

**EL DORADO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Minutes for May 25, 2011**

TIME: 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: Western Slope -
Mental Health Outpatient Clinic
670 Placerville Dr., 2nd Floor
Placerville, CA 95667

I. Call to Order; Roll Call; Introductions

Members: Claudia Ball, Jane de Felice, Bonnie McLane, Jeanne Lahey, Jan Melnicoe, Lori Shepherd, Guadalupe Medrano

Guests: Michelle Vien, Bill Ball, Lise Wright, Michael Wright, Bill Knierim, Todd Hammitt

Staff: Neda West, Sophie Cabrera, Chris Kondo-Lister, Janet Stevens

II. Approval of Agenda

Approved

III. Public Comment (15 Minutes)

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

- March 23, 2011 Minutes: Deferred until next meeting
- April 27, 2011 Minutes: Deferred until next meeting

V. New Business

A. Sheriff Staff on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): Sgt. Todd Hammitt from the Sherriff's Department provided an update on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This training continues to be of significant benefit.

B. Evaluation Committee:

- An evaluation committee is defined in the MH Commission By-Laws. Following the special meeting of 5/18/2011, Jeanne Lahey was appointed to Chair the Evaluation Committee and Bonnie McLane will be a standing member. The committee intends to involve the community in the evaluation of MH programs; Linn Williamson attended the special meeting on 5/18 and will participate on the committee and outreach to potential community participants will continue. The evaluation committee is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Wednesday, June 22 at the Starbucks in Safeway.
- During the course of discussion, MH Commission members express interest in developing a children's committee. This committee is also defined in the MH Commission By-Laws. Bonnie McLane will chair the children's committee; membership will include Maria Quintero, Lori Shepherd, Stacey Bolton, and possibly a representative from the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). It is anticipated that both the children's committee and the evaluation committee will work in tandem with the budget and planning committee to identify areas of success and need in MH programs for adults and children.

- C. Budget (Draft) meeting with Neda West: The importance of scheduling the budget meeting at a time when the majority of Commission members can attend was emphasized. The MHD is eager to have Commission members participate in making difficult budget decisions, but this requires a shared understanding of the budget system and process.

VI. Continuing Business

- A. Contracts: The planning and budget committee has requested access to the most current information on existing contracts for MH services, including those for IT services, as well as information for contracts under development.
- B. Commission Goals: Commission members continued discussion of their individual and shared goals for the upcoming fiscal year.
- C. BOS Report: Jan Melnicoe presented the MH Commission 2010 Report on the needs and performance of the County's mental health system at the May 24, 2011 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The report was well-received and remains available on the BOS website.
- D. Laura's Law: The Commission discussed MHSA as a potential funding source for Laura's Law, along with MHSA rules that would disallow funding for some provisions of the law. Discussion will be continued at the next Commission meeting.

VII. Mental Health Division Reports

- A. Program Updates
- BHC: Placerville has 13 active BHC clients; during the most recent court proceedings, four were recognized by the judge and the BHC team for exemplary progress. The next meeting of the Placerville BHC will be at 2:00 PM on June 6th in Dept. 2, Judge Proud's courtroom. South Lake Tahoe has 11 active clients. Two clients are being seen via telemedicine by the new psychiatrist, and Probation personnel have noted a marked improvement; one SLT BHC client is now working full-time. The next meeting of the SLT BHC will be June 16th at 1:30 in Dept. 4, Judge Bailey's courtroom.
 - Commission members requested that the MH Division Reports include an update from Children's services as a standing item. This will include the number of children in residential, out-of-county placement.
 - The quarterly Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) met on May 5, 2011. QIC meeting minutes are expected to be ready for distribution by the next meeting of the MH Commission.
 - The MHD recently added two new clinical staff members: Steve Lee, WS Adult team and Rebecca Perkins, SLT Clinician. In addition, a half-time position in WS Children's Services was expanded to full-time.
 - Psychiatric services have been enhanced with the addition of Dr. Solis, who will be working in Adult outpatient services on Wednesdays, doing new patient evaluations and LPS renewals. Staff have also noted a positive response to Dr. Sagan, who sees clients two days/week via tele-psychiatry.
 - Two new groups have been introduced: Children's group will offer the Parent Project, which like IY provides parent education and support, but is specifically designed to address issues that arise in families with older children and adolescents. In addition, Seeking Safety is an evidenced-based practice that will be offered to assist clients who have experienced trauma along with a co-occurring substance use disorder.
 - Turning Point has presented the first day of a three-day recovery immersion training program for MH staff and stakeholders. Training is focused on integrative

services and the recovery model of services, including strategies for promoting employment and developing supported housing alternatives.

- The County's Innovation plan was approved by the Board of Supervisor's during the at the May 17, 2011 meeting. In addition, the Board authorized the MHD to submit to DMH the MHSA funding request for distribution of previous fiscal years' unapproved PEI, WET and Capital Facilities and Technology Needs (CFTN) funds.

B. Budget Updates

- The Board of Supervisors will hold special meetings to discuss and take action on the County Budget. These meetings will begin on June 6th at 2:00 PM.
- The MH Commission meeting that had been scheduled for May 27 to provide Commission members with an overview of the MHD proposed budget for FY 2011-12 will be rescheduled for a date when a majority of Commission members are available. A two-hour evening meeting on June 28 will be considered.

VIII. Commission Comments/Open Discussion

None

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: To Be Determined