



Merced County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

January 3, 2017

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1137 B Street, Merced, CA

Present:

Iris Mojica de Tatum, Chair; Paula Mason, Secretary; Mary Ellis; Kim Carter; Mary Hofmann; Sally Ragonut; Keng Cha; Angelo Perez; Micki Archuleta

Absent:

Richard Hawthorne, Vice-Chair; Roger Moua; Vince Ramos

Others Present:

Yvonnia Brown; Alice Liang; Sharon Mendonca; Liz Freitas; Chris Kraushar; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call

Chair Iris Mojica de Tatum called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

2. Mission Statement

Mary E. read the Mission Statement.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016 (BOARD ACTION)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Ellis / Ragonut) to approve the minutes from December 6, 2016.

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

Discussion/Conclusion: Sally commented that she did not see on the agenda any follow-up on the courteousness of the receptionist at Marie Green which she brought up last month. Alice did contact her the following day, which Sally really appreciated. Iris stated that because this was not put on the agenda it will be put on the February agenda.

Sally thanked Carol for starting to work on updating the Board binders. She did ask all Board members to bring their binder to today's meeting. Sally stated that training will be needed for the new Board members. She would like to be involved in this. Mary E. volunteered to be part of this training as well.

Sally commented that on page 2 of the minutes Liz had mentioned a department organizational chart and Yvonnia had stated that it would be best to wait until after February because the Department will be working on the budget. She hopes it will be on the February agenda. Sharon M. stated that in February they will be finalizing mid-year budget and it would be best to wait until March. They will then be able to put the approved positions on the org chart. Sally would also like a follow-up on the vacancies within the Department's Management Team. She would also like to know what the Community Enrichment Director will be doing.

Chris commented that she received a letter dated November 30th from a social worker at Mercy Medical Center which was addressed to herself, the Chair of this Board, members of the Board and Yvonnia. She wanted to know if this letter would be discussed. Iris commented that it will be discussed at the February Board meeting.

Iris commented that at the last meeting there was a handout on Medi-Cal with dollar figures of what contract providers brought in. She wondered if an analysis had been done on this. Sharon M. asked that Iris email her this and she will re-evaluate and give her more information.

Recommendation/Action: As noted above

5. Triennial Review Update – Robert Porta

Discussion/Conclusion: Yvonnia reported on this for Robert who could not be present today. She went over the preliminary findings from the Triennial. Staff did a great job. Three years ago the overall Department finding was about 50% compliance overall. This year our Attestation Review – 100%; Network Adequacy – 100%; and Access to timely service – 88%. She highlighted the test calls – historically the Department has never made 100% compliance – and this year the Department hit 100% compliance for the first time in Merced. She continued with Section C which is related to Authorization – 100% (TARS should be complete within 14 days);

5. Triennial Review Update – Robert Porta – con’t.	
Beneficiary Protection – 92%; Interfacing with Public Health – 100%; Provider Relations – 100%; Program Integrity – 100%; Quality Improvement – 100%; MHSA – 100%, and Chart Reviews – 98%. Overall Compliance Rating was 97%. This rating may go up; there were some items that they wanted to get consultation from their Board and Administration. Overall the Department did a great job. Some of the feedback from the reviewers was that even the teamwork displayed throughout the process by the Department was great. The reviewers were astonished about almost a 100% turnaround in just three years. Yvonnia commended her team for doing a great job. Once the final results come in, she will have Robert attend and answer any questions the Board may have.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> Information only	
6. Chair’s Report	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Iris had nothing new to report.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	
7. Supervisor’s Report	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> A new Supervisor has not yet been designated.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	
8. Director’s Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. B Street Update / Next Steps b. Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Position Request 	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. There are no updates since the last meeting. In February she should have an update on where we are with a County perspective around the B Street location. b. The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) for the foster care program will be implemented this month. This is for children in foster care making sure they have a lower level of care and providing mental health services. Part of the plan is working with Probation and HSA and we will be going before the BOS on January 24 th asking for positions to help implement this in Merced County. The positions being asked for are: 4 Clinicians (3 for CSOC and 1 QPM), 2 Office Assistants (CSOC and QPM), 1 Mental Health Worker, 1 Quality Assurance Specialist, 1 Account Technician, and 1 Program Manager (CSOC). This is just the beginning and they will know more as it evolves. It is too early to determine the impact that the new CCR will have; there are a lot of unknowns and how it will impact the overall system. HSA has a totally different staffing pattern and they will be going before the BOS as well. HSA has two potential Foster Family Agency’s that want to become therapeutic foster agencies which will require QI doing more certification oversight and that is why we are asking for a QA Specialist along with another clinician because there is more oversight as this program evolves. There are still a lot of unknowns of how CCR will be implemented - the impact to the Department and the State. There is a preliminary plan to get started. She will continue to give updates.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> Information only	
9. Reports / Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Committee b. QIC 	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. Iris had nothing new to report from the Executive Committee. b. No report because the last meeting was canceled.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> None	
10. Announcements	
<i>Discussion / Conclusion:</i> Chris announced that on Thursday, February 2 nd the Community Action Agency is hosting their Annual Empty Bowl Project. This benefits the homeless. It will be at the church on Buena Vista and M Street from 5:00-7:30. For \$20.00 everyone picks out a handmade ceramic bowl and different local restaurants will be providing different soups to choose from. You will also get bread, a cookie and a drink. It all goes to benefit the homeless locally.	
Mary H. announced that NAMI is holding their Family-to-Family Class on January 19 th . They are held at the CUBE starting at 5:30 for twelve consecutive weeks. Anyone who could benefit should contact NAMI. NAMI now has a website.	

11. Adjournment

Discussion / Conclusion: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is February 7, 2017.

Submitted by: _____

Carol Hulsizer
Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____

Paula Mason, Secretary
Merced County Mental Health Board

Date: _____

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