

YOLO COUNTY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

DESS Community Room 1, Building A
500 Jefferson Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95605
January 25, 2010

MINUTES

Members Present: Jason Burrone, Millie Braunstein, Robert Canning, Martha Flammer, Guille Libresco, Caren Livingstone, Marilyn Moyle, Robert Schelen, Tawny Yambrovich, Helen Thomson

Members Excused: None

General Public: John Buck, Sharon Johnson, Scott Kugler, Vicki Posey, Michelle Kellog, Leslie Carroll, June Forbes, Walter Shwe, Richard Bellows.

Staff: Kim Suderman, Mark Bryan, Christina Hill-Coillot, Yaoying He, Craig Rothhammer, Theresa Smith, Joan Beesley, Joann Turner, Arturo Villamor

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – The January 2009 LMHB meeting was called to order at 7: 10 p.m. by Chairman Marilyn Moyle. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Agenda** –
Motion by Martha Flammer to accept the agenda as submitted. *Second* by Robert Schelen. Approved and Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2009** – (Correction to Item No. 7) Martha Flammer would like the minutes to reflect her request for a special meeting if there were any budget reductions. Accept the minutes as amended.
Motion by Tawny Yambrovich. *Second* by Robert Canning. Approved and Carried with conditions as stated.

4/5. **Announcements and Correspondence/LMHB Chair Report** –

Leslie Carroll announced the Pat Williams Mental Health Fair February 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Davis Veterans Memorial Building, 203 East 14th Street, Davis. The speaker is Jeff Bell KCBS-AM co-anchor news reporter in San Francisco and author of “Rewind, Replay, Repeat.” The evening’s subject will be “When in Doubt, Make Belief,” (Finding Motivation in the Face of Anxiety).

Chairman Marilyn Moyle thanked Karen Serna for all her support and hard work, and expressed her appreciation for Karen’s service to the Local Mental Health Board.

The Volunteer committee YoloCANVAS– (Connecting all neighbors to volunteers and services) is up and running. It is collaboration between the Mental Health Board and NAMI Yolo. It has become a subcommittee of NAMI Yolo officially. YoloCANVAS has accomplished two projects so far, Thanksgiving Dinner at Homestead Co-op in Davis, and a series of holiday drop in afternoons from December 26, 2009 to January 2, 2010 every

afternoon using the Homestead Coop Community Room. As a result of this, several subcommittees were formed including one that will be able to do more drop-in events at Homestead Co-op. Marilyn explained that their new website will have a wish list that agencies can use to notify volunteer organizations about things that need to be done at various mental health providers' locations.

Thanks were given to Bob Schelen, Robert Canning, and Supervisor Jim Provenza. They are beginning talks with the Judge about a Mental Health Court possibility.

6. Board of Supervisors Report –

Supervisor Thomson introduced Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Administrator Patrick Blacklock, and County Counsel Robyn Drivon to the Local Mental Health Board. Supervisor Thomson gave a brief background of the budget actions that have taken place and set the stage for the budget presentation, which ADMH Director Kim Suderman would also be presenting to the Board of Supervisors at the January 26, 2010 meeting. Supervisor Thomson recognized the major challenges that Kim, as Director, has had to confront in her department. Supervisor Thomson expressed the Board of Supervisors interest in conversations with the Local Mental Health Board following the presentation.

7. ADMH Director's Report –

Director Kim Suderman began the ADMH FY 2009-10 Mid Year Budget Presentation to the Local Mental Health Board. During the presentation the following documents were distributed for review:

Deficit Explanation spreadsheet and following supporting documents:

- Staff Reductions
- Payor Source
- MHS Planning Estimates
- ADMH Detailed Background Report

ADMH began by looking at staffing cuts, contracts, internal operations, how business was done, and how to come up with 2.3 million dollars in a 5-month period of time.

Kim Suderman, with input from Mark Bryan, Christina Hill-Coillot, Dr. Arturo Villamor, Craig Rothhammer, and Joan Beesley, explained the issue of problems with revenues, billing, and submitting claims to the State. ADMH is now in the process of Short Doyle Phase two. Kim also explained that one problem being looked at is the combination of a human resource shortage and fiscal shortage for reimbursement.

