

**EL DORADO COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COUNCILS
Minutes: August 18, 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: Stephen Clavere, Denise Burke, Ben Ehrler, R.S. Lynn, Bonnie McLane, Jan Melnicoe, Craig Therkildsen, Linn Williamson

Mental Health Commission Associate Members: Diana Hankins

Guests: Cricket Hogate, Teresa Hogate, Cloe Klein

HHSA Staff: Don Ashton, Patricia Charles-Heathers, Dee-Anna Dreier, Doris Jones, Dr. Robert Price, James Robbins, Ren Scammon, Janet Stevens

Local 1 Representatives: Jere Copeland, Rich Boyd

II. Approval of Agenda

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

Yes: 8 - Clavere, Burke, Ehrler, Lynn, McLane, Melnicoe, Therkildsen, Williamson

III. Public Comment

- None

IV. Presentation on the outcome of the solicitation to privatize the Psychiatric Health Facility, and a discussion relative to the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

- Don Ashton presented background information about the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), staffing, safety, Mental Health Division (MHD) budgets, the PHF Request for Proposals (RFP) process, Telecare (the entity that submitted a viable proposal), and next steps in the process.
- The following four options were discussed:
 - a. Option 1: Continued operations of the PHF by the County with increased budget and staffing levels.
 - b. Option 2: Privatization of PHF operations through an Agreement for Services with Telecare.
 - c. Option 3: Continued operations of the PHF by the County at current budget and staffing levels.
 - d. Option 4: Close the PHF and contract with other PHFs throughout the State.

- Commissioners, guests and Local 1 representatives were provided with opportunity to ask questions. Local 1 Representatives provided input to the Commission.
- Topics of discussion occurred relative to many items, with focus on staffing (current, MHD proposed, and Telecare proposed), training, outcomes of the four potential options, expenditures and revenues, Telecare, contracting process, client engagement and community collaboration processes under privatization, client and staff safety, impacts to clients and staff, long term impacts to programs, impacts to emergency departments, and budgets.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made by R.S. Lynn, seconded by Bonnie McLane, to move Option 2 forward to the Board of Supervisors
Yes: 6 - Burke, Ehrler, McLane, Melnicoe, Therkildsen, Williamson
No: 1 - Clavere
Absent: 1 - R.S. Lynn
- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Bonnie McLane, seconded by Craig Therkildsen, that any additional funding targeted for Mental Health be directed to out-patient services.
Yes: 7 - Burke, Clavere, Ehrler, McLane, Melnicoe, Therkildsen, Williamson
No: 0
Absent: 1 - R.S. Lynn

V. Commissioners' Comments

- None

VI. Adjournment