

**EL DORADO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
JOINT COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes for January 26, 2011**

**TIME:** 5:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Joint Council by videoconference at –

**Western Slope -  
El Dorado County Health Services Department,  
Public Health Division  
931 Spring St.  
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, Guadalupe Medrano, Claudia Ball, Jane de Felice, Denise Burke, R.S. Lynn, Ernie Klindt, Lori Shepherd, Cathy Hartrum, Jeanne Lahey

Guests: Brenda Bailey, Terri Knowlton, Mike Pickens, Ben Kindley, Stacey Bolton

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

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**III. Public Comment (15 Minutes)**

As public comment, information advocating for the implementation of Laura's Law in El Dorado County was distributed. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to add Laura's Law to the agenda for the February meeting of the West Slope MH Council and the South Lake Tahoe MH Council.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- October 27, 2010 Minutes: Approved
- December 1, 2010 Minutes: Approved

**V. Continuing Business**

- A. Votes on Two New Members: Membership of Jeanne Lahey was approved; vote on the second potential member was deferred as the individual was not in attendance.

- B. Election of New Officers: The nominating committee presented the following recommendations:

MH Chairperson: Denise Burke

WS Council: Chairperson: Claudia Ball  
Vice Chair: Bonnie McLane  
Secretary: Jane de Felice

SLT Council: Chairperson: Denise Burke  
Vice Chair: R.S. Lynn  
Secretary: Ernie Klindt

The candidates were elected as nominated.

- C. BOS Report: The Chairperson is asking members to volunteer to write sections of the annual MH Commission report to the BOS. Bonnie McLane has agreed to work on BHC and Meds-Plus sections; Lori Shepherd will address consumer leadership; and Cathy Hartrum focus on crisis (PES, CRT and PHF) and the multidisciplinary team. The Commission intends the report to be finished in March so that it can be presented to the Board of Supervisors in late April or early May.

## **VI. Mental Health Division Reports**

### **A. Program Updates**

- BHC: There are eight active clients in Placerville and one assessment pending for a new referral. At their most recent court appearance, four of the eight active clients received awards for progress in meeting treatment goals. The SLT BHC has twelve active clients, with one in the process of transferring to Placerville and one new referral. Eight of the active clients were in full compliance at their most recent court appearance, but one was remanded due to noncompliance.
- QIC Report: The Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) meets quarterly: most recently on November 4 and scheduled to meet again on February 3. The Committee addresses areas that have been targeted for improvement, with a current focus on issues related to the implementation of Clinical Work Stations (CWS), enrichment services for adult clients in the “Meds Plus” program, analysis of the use of EPSDT funds in Children’s services, initiation of consumer focus groups to address recommendations that came out of the most recent EQRO audit, development of the MHD Cultural Competency plan, and partnership with primary care.
- MHSA Capital Facilities/Technology Plan Development: The MHD is continuing to develop an MHSA Technology Plan to address pressing needs for the implementation of Electronic Health Records (EHR), as well as clinical tools for treatment planning, measuring client progress, coordinating services, and expanding tele-psychiatry and videoconferencing capabilities.
- Innovations Planning Process: A community meeting is scheduled for February 4 at noon to provide information on the development of an MHSA Innovation plan. The meeting will be held at the MH Clinic in Placerville and via videoconference at the MH Clinic in Tahoe. The County has just over a million dollars of Innovation funding currently available, with an additional \$198,000 anticipated in FY 2011-12.

- CalMHSA JPA/Statewide PEI Projects: An informational public meeting was held on January 21 regarding options for the County's PEI Statewide Program funding. The MHD will recommend to the Board of Supervisors that we take steps to join CalMHSA, delegating authority to the JPA for administration and implementation of the County's three PEI Statewide programs and authorizing DMH to distribute the associated funding to CalMHSA. We anticipate this recommendation will be considered by the Board at their February 15 meeting.
- B. Budget Updates: The State budget remains very uncertain, with the Governor proposing a realignment of EPSDT, Medi-Cal Managed Care and AB3632 services to the Counties. For fiscal year 2011-12, the Governor proposes to finance these programs with unspecified MHSA funds; he has proposed extending a temporary increase in income and sales taxes for an additional five years to provide funding beyond 2011-12. Some of these proposals can be approved by a two-thirds vote of the State Legislature, but others will require consent of the voters.

#### **VII. Brief Reports on the Following**

- A. Consumer Leadership Training: A free leadership training series will be offered in Roseville for consumer employees and volunteers. More information is available at <http://www.communityactivators.com/>
- B. Turning Point FSP Program: Turning Point will be providing training, community program planning events, client assessment and treatment planning services over the next six months to enhance our FSP program.
- C. Mercy House Project: The County's MHSA Housing Program – Supportive Services Plan, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in December, is now under DMH consideration. The service plan was included in the application package that Mercy Housing was required to submit to both DMH and CalHFA.

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Committee Appointments: In their Jan.4 meeting, the Board of Supervisors reappointed Norma Santiago to the Mental Health Commission, but also appointed Ron Briggs. At this time it is unclear as to whether a change in the Commission bylaws will be required to accommodate the Board's action.
- B. Additional Commission Training and Strategic Planning Opportunities: The MHD is extending its contract with CIMH to accommodate future training that the Commission may wish to pursue.

#### **IX. Commission Comments/Open Discussion**

None

#### **X. Adjournment**

#### **Next Meetings:**

**SLT Council: Thursday, Feb. 3 at noon**

**WS Council: Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 5:00 PM**

**Joint Council: Wednesday, Mar. 23 at 5:00 PM**