

**COUNTY OF EL DORADO
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Minutes for December 1, 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, Jane de Felice, R.S. Lynn, Ben Kindley

Staff: Neda West, Chris Kondo-Lister, Rob Evans, Janet Stevens

II. Approval of Agenda

Agenda items requiring majority approval were postponed as a quorum was not present.

III. Public Comment (15 Minutes)

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes

No quorum present; minutes were not approved.

V. Mental Health Division Reports

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

- The Behavior Health Court (BHC) continues to work with the jail medical provider to coordinate services. The BHC in Placerville now has ten active clients, having recently evaluated four potential clients and accepted two; the next court proceedings in Placerville are scheduled for Monday, 12/6/2010 at 1:30 PM. The BHC in South Lake Tahoe recently evaluated four potential new clients, accepted one, and now has eleven active clients.
- Rob Evans was introduced as a new MHSA Program Manager, tasked with program implementation.
- The MHD is planning to schedule community meetings on the West Slope and in South Lake Tahoe to present preliminary information and seek community input on the use of MHSA Capital Facilities/Information Technology funding. Meetings are expected to be scheduled during the week of December 13-17.

B. Budget Updates

- The MHD is working closely with the County Department of Education to allow for the continuation of services that were at risk following the elimination of funding for the AB 3632 program from the State budget. The MHD anticipates that a contract with the El Dorado County Office of Education will be submitted for consideration by the Board of Supervisors in the near future.

VI. Old Business

A. Training – Review and Discuss Future Needs

The MHD is continuing the CiMH contract, so it can be used if the MH Commission wishes to obtain specific meeting facilitation services or additional training. Further discussion of this item was postponed to a later date.

B. Vote on New Member

Discussion postponed.

VII. New Business

A. NAMI Report – Heal Grant

Discussion postponed.

B. Review and Discuss Commission Organization/Officers

- A Nominating Committee was formed to develop candidates for next year's officers; committee participants will include Dr. Lynn, Bonnie McLane, Claudia Ball, and Jane de Felice.
- According to its Bylaws, the officers of the MH Commission shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of each Council, and all shall serve as members of the Countywide MH Commission Executive Committee. The Countywide MHC Executive Committee shall be chaired by one of the Council Chairs, this position being rotated annually between the Councils. A suggestion was made by some members that the Countywide Chair should be someone who has completed at least 2 years on the Commission, Council and Vice Chairs at least one, and the Secretaries could be first-year members.
- As the Countywide Chair position has been held by the WS Council Chair for the last several years, it was indicated that this position should be filled by the SLT Council Chair in 2011.
- Election of new officers will be planned for the next regular, joint meeting of the MH Commission, scheduled for January 26, 2011, at 5:00 PM.

C. Review Public Comment Policy and Procedure

Discussion postponed.

VIII. Commission Comments/Open Discussion

A. Membership

- Concern was voiced over the need for an active membership with each Council having its full allotment of members (9 WS members and 6 from SLT, plus one active participant from the Board of Supervisors). Council membership in Placerville is nearly complete, with only one open position, but the SLT Council has several unfilled positions. Suggestions offered included contacting the Psychology Department at Lake Tahoe Community College, as well as the Latino Affairs Commission.

B. Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

- The Commission will begin the process of preparing its Annual Report for the Board of Supervisors. Each Council will be expected to write up a summary of activities and evaluate progress on the priorities established in the 2010 Annual Report; a summary of needs may also be included. The Commission Chair proposed that a rough draft of the report be prepared by February 2011 for presentation to the Board of Supervisors in March 2011.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Joint Council by videoconference, on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 5:00 PM