funding to build or rehabilitate housing for homeless, mentally ill persons or mentally ill persons who are at risk of being homeless.

e) Implementation Plan – AB 1421

The Ad Hoc committee for AB 1421 met last week and the draft Implementation Plan was shared. Currently there are three trainings targeted and the curriculums are being finalized. Adam Brumm will be doing the training for the legal portion, Jenine Miller will be training on the program portion and the Hospital training is still in progress.

There will be a lot of focus on outreach and engagement. The county is still in discussion with the ASO's with the implementation date of July 1, 2015.

Chair Wetzler ask if July 1st is still the implementation date and if there is support from the Board of Supervisors that it will be on time. - Supervisor McCowen answers yes, although it is still too early for an update.

f) Mid-Year Review

Director Pinizzotto is preparing a presentation for the April Board of Supervisors meeting to continue a discussion from the last meeting. Director Pinizzotto stated services are being delivered.

From F/Y 12/13 compared to FY 13/14 there was a 64% increase in adult clients receiving MHSA services (an increase of 330 clients from 595 to 925) and a 59% increase in youth clients receiving MHSA services (an increase of 881 clients from 1301 clients compared to 2,182).

Medi Cal enrollment increased by over 10,000 newly insured from 22,885 insured in 2013 to 33,222 on 1/15.

Medicare services are expected to top \$200,000.00 by the end of FY 14/15.

There are many challenges such as Proposition 47, Competency Restoration in our jails and Conservatorships, all of which will have great impact on our budget.

Roger Schwartz stated he read about “senior peer counseling coming soon” to the South Coast and ask where the money is coming from. He said he read in the plan that it was recommended that senior peer counseling be expanded not just on the South Coast but County wide.

Director Pinizzotto stated that the County had expanded senior peer counseling last fiscal year and plans to expand the program this year.

Mark Montgomery stated he will be speaking with Susan Bridge-Mount and Nancy Nanna letting them know they have found a provider interested in replicating the model and the training for senior peer counseling.

Roger Schwartz asked about the mid-year report and the deficit that needs to be paid back to the state and ask for an explanation.

Supervisor McCowen states there is a total deficit of 4.6 million with 3.9 million stemming from the cost report audit. Director Cryer and Assistant Director Pinizzotto will try and mitigate the audit claim by the state to reduce it. Whether they are able to do it or not, the Health and Human Services Agency will make up for the short fall from their budget so it will not be a deficit to mental health. Technically, this is not paying back the state because mental health has to expend funds and then claim reimbursement from the state which typically lags. The way the state reclaims that money is to withhold reimbursements for funds expended. The burden is put on the overall Human Health Services Agency not Mental Health. This is an on-going issue and a challenge because the audits go back seven years and when the auditors at the State change, what is allowed and not allowed often changes.

The audits relate to the following years: 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010

Board Action: No action taken

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - PROGRESS REPORT ON DATA DASHBOARD BY TOM PINIZZOTTO AND MEMBER GASTON – 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Member Gaston states that she has been working with Adam and refers to the draft Data Dashboard Tables included with the agenda packet. She request that everyone look it over to see if it meets their concerns.

The goal of the data dashboard is to present a snapshot of data, with global headings and unduplicated totals. Adam Brumm would create the reports with data supplied by the ASO’s.

Member Gaston and Adam Brumm will have more to report at the next meeting.

Board Action: No action taken

AGENDA ITEM NO.7 - ANNA SHAW CORDIALLY EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS FOR A SHORT TOUR OF THE OLD COAST HOTEL FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN 2:30 AND 3:30 PM TODAY – 5 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Anna Shaw announced that she is unable to provide a tour today as she does not yet have the keys.

The Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center is moving forward and there are copies of frequently asked questions in both English and Spanish included in the agenda packet.

Anyone who wants to support the MCHC is invited to come to the City Council Meeting on Monday April 13th at 6:00 pm. Individual support letters from the Board members and everyone in the room would be welcomed as well.

Board Action: No action taken

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

a) RQMC – Camille Schraeder, Chief Systems Officer

Camille Schraeder gave an update on eight conserved clients. The challenge which has been to find a psychiatrist who is registered and can monitor Closirelle, an anti-psychotic medication which needs to be closely monitored. They have so far been able to successfully treat four of the eight youths.

Chandra Gonsales reported they have applied for a small grant to be used for increased staffing. They continue to have weekly meetings with Dr. Timme, the Levine house has been successful and they are working collaboratively with MHSA for crisis support.

Q & A – 5 minutes

b) OMG – Mark Montgomery, Psy D-Vice President of Operations

Mark Montgomery will continue with new board member trainings. He will have one on the coast and one inland.

April 15th is the target date for medication support services on the coast. They will have telephone services. The inland clients are also transitioning and it is going well. There will be tele services inland as well.

Communications with the Sheriff are going very well.

OMG will be starting negotiations with the county for the next fiscal year.

Meetings with clients are going well. They have an LVN eight hours a week and the doctors have essentially doubled the amount of time they are available.

Q & A – 5 minutes

Board Action: No action taken

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - THANK YOU LETTER TO FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL - 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION

Board Action: Upon motion by Member McGourty, seconded by Member O’Sullivan and carried unanimously: IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Advisory Board directs the Chair to write a letter to the Fort Bragg City Council to commend them for their support of the Block Grant to acquire the Old Coast Hotel for a homeless and mental health service facility.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10 - LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SB 82 CALIFORNIA INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2013 - 10 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION

Letter of support included in the agenda packet for discussion and vote.

