

**EL DORADO COUNTY**  
**Special Meeting**  
**MENTAL HEALTH JOINT COMMISSION**  
**Minutes April 12, 2012**

**TIME: 5:00 PM**

**PLACE: Video conference at:  
Western Slope – Mental Health  
670 Placerville Dr. Suite 1B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Placerville, CA 95667**

**South Lake Tahoe – Public Health/Mental Health Offices  
1360 Johnson Blvd #103  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

- I. Call to Order; Roll Call; Introductions  
Members: Bonnie McLane, Jan Melnicoe, Denise Burke, R.S. Lynn, Claudia Ball, Linn Williamson, Guadalupe Medrano, Maria Quintero, Jane de Felice, Ben Ehrler, Michael Pickens  
  
Guests: Kay Lynn Stevenson, Albert Stevenson, Bill Ball, Jim Abram, Larry Hartrum, Cathy Hartrum, Diana Hankins, Maureen Focht, Brenda Bailey  
  
Staff: Joan Meis Wilson, Sophie Cabrera, Janet Stevens
- II. Approval of Agenda  
Approved
- III. Approval of Minutes  
Deferred to the next regular meeting of the MH Commission
- IV. Public Comment (15 minutes)
  - The success and importance of the Multidisciplinary Team was described by the parents of a mentally ill adult who had a difficult experience with law enforcement in El Dorado County four years ago. Compared to that experience, these parents now see an increase in knowledge, professionalism, and public satisfaction when law enforcement has to intervene in a situation involving a mentally ill individual.
  - Jan Melnicoe introduced a recent article from the Sacramento Bee in which a sheriff's deputy shot and killed a mentally ill man after a situation escalated. She cited this as an example of what El Dorado County is hoping to prevent through the efforts of the MDT.
- V. Discussion and vote for approval of MHC Recommendation to Board of Supervisors regarding Crisis Intervention Training and Multi-Disciplinary Team Programs:  
Linn Williamson and Cathy Hartrum prepared a draft letter to submit to the Board of Supervisors advocating the continuation of CIT and MDT staffing at the current level, including the assignment of a full-time MTD coordinator. Subsequent discussion of this draft included the following:
  - The SLT Council suggested that the MH Commission include an explicit

recommendation that a Multidisciplinary Team be reestablished in South Lake Tahoe;

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training was conducted in 2008 and 2010 on the West Slope; the National Standard calls for CIT training to be repeated every two years, and MH Commission members agreed that the letter to the Board of Supervisors be revised to include the recommendation that CIT training be conducted in 2012;
- MH Commission members also approved the suggestion that the letter to the Board of Supervisors include a brief history of the CIT and MDT;
- After discussion, the Commission members resolved to copy (cc) the letter to affiliated West Slope and South Lake Tahoe agencies that are cited within the document. This would include the police departments in Placerville and South Lake Tahoe, the Forest Service, Marshall and Barton hospitals, and the California Highway Patrol.

A motion was made and approved to accept the modifications as discussed and to send this letter to the Board of Supervisors before the effective date of Todd Hammitt's reassignment to patrol duty (April 20, 2012).

## VI. Adjournment