

**EL DORADO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes for April 27th, 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, R.S. Lynn, Diana Hankins

Guests: Stacey Bolton, Mike Pickens, Maria Quintero, Mike Bischoff, Brenda Bailey

Staff: Neda West, Sophie Cabrera, Rob Evans

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Public Comment (15 Minutes)

IV. Approval of Minutes

- March 23, 2011 Minutes: Approved

V. Continuing Business

- A. Votes on one new member: Membership of Maria Contero was approved.
- B. Contracts – Dr. Lynn proposed a procedure to ensure that the MH Commission receive and review MHD contract information, including current contracts as well as those in development (see attached). The proposal will be sent to Commission members via email for their review and consideration. In addition, the MHD will provide a contract report at the next MH Commission meeting; this report includes brief information on MHD contracts including those in development. From this report, Commission

members may select the specific contracts they wish to review and request copies of those contracts. The MHD and Commission members briefly discussed the contract process.

- C. Commission Goals – Commission members engaged in a group discussion to formulate proposals for goals for the upcoming year:
- 1) WS – Council members are committed to attend Behavioral Health Court and helping to support and sustain the program,
 - 2) SLT – Council members will seek to identify and fill mental health service gaps, maintain a client-centered focus and support/enhance Behavioral Health Court.
 - 3) The Commission intends to develop, increase and support housing for Mental Health consumers; several Commission members expressed interest in the establishment of a Housing Committee,
 - 4) The Commission intends to improve outreach to Latino/Hispanic communities; Commission members propose to establish a Latino engagement committee.
- D. BOS Report: Jan Melnicoe presented a draft of the Mental Health Commission report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 24. The report reviews 2010 activities, membership, attendance, and goals. Commission achievements during 2010 included the development of committees, improving communication and feedback processes, and the evaluation of various programs.

VI Mental Health Division Reports

A. Program Updates:

- BHC: There are ten active clients in South Lake Tahoe and one new referral. Dr. Sagen, a new psychiatrist providing service in SLT, saw seven BHC clients this past month. The Western Slope BHC has eight active clients and one new referral pending assessment.
- MHSA Plans –The MHD has responded to public comment received on the Innovation plan, and the final draft will be presented to the BOS on May 17. Development of the Capital Facilities/Technology Plan is continuing. This plan will include the implementation of Electronic Health Records, outcome tracking tools, bi-directional electronic care pathways between Primary Care and Mental Health, and expanded telemedicine capabilities.

B. Director's Report:

- The Governor and Legislature have initiated major funding and administrative changes at the State Level: MHSA personnel at the Department of Mental Health will be significantly reduced and responsibility for Medi-Cal

processing may be transferred to DHCS. The MHD intends to draw down MHSA dollars so that they are available at the County level.

- AB100 was approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in March; as a result , a portion of FY 11/12 MHSA funds will be re-directed to pay for EPSDT (Children's Services), Medi-Cal Managed Care and AB 3632. Funding for these programs will be a capped, but the exact amount that will be available to the County is currently unknown. Also, beginning in FY 11/12 MHSA funds will be distributed within the same year they are collected, whereas in the present system, the County's MHSA funding allocations are based on prior-year taxes. As a result, future MHSA plans will be budgeted on expected revenue that may be subject to some change.
- Mental Health Commission members have questions regarding the MHD budget and budgeting process. A budget overview meeting is scheduled for the Commission on May 27 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm to address questions and provide a framework for discussion.

VII. Commission Comments/Open Discussion

None

VIII. Adjournment.

Next meetings:

SLT Council: Thursday, May 5th at noon

WS Council: Wednesday, May 25th, at 5:00 PM

Joint Council: Wednesday, June 29th, at 5:00 PM