



Merced County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

June 7, 2016

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1137 B Street, Merced, CA

Present:	Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Vince Ramos, Secretary; Sally Ragonut; Mary Ellis; Keng Cha; Kim Carter; Mary Hofmann; Iris Mojica de Tatum, Secretary;
Absent:	Paula Mason; Supervisor Hub Walsh
Others Present:	Yvonna Brown; Chris Kraushar, PRA; Sharon Jones; Robert Porta; Sharon Mendonca; Roger Moua; Liz Freitas; Jillian Giles; Bob Plass; Angelo Perez; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

MINUTES

I. Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call

Chair Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

II. Mission Statement

Richard read the Mission Statement.

III. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2016 (BOARD ACTION)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Ragonut / Ellis) to approve the minutes.

IV. Opportunity for public input. At this time any person may comment on any item which is not on the agenda.

Discussion/Conclusion: Jillian Giles from Los Banos commented that she was one of the first people to utilize the telehealth. She had this at her last meeting and it worked out well. She did not know what to expect but Dr. Martinez was very nice and everything went well.

Vince passed out a document showing how to locate an Alliance provider for the mild to moderate. The last pages lists the names of the doctors in Merced; but you can type in the name of any town and a list will come up. These are step-by-step instructions. At the next meeting Vince would like some feedback on the computers for Los Banos, that the Wellness Center in Merced got their coffee pot, an update on the housing, and the Innovation program requirements. He would also like some of the Board members to attend Sharon's stigma presentations so that the public knows what the Behavioral Health Board is about.

Chris Kraushar asked if there could be a future agenda item on the status of the trips requested for the Wellness Center and the budget.

Yvonna Brown responded to Vince's request on an update on the computers and coffee pot. The Wellness Center did receive their coffee pot and the computers are already in Los Banos.

Sharon Jones commented on the trips. There is a process that has been put into place and the consumers will be going to Monterey and a few other places and are happy with this. There is a smooth process in place, the trips are on point, and whatever is on their request form, is being attended to. Sharon Mendonca stated the procedures are in place and Tabatha is working closely with Los Banos. There is more than just getting trips approved by Risk Management for the insurance coverage. It also has to be approved by the Department by going through the requisition system. Tabatha will be helping the Los Banos staff with this as well.

Mary Hofmann questioned today's Board of Supervisors meeting and the approval of the hospital renovation project in regards to the budget. Yvonna stated she can put this on the next agenda and make it a formalized presentation to this Board.

Recommendation/Action: As noted above

V. Election of Officers a. Chair – Sally Ragonut (BOARD ACTION) b. Vice-Chair – Richard Hawthorne (BOARD ACTION) c. Secretary – Paula Mason (BOARD ACTION)
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Richard stated this item will have to be moved to the July agenda. Sally has indicated that due to health issues she would not do justice to the Chair’s position. Another individual has agreed to take over their Chair’s position – Iris Mojica de Tatum.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> M/S/C (Hofmann / Ellis) to recommend Iris Mojica de Tatum as the Chair of the Board for FY 16/17.
VI. New Board Applications a. Moua, Roger (BOARD ACTION) b. Perez, Angelo (BOARD ACTION)
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. The Nominating Committee met with Roger Moua and did the interview process pursuant to the By-Laws. Roger comes from the background of being a teacher and administrator. He expressed a real interested in learning about mental health and being involved and participating in all the Board activities. b. The Nominating Committee was not able to reach Mr. Perez and this will be put on the July agenda.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> a. M/S/C (Hofmann / Ellis) to accept Roger Moua as a new Board member. He will be filling a Member at Large position.
VII. Ending the Stigma – Mental Health Is Part of All Our Lives – Sharon Jones
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Sharon J. gave a brief presentation on stigma. The next kickoff location for Ending the Stigma is at Public Health on June 24 th beginning at 9:00 am. This is a year-long and beyond process that they are incorporating and infusing into the Mental Health system. Once the other locations are scheduled, she will send to Carol for her to send out to everyone. After the presentation she had a staff member come in and had everyone sign a pledge to end stigma.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> As noted above
VIII. Chair’s Report a. Annual Report Update b. Discussion on Future Board Presentations c. Board Retreat Update
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. Richard stated the report is almost complete. b. Richard has discussed this at previous Board meetings and if anyone has ideas for future presentations, please let him know. c. They are waiting for the new officers to step in and then a date will be set along with discussion on what the retreat should entail.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> Information only
IX. Supervisor’s Report
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Supervisor Walsh was not present today.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>
X. Director’s Report a. B Street Location Update / Next Steps b. May Budget Revise Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AB 403• “No Place Like Home”
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. On April 27 th there was a focus group and four recommendations were made for the use of this facility after the renovation of the old hospital is complete. Recommendations were to 1. keep the facility; 2. lease the facility; 3. sell the facility; or 4. transfer the facility. It was also suggested to have an independent appraisal to have a more informed decision of what the property value is. The city will be doing some upgrades on the main highway here (Childs Avenue and B Street) which will increase the property value. DPW recommended waiting until that is complete because that could raise the appraisal. Yvonna’s recommendation is to wait until this work is completed before doing the appraisal. More information to come. b. AB 403 – this is continuum of care

reform - this bill was passed around child welfare and kids in group home settings and stepping them down to a lower-level of care. Implementation is January 2017. There is also a therapeutic foster care component. Unfortunately, when originally passed there was no mental health funding attached to the bill. It will have a tremendous impact to the Department and there are many requirements for the Mental Health Department; certifying foster homes to bill Medi-Cal and all the requirements that go with that. Some of the mandates could be done by the Department or be contracted to another vendor. The cost estimate proposed to the Governor for the May revise by the Director's Association was \$350 million; the Governor budgeted \$13.6 million for the whole State. Many things still need to be worked out. "No Place Like Home" – in the Governor's May revise he authorized \$2 billion of MHSA funding to be taken off the top for the "No Place Like Home" initiative. At this point, there was a trailer bill sent out last week with language that is still being discussed with CSAC. At one point the bill was to provide housing programs for the cities and this was taken out. It is a competitive bill for the funding and is broken down by certain regions. Some of the projects are for technical assistance and rental subsidies. A certain amount of money is also being set aside for a competitive grant program for supportive housing for the chronically homeless and at-risk of being homeless. This does not include any substance-use clients, unless they are co-occurring. Nothing will be finalized until final budget. As the Director learns more, she will pass the information on.

Recommendation/Action: Information only

XI. Reports / Updates
a. Executive Committee
b. QIC Report

Discussion/Conclusion: a. Richard had nothing new to report. b. A copy of notes from the QIC meeting on May 24th was passed out. Sally went over her report.

Recommendation/Action: Information only

XII. Announcements

Discussion / Conclusion: After Sally gave her report Vince asked about the bikes that were stolen from the Wellness Center prior to the locks being purchased and if the consumers would be reimbursed. Sally stated there was no mention of bikes being found or returned.

Yvonnia reported that the World Café event held on May 25th was a great event. There was great interaction; there were five different tables set up for people to get a perspective from the different areas – the TAY population, from outpatient services, inpatient services, children's services around how the Department can improve substance abuse services for this community. The next step is to develop an implementation plan to present to this committee and then the BOS on whether to opt in or opt out.

XIII. Adjournment

Discussion / Conclusion: The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next meeting is July 5, 2016.

Submitted by: _____
Carol Hulsizer
Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____
Vince Ramos, Secretary
Merced County Mental Health Board

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