

**EL DORADO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
Minutes for September 29, 2010  
Joint Meeting**

**TIME:** 12:00 pm

**PLACE:** Joint Council by videoconference –  
Western Slope Location:  
Health Services Dept., Public Health Division  
931 Spring St.  
Placerville, CA 95667

South Lake Tahoe Location:  
Health Services Dept., Public Health Division  
1360 Johnson Blvd.  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Call to Order and Introductions:**

Regular Members: Jan Melnicoe, Bonnie McLane, Claudia Ball, Lori Shepard, Pamela Nance, Denise Burke, Ernie Klindt, Claudia Ball, and Lee Kaplan

Associate Member: Cathy Hartrum

Guests: Stacy Bolton, Larry Hartrum, Daisy Feliz, Guadalupe Madrano, Michael Davidson, Heather Flanders, and Natalie Gage

MH Division Staff: Neda West, Chris Kondo-Lister, Janet Stevens, and minutes by Jackie Norlie

**Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved.

**Public Comment:**

Questions/concerns were expressed regarding the availability of private offices for the Placerville Children's Services staff. Neda West addressed the status of offices, noting that most of the Children's clinical staff have private offices. Limited exceptions include: staff assigned to work in field/school settings and the juvenile hall, and some part-time staff (who share an office and minimize overlapping time). No further information was requested by the Commission.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The July 28, 2010 and August 25, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

**Mental Health Division Reports:**

**A) Program Update** – The MHSA Plan Update was approved by the Board of Supervisors and sent to the State. The Community Services and Supports and Workforce Education and Training components will be reviewed by the State Department of Mental Health, and the Prevention and Early Intervention component will be reviewed by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Commission members continued to express interest in the contract development and review process, and acknowledged their need to further define the role they would like to play. Pending such role clarification, Department staff noted that contracts going to the Board of Supervisors for approval can

be viewed in advance from the Board's agenda (posted on the County's website). Staff can support Commission members in learning to view materials from the County's website.

Chris Kondo-Lister announced that the Division will be providing clinical supervision training for supervisors and licensed clinicians on Thursday, September 30, 2010. She also noted that our County has joined other small counties in a Quality Improvement project that seeks to provide improved linkage between Mental Health and Primary Care providers.

Neda shared information furnished by Shirley White, Alcohol and Drug Program Manager, regarding the Western Slope Behavioral Health Court. The next court date will be October 4, 2010, at 1:30. Steve McNitt and a new intern are supporting services for six active WS BHC clients.

A new psychiatrist, Dr. Jimmark Abenojar, has started in Placerville on a part-time (20 hrs/wk), basis providing services for youth (outpatient and at Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Treatment Center).

**B) Budget Update** – The County has adopted the final Addenda budget for FY 10-11, although it may need to be revisited after the State budget is finalized. Diana Buckley has retired as the Health Services Department's Chief Financial Officer, so the Department will begin recruiting for a new CFO. Russ Fackrell, CPA and Internal Auditor from the CAO's office, will help with the transition.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**A) Membership Committee** – Claudia Ball announced that both Maria Quintaro and Lupe Mandrano completed paperwork to become new Commission members. Both are bilingual, Spanish-speaking. The Native American community has been approached about recruiting a volunteer from their community for the Commission.

**B) Planning, Budget and Contracts Committee** – No report.

**C) Consumer Leadership Committee** – No report.

#### **Old Business:**

**A) Data Training Report** – Jan Melnicoe indicated that the report has been approved and was sent to the Mental Health Planning Council, which oversees County Commissions. (This project was to assist the Commission in learning how to understand and use data collected by the State.)

**B) Vote on New Member** – A motion was made and approved to recommend Guadalupe Madrano as a Mental Health Commission member for the West Slope Council.

#### **New Business:**

**A) Retreat/Special Planning Meeting for October** – The Commission decided not to plan this meeting until it receives training from the California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH) relative to the roles and responsibilities of Mental Health Boards/Commissions. After such training, a workshop style, public meeting may be scheduled (to review Bylaws, set goals, plan committee work, etc.).

#### **Adjournment:**

**The next scheduled meetings are:**

**South Lake Tahoe Council - October 7, 2010 at 12:00 pm**

**Joint Council - October 27, 2010 at 5:00 pm**