

Minutes for Yolo County Mental Health Board
Monday, May 21, 2007

Members Present: Chairwoman Carolyn Reiff, Vice-Chairwoman Marilyn Moyle, Annie Breault-Darling; Peter Brixie; Robert Canning, Martha Flammer, Guille Libresco, Irma Rodriguez, Robert Schelen; Marilyn Schwartz

Members Absent: Rev. Hank Scherer, Mike Summers, Helen Thomson

Members Excused: Mille Braunstein, Joanne Welty

Others Present: Richard DeLiberty, ADMH Interim Director; Mike Tucker, ADMH Deputy Director Fiscal & Administration; George Graman, M.D., ADMH Medical Director; Robert Villareal, Local 39; Tawny Yambrovich, ADMH Secretary

Location: Walker Room, Bauer Building, 137 North Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Carolyn Reiff at 7:10 P.M.; introductions.
- II. Approval of meeting agenda: *Motion made by Marilyn Moyle, seconded by Martha Flammer to approve agenda; carried unanimously.*
Approval of meeting minutes for April 23, 2007: *Motion made by Marilyn Moyle, and seconded by Guille Libresco to approve minutes of last meeting as corrected; motion carried.*
- III. Announcements:
 - a. Marilyn Moyle for NAMI – Reminder of annual Sunflower art show; entries accepted May 30 and 31 at Davis Art Center for the exhibit, which will run June 8 -21.
 - b. Marilyn: It's now possible to access the Board of Supervisors' meeting via streaming video if you have a computer with a fast enough processor.
 - c. Government affairs – Yolo County has adopted a policy outlining what sorts of legislation they will and won't generally support; i.e. they won't support unfunded mandates. Marilyn M. suggests we empower a Legislative Advocacy Committee to write letters on the LMHB's behalf. Marilyn M. moves to have Martha F. and Bob S. to be the Legislative Advocacy Committee, as well as anyone else who is interested. Adopt broad set of policies, and then delegate letter-writing to the committee. MM moves that Martha F., Bob S. and Annie B-D represent the LMHB in supporting, opposing, and amending legislation for Yolo County. Robert C. seconds motion. Motion carried with none opposed.
- IV. Public Comment:
 - a. Annie Breault-Darling has a son who is being released from jail to her care; however, MIOCR is not yet up and running – would like to receive support services.
- V. Report: Board of Supervisors – Helen Thomson – Not done, as Helen T. was absent.
- VI. Report: LMHB Chairperson – Carolyn Reiff

- a. Elections – Bob S.: Nominating committee – Bob, Millie B and Joanne W. – met on Monday, April 23 and recommended Marilyn Moyle for Chairperson and Robert Schelen for Vice Chairperson. They also recommend that the Executive Committee consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, immediate past chair, and chairs of the sub-committees. *Motion made by Marilyn Moyle to accept the nominees for Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee; seconded by Martha Flammer. Motion carried.*
- b. Efficient e-mail communications – Marilyn Moyle: Can direct e-mails that are specific things to the specific committees; i.e. Forensic information to Forensics, etc. Marilyn S. comments that can reply to a specific person rather than “Reply to All,” and Marilyn M. amplifies that you should never put anything in an e-mail that you wouldn’t want made public.
- c. The Board of Supervisors has a new, more effective policy for Legislative Advocacy, with a list of what they will and will not support. LMHB can also adopt a policy outlining what to support and not, and appoint a Legislative Committee to write letters on the Board’s behalf. M.M. suggests Martha F. and Bob S. to be on this Legislative Advocacy Committee. Also as effective is to call legislators; they tally responses. Do not waste the time of a legislator who already agrees with your position; target your calls to those who oppose the LMHB’s position. *Marilyn Moyle moves that Martha Flammer, Robert Schelen and Annie Breault-Darling represent the entire LMHB in opposing, supporting and suggesting amendments to legislation that affects mental health services in Yolo County; seconded. Motion carried with none opposed.*

VII. Report: ADMH Interim Director – Richard DeLiberty

- a. Handout – general direction of Yolo County ADMH
- b. Gary Bond coming to speak June 14 on ACT, Evidence Based Practices and Supported Employment
- c. Questions – Annie B-D re: Dual Diagnosis Treatment – integrated Treatment for dual diagnoses not currently provided, but those with dual diagnoses not turned away from Farmhouse. Pine Tree Gardens does not provide Treatment for Substance abuse.

