

**EL DORADO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
WEST SLOPE COUNCIL
Minutes for August 24, 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: Maria Quintero, Guadalupe Medrano, Claudia Ball, Jan Melnicoe, Bonnie McLane, Lee Kaplan

Guests: Bill Ball, Stacy Bolton, Brenda Bailey, Lori Borrelli, Larry Hartrum, Cathy Hartrum

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Approved

III. Public Comment (15 Minutes)

Cathy Hartrum reported on the success of the most recent Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.) coordinated by the Multidisciplinary Team. Five Placerville police officers, two members of the Fire Department and three Emergency Medical Service officers attended the training on August 23 and more are scheduled to attend a second session scheduled for August 25.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- August 4, 2010 Minutes: Approved
- July 7, 2011 Minutes: Approved
- June 28, 2011 Minutes: Approved

V. New Business

None

VI. Continuing Business

A. Grand Jury Report Response: The WS Council continued their discussion of the Grand Jury findings and recommendations from the 2010-2011 report, "Prevention and Intervention for Mental Health Crises". Jan Melnicoe intended to compile responses from individual Commission members for the development of a draft response document, but received information from only one individual. Cathy Hartrum presented a draft of the NAMI response and Larry Hartrum provided additional clarification of their concerns

associated with the establishment of an ad hoc committee. On request, Mental Health Division staff provided Council members with a copy of the Board of Supervisors' final draft response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations. The Council discussed each finding and recommendation and reached general consensus, but two members had to leave early and the group no longer had a quorum. In addition, there was concern that the Tahoe perspective was not represented and it was suggested that the WS and SLT Councils might each submit a separate response. The group agreed that Claudia would compose a draft response representing the WS Council, talk to Denise Burke regarding the SLT Council, and schedule a special meeting for Friday, 8/26 at 5:00 PM for the purpose of voting on a final response.

- B. Children's Committee: Bonnie McLane will be in touch with Council and community members who indicated an interest in participating on the Children's Committee.
- C. Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Audit: A Council member was interested in the number of times when law enforcement was called to the PHF to respond to illegal activity, and the impact that arrest would have on an involuntary psychiatric (5150) hold. Mental Health Division management clarified that a 5150 hold could be broken if the conditions that precipitated the hold were to change, but would clarify the impact of the arrest if the clinical conditions that initiated the hold were still present. Further, psychiatric services are available in the jail to clients who have been arrested and removed from the PHF.
- D. Contracts: The Budget and Planning Committee has not met since their last report.

VII. Mental Health Division Reports

- The Telecare Report on PHF will be reviewed by Chief Administrative Office (CAO). The CAO will report findings back to the Board of Supervisors and to the Mental Health Commission once their review is complete.
- Fiscal Year-End closing is currently in progress, and the Board of Supervisors will start budget addenda hearings on September 19.
- Mental Health services provided to children under AB 3632 are now known as Educationally-Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS). Fiscal responsibility for these services is transitioning smoothly from Mental Health to the County Department of Education. This year, the Mental Health Division will continue to provide ERMHS under contract with the County Department of Education.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the County's MHSA Capital Facilities and Technology Needs (CTFN) initial plan on August 23. The team of staff directly involved in launching this plan held a successful meeting the following day to begin plan implementation.
- Health System Navigators working as part of the County's MHSA Innovation plan are facilitating linkages between Mental Health and the El Dorado County Community Health Center.
- Approximately 30 people completed Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training at Green Valley Church this past weekend. The 12-hour training was well received and is available to other groups throughout the County.

VIII. Commission Comments/Open Discussion

- A reminder to those interested: St. Patrick's Church in Placerville is planning a health fair for the public for Sunday, September 25 starting at 1:00 PM. A representative from Mental Health is planning to attend.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: West Slope, 5:00 PM on August 26, 2011

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