

**EL DORADO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH SOUTH LAKE TAHOE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes: April 22, 2014**

TIME: 11:00 AM

**PLACE: In person and councils connected via tele/video-conferencing:
Western Slope – Health and Human Services Agency – Mother Lode Room
768 Pleasant Valley Rd., Diamond Springs, CA 95619
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

South Lake Tahoe Council Members of the Mental Health Commission: Denise Burke, Ben Ehrler, R.S. Lynn

South Lake Tahoe Council of the Mental Health Commission Associate Members: Diana Hankins

Mental Health Commission Bylaws Subcommittee Members: Jim Abram, Stephen Clavere, Craig Therkindsen

HHSA Staff: Brandi Reid, Ren Scammon

II. Approval of Agenda

- No motion was made to approve the agenda

III. Public Comment (15 minutes)

- None

IV. South Lake Tahoe Representation on the El Dorado County Mental Health Commission

- Discussion regarding the issue of possible overrepresentation of South Lake Tahoe commission members to the Mental Health Commission based on total County population.
- Several SLT Council members expressed concern about not having adequate representation for the South Lake Tahoe area on the Mental Health Commission if any of the SLT designated seats are given up. Several members voiced that South Lake Tahoe is not only geographically separated from the rest of the County, but it has different barriers and client needs are different.
- Jim Abram reported on his discussion with County Counsel regarding the Bylaws, and identified three potential options: 1) have at-large representation with no geographic designation, 2) have one Mental Health Commission body and create two standing Brown Act committees (one WS and one SLT), or 3) leave as is. The verbiage in the bylaws will need to be updated based on the final decision of the make-up of the Commission membership.
- R.S. Lynn requested information on the percentage breakdown of mental health consumers in South Lake Tahoe compared to the West Slope suggested that perhaps the number of seats should be based on that percentage split rather than overall population.

- Jim Abram stated that a decision needs to be made whether the SLT Council will remain intact, and if so, how many seats will it have? This will determine how the bylaws are written. The SLT Council will need to make a recommendation to the Joint Mental Health Commission in order to proceed.
- V. Commissioner's Comments
- None
- VI. Determine next Meeting Date for the South Lake Tahoe Council of the Mental Health Commission
- Future meeting date will be determined pending the outcome of the Joint Commission meeting on April 23, 2014.
- VII. Adjournment