

**COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

**Minutes for April 28, 2010**

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Western Slope -  
Mental Health Outpatient Clinic  
670 Placerville Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Placerville, CA 95667

**I. Call to Order (5:08); Roll Call; Introductions**

Members: Jan Melnicoe, Bonnie McLane, Claudia Ball, Gus Pike

Associate Members: Cathy Hartrum

Guests: Larry Hartrum, Nancy Campbell, Bob Martin, Todd Hammitt, Lee Caplin

Staff: Neda West, Chris Kondo-Lister, Prestine Skinner, Barry Wasserman, Brian Long

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Approved

**III. Public Comment**

Sgt. Todd Hammitt announced that a “Law Enforcement and Mental Health Collaboration” event is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> at the South Lake Tahoe Embassy Suites. Sgt. Hammitt is anticipating 400 law enforcement and mental health personnel from throughout the State to attend the event.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

March 24, 2010 Minutes – Approved, with corrections noted on first page.

**V. Mental Health Division (MHD) Report**

**A. Program Updates**

Neda reported for Shirley White that the South Lake Tahoe’s Behavioral Health Court (SLT BHC) Team currently has 12 active clients with 2 additional client referrals pending. The next SLT BHC meeting will be Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. The Western Slope’s Behavioral Health Court (WS BHC) Team has 4 active clients with 1-2 pending referrals. The next WS BHC meeting will be Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30PM.

Chris reported that the Mental Health Division (MHD) is currently looking at additional group models and is researching evidence base models which include children and adult group settings. MHD Adult Services is also exploring beginning a Medication Clinic within the Outpatient Clinic. Medication Clinic will include health education and medication management for the adult clients. MHD staff will be participating in upcoming training events that include Promotora (Latino Health Promoters) Training and various recovery-oriented trainings. The State’s contracted External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) will be conducting a review at the

MHD on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The next El Dorado County Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) meeting will be on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**B. 5150, 5150.05 Criteria and Process**

Barry Wasserman distributed the Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) Section 5150 and 5150.05. He explained that Section 5150, and especially its gravely disabled criteria, is interpreted somewhat differently from county to county. Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) workers are trained to provide crisis counseling and to assess individuals for a 5150. They receive guidance and support from their supervisor and they can consult with the Psychiatrist on duty whenever necessary. If it is determined that an individual meets the 5150 criteria, the PES worker must attempt to find a 5150 designated facility that will accept the admission. The appropriate 5150 facility depends on the person's age and insurance. Those on MediCal or without insurance are usually admitted to the MHD PHF. Those with Medicare or private insurance would normally be admitted to a private psychiatric hospital in Sacramento. The final decision to admit or not admit an individual to a given 5150 facility is made by the psychiatrist on duty at that facility.

Barry explained that Section 5150.05 was added to the WIC Code to make clear that the decision to detain or not to detain under Section 5150 should be informed by information provided by family members. This allows law enforcement and PES to base their decisions not simply on what the client is saying or doing at that moment, but also by relevant events and history reported by family and friends.

**C. QI Update**

See Program Updates.

**D. Budget Updates**

Neda reported that the next budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors will be in mid-June.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. BOS Report**

Jan reported that on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Mental Health Commission's annual report will be presented to the BOS; the May is Mental Health Month Proclamation will be made by the BOS; and breakfast will be available outside the BOS chambers.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Consumer Committee Report – Language Sensitivity**

Item carried over to next meeting.

**B. Data Training Information**

Training will be on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the MHD in Placerville.

**C. Committee Development**

Item carried over to next meeting.

**VIII. Commission Comments/Open Discussion**

None

**IX. Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting (Joint Council): May 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**