At this time, County Administrator Patrick Blacklock explained the projections and further declines that may occur. Very difficult decisions lay ahead for the Board of Supervisors. He explained that making changes now allows the County time to step back and look at what needs to be done. In March and April ideas will be brought to the Board of Supervisors in a workshop. The goal is that in June there will be no new surprises and all efforts can be put into growing the budget. All hopes are that in June and July the County will be moving into a different paradigm.

County Counsel Robyn Drivon expressed her support for Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, the value of working together during this difficult time, and empathized with the difficulty of these changes.

Kim went over the list of positions that have been cut. Besides staff cuts, Contracts were decreased. ADMH is looking at bringing services for children with Medi-Cal/EPSTD back into the County which would impact 3 providers: Yolo Family Service Agency, EMQ Families First, and Communicare. Other impacts include 3 Contractors: Telecare—the Strides Program, Pine Tree Gardens' (Turning Point)—Day Treatment Program, and Suicide Prevention of Yolo County—their community crisis line. Lengthy discussion occurred with many questions around the cuts to the providers, what services would look like, and how this would impact the consumers and the community.

8. Public Comment –

Diane Sommers – Expressed concern for cuts to the Suicide Prevention of Yolo County—Crisis line.

June Forbes– Had questions regarding the carve-out for specialty mental health services.

Joann Turner – Had questions regarding what happens to the population that does not go inpatient but are too sick to accept voluntary services.

Leslie Carroll – Payor source – how many people will be sent to primary care providers? Discussion followed.

Tawny Yambrovich – Can clients be seen by the county with primary care? Mark Bryan responded that they must see their payor source doctor (referenced the Parody Law). Dr. Villamor and Craig Rothhammer provided information and offered help finding a provider source.

Richard Bellows – Concern for those under Medi-Medi and the difficulty finding services during transition. What will the County do to help?

Leona Jull – of Wayfarer – Our service system has been a great partnership and we hope that we will continue to provide services. Thanks to the department for making sure that the SUR (System Utilization Review) meeting continues, and is a much more efficient way of reviewing complicated service needs where multiple providers are involved for a client. Thank You

John Buck – Turning Point/Pine Tree Gardens – The merger with the department made it possible to provide board and care. We would like to maintain those beds for people from Yolo County.

Marilyn introduced Lamont, Board and Care Operator at Turning Point/Pine Tree Gardens. Lamont and his family have cleaned things up and made it very nice. The people that are there would all be lost if they have to go to another place.

June Forbes – Believes that the department does not have any options serving forensic clients, and that the department must be prepared to serve them.

Bob Canning – With cuts, accreditation would be expensive and an ongoing process.

Leona Jull—explained that a big portion of Suicide Crisis Line callers are under the age of 24. They are currently providing a service to Pioneer School. Schools give nothing in money but utilize the services. Leona is working with UC Davis right now with advisors to provide prevention to them. The Suicide line is the hardest to get funded.

8A. Actions Taken by the Local Mental Health Board

- **Motion**—The LMHB requests the Board of Supervisors to direct ADMH to convene a MHSA stakeholder meeting to begin the process of redirect MHSA funding to critical mental health services. Approved and Carried
- **Motion**—LMHB believes that the Crisis Call line is the most devastating cut to the ADMH Budget, and requests the BOS to consider finding other funds to continue that contract. Approved and Carried
- **Motion**—LMHB states their gratitude to ADMH staff for extending the time frame for the Providers to implement the cuts recommended to their contracts, especially Pine Tree Gardens. Approved and Carried
- **Motion**—LMHB Chair, Marilyn Moyle, and the rest of the Board authorizes Mildred Braunstein to represent the LMHB at the Board of Supervisors Meeting tomorrow to present their concerns. No approval or denial of ADMH's proposed budget cuts was initiated, but the LMHB does understand the need to address the deficit. Approved and Carried

9. Adjournment – The January 25, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

9A. Next Meeting Date – The next LMHB meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at Families First, 2100 5th Street in Davis, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Claunch