The letter in the agenda packet had changes. Chair Wetzler read the letter with the changes in its entirety.

Board Action: Upon motion by Member Gaston, seconded by Member Lowe and carried unanimously: IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Advisory Board directs the Chair to sign the letter of support of the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Grant through the California Investment in Mental Health Act of 2013.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - FROM FEBRUARY MEETING, ITEM NO. 9 TABLE NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 7 - CHAIR TO ELABORATE

Chair Wetzler would like Agenda Item No. 11 tabled for the April meeting

Board Action: No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – PRESENTATION BY BOARD MEMBERS ON AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT UPDATES – 30 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Standing Committees shall be:

Mental Health Services Act:

Chair: Dina Ortiz **Members:** John Wetzler and Roger Schwartz

Standing Committee meetings shall be held in accordance with the Brown Act and will become an agenda item during our regular Mental Health Advisory Board meeting.

Standing Committee – will not be discussed right now

Ad Hoc Committees shall be:

a) **Financial Data Ad Hoc Committee:**

Chair: Nancy Sutherland **Members:** Dina Ortiz and Jan McGourty

Collect baseline financial data to represent to the Mental Health Advisory Board, to increase the MHAB’s understanding of federal, state and local revenue and expense financial processes. Report findings and make recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

Member Sutherland stated their focus is on subcontracts and the 4.6 million dollar reconciliation payback.

b) **Adult Services Ad Hoc Committee:**

Chair: Sharon Wolbach **Member:** Jill McCaughna

Review and evaluate contracts and subcontracts between ASO’s and the County Mental Health Program and their providers respectively. Report findings and make recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

The Ad Hoc Committee voiced concern for mental health monies being used for the homeless and the amount of time it takes to get care and for medications being discontinued.

They are pleased the County has put into practice the Mobil Outreach and Engagement Unit and the Patient’s Rights Advocate.

c) **Youth Services Ad Hoc Committee:**

Chair: Denise Gorny **Member:** Maureen O’Sullivan

Review and evaluate contracts and subcontracts between ASO’s and the County Mental Health Program and their providers respectively. Report findings and make recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

Member O’Sullivan would like to see more services offered for Native Americans in the Willits area.

d) **Housing Ad Hoc Committee:**

Chair: Denise Gorny **Members:** Tammy Lowe and Roger Schwartz

Review and assess current inventory of available housing. Review opportunities for expansion and report findings and recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

e) **Inmate Services Ad Hoc Committee:**

Chair: Kate Gaston **Members:** Jan McGourty and Maureen O’Sullivan

Assess the delivery of mental health services to jail inmates. Report and make recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

Members McGourty and Gaston have met and will meet again with James Bassler after today’s meeting. They recommend jail deaths needs to go on a committee as a topic.

f) **Crisis Care Ad Hoc Committee:**

Chair: Nancy Sutherland **Members:** Jan McGourty, William Russell, Tammy Lowe, Kate Gaston and Supervisor John McCowen

Work with staff, ASO’s and stakeholders to review and assess the status of crises care services and report findings and recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

Member Sutherland reports they have had a meeting with Mark Montgomery and Todd Harris and is encouraging others to have conversations with the ASO’s. They are moving forward.

g) **Cultural Competency/Diversity Ad Hoc**

Chair: Dina Ortiz **Members:** Maureen O’Sullivan

Work with staff and stakeholders to assess cultural competency and diversity compliance status, training and outreach. Report findings and make recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board by May 1, 2015.

Member Ortiz stated she would like to see more Spanish speakers working for the County.

h) **AB 1421 Ad Hoc Committee**

Chair: John Wetzler

Members: Supervisor Dan Hamburg, Supervisor John McCowen, Denise Gorny, Jill McCaughna

Work with Mental Health Department staff, ASO’s and other stakeholders to assist in the implementation of Laura’s Law in Mendocino County (projected implementation date – July 1, 2015).

Board Action: No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – TRAIN THE TRAINER: MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS 101 – 5 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Hand out from California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions included in the packet. Statewide training for Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions:

**Train-the-Trainer: Mental Health Boards 101
Friday, April 17, 2015 - 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Dina Ortiz is attending the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALM Board) quarterly meetings for three days as well as the Train-the-Trainer training. When she returns she will share the training with the Board members.

Board Action: No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF A BROWN ACT & ETHICS TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES – 2 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION

Handout of Brown Act Training Information Included in the agenda packet

**Brown Act and Ethics Training
Thursday March 19, 2015 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
501 Low Gap Road – Board Chambers**

Chair Wetzler encourages those that can to attend.

Board Action: No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – CONDUCT MEMBERSHIP INTERVIEW OF THREE CANDIDATES FOR 2ND DISTRICT CONSUMER AND 5TH DISTRICT CONSUMER/FAMILY SEATS – 30 MINUTES OR AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION.

Candidates to be interview are as follows:

- B.B. Grace
- John Gilmore
- Marge Handley

Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to accept John Gilmore to the 2nd District Consumer seat.

The Board voted to accept Margie Handley to fill the 5th District Consumer/Family Seat with Members Gaston and Ortiz abstaining.

The Board voted to accept B.B. Grace as a standby candidate for the Mental Health Advisory Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 - CORRESPONDENCE AND BACKUP MATERIALS RECEIVED AND FILED

- OMG Data
- RQMC Data

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – AGENDA ITEM HANDOUTS:

- MHAB draft meeting minutes – 2-18-15
- Treasurer’s Report

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 - PUBLIC COMMENT

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THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ADJOURNED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AT 3:10 P.M.

John Wetzler, Chair

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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