

**COUNTY OF EL DORADO
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Minutes for October 27, 2010
Joint Meeting**

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Joint Council by videoconference at –
Western Slope -
El Dorado County Health Services Department
Public Health Division
931 Spring Street
Placerville, CA 95667

South Lake Tahoe -
El Dorado County Health Services Department
Public Health Division
1360 Johnson Blvd., Suite 103
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

I. Call to Order; Roll Call; Introductions

Members: Jan Melnicoe, Bonnie McLane, Claudia Ball, Lee Kaplan, Ben Kindley, Jane de Felice, Denise Burke, Diana Hankins, R.S. Lynn, Ernie Klindt

Guests: Jan Walker-Conroy, Deborah Bridges, Carl Propst, Brenda Bailey

Staff: Neda West, Chris Kondo-Lister, Prestine Skinner, Shirley White, Barry Wasserman, Sophie Cabrera, Janet Stevens, Hector Reyes

II. Approval of Agenda - Approved.

III. Public Comment (15 Minutes)

Two students from the Human Services Academy offered at the local community college presented questions, based on a class assignment, and brief answers were provided.

IV. Approval of Minutes - September 29, 2010 Minutes were approved.

V. New Business

A. Presentation on Conservatorships and Role of Public Guardian

- Jan Walker-Conroy, Assistant Director of El Dorado County Human Services Department, presented general information on the indicators and procedures for probate conservatorships and LPS (mental health) conservatorships. Both require a legal investigation and the decision to appoint a conservator is made by the court.

B. November/December Meeting Schedule

- November 6, 2010: Joint meeting, to be held at 670 Placerville Drive, Placerville (2nd floor) – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, lunch on your own. CiMH will provide a

basic training related to the roles and responsibilities of the Mental Health Commission.

- The regularly scheduled Western Slope Commission meeting that would normally take place on 11/24/10 will be held instead on 12/1/10.
- The 12/1/10 meeting will be conducted as a joint meeting by videoconference at 931 Spring Street, Placerville, and 1360 Johnson Blvd, Suite 103, South Lake Tahoe, at 5:00 PM.
- January: The Commission meeting dates are to be determined; a joint meeting providing for a full day of strategic planning is an option.

C. **Chair Report on California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) Regional Meeting**

- Jan Melnicoe attended the Transitional Age Youth and the Children and Youth Subcommittee meeting of the California Mental Health Planning Council held on 10/20/2010 in Sacramento. Jan found this meetings to be valuable, and will alert the MH Commission when future CMHPC regional meetings are scheduled.

D. Vote on New Member

- This vote was postponed because the new member was unable to attend.

VI. Mental Health Division Reports

A. Program Updates (MHSA Housing, BHC, etc.)

- The Behavior Health Court (BHC) is working with the jail medical provider to coordinate referrals. In addition, meetings with Judges Kingsbury, Proud, and Bailey have reaffirmed their commitment to BHC collaboration. BHC in Placerville has seven active clients and two pending referrals; next court proceedings are scheduled for Monday, 11/1/2010 at 1:30 PM. BHC in South Lake Tahoe has eleven active clients and four pending referrals; next court proceedings are scheduled for Thursday, 11/18/2010 at 1:30 PM.
- Sophie Cabrera was introduced as the new MHSA Program Manager. She comes to the County from the State Department of Mental Health, with knowledge and experience related to MHSA.
- The MHD held two community meetings on 10/22 to present preliminary information and seek community input on supported housing plans for the West Slope and South Lake Tahoe. The County's supported housing plan for the West Slope is being prepared in partnership with Mercy Housing Corporation and will be posted on the MHD website for 30 days beginning 10/29. A public meeting will be scheduled for 11/29. The MHD is in preliminary discussion with Pacific West Communities to develop supported housing in South Lake Tahoe, as well.

B. Budget Updates

- Neda West distributed a hand-out that outlines major activities within the Health Services Department annual budget cycle. Budget activities are a continuous process, with staff now working on the current year updates and projections in preparation for the mid-year analysis.
- The MHD is meeting with County Counsel and the County Department of Education, as well as conferring with other counties, in response to the elimination of funding for the AB 3632 program from the State budget. El Dorado County Counsel has advised that while legal issues are being evaluated,

the MHD should continue to serve those children who currently receive mental health services as a component of their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

VII. Committee Reports

A. Membership Committee

- The Membership Committee expects to nominate a new member at the next meeting and will continue outreach efforts.

B. Planning, Budget, and Contracts Committee

- No specific updates. The Committee will look with interest at the MHSA housing services plan.

C. Consumer Leadership Committee

- Report postponed due to absence.

VIII. Old Business

A. Commission Training

- Scheduled for November 6, 2010, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 670 Placerville Drive, Placerville (2nd floor).

IX. Commission Comments/Open Discussion

A. Crisis Response

- Concern was voiced over the response to a recent crisis situation in South Lake Tahoe. Crisis workers in Tahoe have reviewed appropriate response protocol and the SLT MHD offered to look further into the incident. Additional follow-up by the MH Commission was not scheduled.

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting: CiMH Commission Training, November 6, 2010