Martha F – has concerns with how services are characterized; thinks that strengths weren’t mentioned.

Irma R. – Can affect staff morale; Martha F. concurs. Irma stresses that as much as we want to address the needs of the department, we also need to address the strengths, the positive points and the highlights.

Dr. Graman – The past year and a half has been very difficult for the medical staff with only two psychiatrists and one nurse practitioner. Now that staff has doubled, criticism can be looked at more objectively. Would like to bring staff in line with best possible practices.

Robert C. – Depending on who this document is directed at, need to focus on what needs strengthening.

Annie – Appreciates seeing the realities being addressed.

Irma – Will recommendations be supported and funded? Richard – Board is behind us, but fiscal resources are not there – we are using \$3.7 million in general funds this year, and we need to be able to turn this around.

Irma – Will we be ending services to certain populations, restricting access? Richard – RRCs won't be funded as such in the future; will terminate one Adult services contract. Mainly will be expanding services “pretty significantly.”

MM – Which expensive facilities are we speaking of? Richard – IMDs, residential Treatment: Willow Glen

VIII. Budget Report: Mike Tucker

- a. 1st Hearing on appeal did not occur as Mike was ill; rescheduled to June 18
- b. For last 10-12 years realignment funds have been contributed to Probation (when we had reserves); as of 2007-2008 will not have to contribute; savings of approx. \$187,000 expected to be realized.
- c. Still no budget; dealing with CAO's office. Still need General Funds to fill gap.
- d. Core programs are under a lot of pressure; funding is not there. Many counties have drastically reduced programs/staff. Richard has introduced a plan that is more middle ground – introducing programs that will produce enough savings so that in 2009-2010 we can have reserves.

Martha F – were there service reductions caused by the Probation reductions? Mike – DESS has the responsibility to pay for Probation services, and now they will. Since they have had growth in realignment and ADMH has not, this is a more fiscally sound policy.

MM – Does public have access to County budget? Mike – they should be available online; are going to printer. Hearings will be June 19 and 20.

Martha – Do you have a Draft version of the budget for us to vote on – to review and provide recommendations? Budget committee did not meet.

Mike – can send proposed budget via e-mail.

Carolyn – Special meeting to discuss/review budget; 7:00 P.M. June 12 in Woodland (Tawny to arrange room); cancelling June 25.

IX. MHPA (Richard):

- a. Quarterly Stakeholder meeting is Thursday, 5:00 P.M. at DESS Community Room

X. Legislative Review – Martha Flammer

- a. Patrick Kennedy's Editorial on Mental Health Parity
- b. Legislative Advocacy Day – Wednesday, May 23
- c. Provider rate cut – 5% reduction was restored to all but MH providers

XI. Program Reports: Program reports: see handout.

- a. Forensic Committee – No meeting; Annie B-D went to a CDC Council Meeting on the Mentally Ill. The judges spoke highly of mental health courts. Wendy Lindy (judge) is strong advocate; willing to help. Forensics is working on possibility of Mental Health Court. Need judge who will advocate for MH court; possibly could be an offshoot of drug courts, as they would be run fundamentally the same.
- b. Budget Committee – Did not meet
- c. Program Committee – report attached

XII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.; next meeting will be held:

Monday, June 12, 2007
7:00 P.M.
Community Room 1
Building A, 500 Jefferson Blvd
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Respectfully submitted by:

Tawny Yambrovich, Secretary