

**EL DORADO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Minutes for February 24, 2010**

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Western Slope -
Mental Health Outpatient Clinic
670 Placerville Dr., 2nd Floor
Placerville, CA 95667

I. Call to Order (5:06); Roll Call; Introductions

Members: Jan Melnicoe, Bonnie McLane, Claudia Ball, Lori Shepard

Associate Members: Cathy Hartrum

Guests: Stacy Bolton, John Bachman

Staff: Neda West, Chris Kondo-Lister, Brian Long

II. Approval of Agenda

Approved

III. Public Comment

Stacy Bolton and John Bachman from the El Dorado County Community Health Center (EDCCHC) spoke to the Commission about their organization. EDCCHC has been in operation since 2003, is a non-profit corporation designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center for El Dorado County, and is unaffiliated with State or County governments. EDCCHC operates two medical clinics in El Dorado County and has 36,000 patient visits per year. These patient visits include a variety of primary medical care services as well as behavioral health services.

IV. Approval of Minutes

January 27, 2010 Minutes – Approved, with correction noted on last page.

V. Mental Health Division (MHD) Report

A. Program Updates

Neda reported for Shirley White that the Western Slope's Behavioral Health Court (BHC) currently has seven active clients. The BHC Team is exploring multiple ways to assist clients, including utilization of the El Dorado County Community Health Center, T-Housing, and other resources. The next BHC Team Meeting will be on March 1st. It is expected that as of July 1st there will be a new presiding BHC Judge.

Chris reported on the QI Audit and Impacts. Chris presented the El Dorado County Quality Improvement Committee Workplan for FY 09-10 (QIC). The updated QIC Plan is designed to closely track the State Department of Mental Health requirements, including active involvement of consumers and family members. The four major areas of focus within the QIC Workplan are: 1. Access to Services; 2. Quality of Services; 3. Client Outcomes; and 4. Service Capacity. Chris also referred members

to the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) requirements on the last page of the QIC Workplan. The EQRO will be visiting the Mental Health Division (MHD) and performing a review in April 2010.

Chris reported that the T-Houses are doing well and currently there is only one bed vacant. MHD has a training module for employees that work with the residents in the T-houses. Residents visit the MHD Wellness Center on weekdays in the afternoon. Chris will be meeting with Mercy Housing Development to explore if they are willing to look into an El Dorado County Housing Project.

Client and family satisfaction and feedback is an important area that is expected to be addressed via focus groups, a client/family designed satisfaction survey, and potentially a feedback drop box. Clients and family members are invited to participate in the design and implementation of these strategies.

B. Budget Updates

MHD's fiscal projections for the current fiscal year (FY 09-10) have been submitted to the CAO and indicate that MHD expects to end the year within the budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The CAO will be meeting with the Board on March 2nd to address the County's mid-year fiscal status, as well as projections going forward.

VI. Old Business

A. BOS Report – Outline and Discussion

Jan distributed to Commission Members the Draft 2009 BOS Report and requested feedback. Jan would like to see the Report presented to the BOS as soon as possible. Jan suggested that the Commission dedicate an entire meeting on what the Commission will focus on for the 2010 BOS report and how to recruit new members. Lori presented a Client/Consumer Committee Proposal as part of the overall Mental Health Commission. The proposal includes: 1. Overall Goal; 2. Committee Structure; 3. Expected Outcomes; and 4. Overall Values. The proposed Committee was approved by the Commission.

VII. New Business

A. Commission Committee Formation and Assignments

Jan proposed the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to research Commission By-Laws and to create a Workbook and Policy and Procedure for recruiting more members. The Ad Hoc Committee was approved by the Commission.

VIII. Commission Comments/Open Discussion

Lori will be attending the March 11th Wellness Center Luncheon for Consumers. Lori will address with consumers their opportunities to become involved in a Consumer Leadership Academy and the Mental Health Commission.

IX. Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.