

**EL DORADO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH JOINT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Minutes: May 7, 2014**

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**PLACE:** In person and councils connected via tele/video-conferencing:  
Western Slope – Health and Human Services Agency – Sierra Room  
3057 Briw Road, 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**

Mental Health Commissioners: Jim Abram, Denise Burke, Ben Ehrler, R.S. Lynn, Bonnie McLane, Guadalupe Medrano, Jan Melnicoe, Linn Williamson

Mental Health Commission Associate Members: Diana Hankins

Guests: Lori Pond, Steve Ehrler

HHS Staff: Don Ashton, Patricia Charles-Heathers, James Robbins, Sabrina Owen, Dennis Plunkett, Ren Scammon

**II. Approval of Agenda**

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Bonnie McLane, seconded by Jan Melnicoe, to approve the agenda as written.

**Yes:** 8 – Abram, Burke, Ehrler, Lynn, McLane, Medrano, Melnicoe, Williamson

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

- Jan Melnicoe extended an invitation to attend the May 13, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting at which the Board would be declaring May as Mental Health Month in El Dorado County and NAMI will be presenting two El Dorado County Sheriff Deputies with recognition for their contribution to mental health awareness and service. NAMI is also hosting a pre-meeting breakfast outside the Board Chambers.
- Jim Abram relayed that Steve Clavere is unable to attend this meeting due to another obligation.

**IV. Report by the Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health Division, on a recommendation to enter into a contract to open an Adult Residential Facility in El Dorado County and discussion of what impacts the cost of this recommended contract has on other Mental Health Division services and proposed programs.**

- Don Ashton provided opening remarks about the Mental Health Division's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to move forward with a contract with Summitview Child and Family Services for operations of an in-county, six-bed Adult Residential Facility (ARF), which is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on May 13, 2014, including the reasons for the recommendation and the impacts to the Mental Health Division budget.
- Commission members asked the Mental Health Division questions, and the Department staff responded to those questions, regarding eligibility criteria for clients,

operational structure of the ARF and associated Full Service Partnership (FSP) services, service provider qualifications, location, building and maintenance requirements, funding, client share of cost, occupancy levels, evaluation and monitoring of the ARF, safety, contractual obligations and expansion possibilities.

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Bonnie McLane, seconded by R.S. Lynn, to support the Mental Health Division in pursuit of the Adult Residential Facility with Summitview.

**Yes:** 8 – Abram, Burke, Ehrler, Lynn, McLane, Medrano, Melnicoe, Williamson

#### **V. Commissioner's Comments**

- Jan Melnicoe brought forth to the Commission and the Mental Health Division that she has heard that the Mental Health Division is going private and asked if a clarification communication could be provided by the Division to quell the uneasiness and concerns arising from the Request for Proposal that is to be released relating to operations of the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).
- Bonnie McLane stated that she felt the Division is doing a great job.

#### **VI. Adjournment**