



Merced County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

December 6, 2016

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1137 B Street, Merced, CA

Present:	Iris Mojica de Tatum, Chair; Mary Ellis; Kim Carter; Mary Hofmann; Vince Ramos; Sally Ragonut; Supervisor Hub Walsh
Absent:	Richard Hawthorne, Vice-Chair; Keng Cha, Roger Moua; Paula Mason, Secretary
Others Present:	Yvonnia Brown; Alice Liang; Sharon Mendonca; Sharon Jones; Liz Freitas; Chris Kraushar; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

MINUTES

I. Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call

Chair Iris Mojica de Tatum called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The flag salute was done. Roll call was taken. Introductions were done.

II. Mission Statement

Iris read the Mission Statement.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2016 (BOARD ACTION)

Action/Recommendation: Sally had one correction to the November minutes. On page 2, item VIII(b), the minutes reflected that Sally had attended the previous QIC meeting; but, she did not attend this meeting. M/S/C (Ellis / Walsh) to approve the minutes for November 1, 2016 as amended.

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

Discussion/Conclusion: Liz stated that she had attended the October meeting and requested an organizational chart. Yvonnia indicated that she had brought an organizational chart to the meeting.

Sally, speaking as a parent, stated that her husband recently dropped a letter off at Marie Green for Dr. Manuel. The receptionist was not courteous or respectful and he felt that it was not appropriate for a public servant, who gets paid by tax dollars, to treat him like this. Sally continued speaking, now as a Board member, that as a Board member they are supposed to oversee how everything works in the County. This was not a pleasant interaction with a County employee. She hoped this could be followed-up on.

Vince commented that he had a consumer tell him that they were looking for their partner and thought they might be at Marie Green. When he checked with staff at Marie Green, they would not tell him anything. Then another staff member admitted that the person was in Marie Green.

Chris stated there is a great program through Merced College called the Customer Service Academy. She believes that Merced County employees are virtually free to attend this. The class focuses on how to deal with the public. It is effective.

Sharon J. stated that she developed – Recovery Oriented Systems Training – where individuals will learn cultural sensitivity and responsiveness for families and individuals.

Recommendation/Action: Information only

V. MHSA FFP True-Up – Sharon Mendonca

Discussion/Conclusion: Sharon passed out copies of a spreadsheet on Projected MHSA FFP Payback and went over the document. The FFP (Federal Financial Participation) was discussed at a previous meeting and this was a follow-up. The FFP is the portion that comes from the Federal government when Medi-Cal is billed. For an adult service, if you bill \$1 you get \$.50 cents from FFP and the other \$.50 cents is matched with county funds. For children, you get \$.50 cents FFP and with the 2011 Realignment (which is a sales tax) that is what is used (up to the amount available) for the other \$.50 cents. Sharon continued going over her spreadsheet and explaining the FFP.

Recommendation/Action: Information only

VI. Cultural Competency Update – Sharon Jones	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Sharon stated that the topic today would be cultural humility. She showed a video on cultural humility. There was then discussion on the importance of life-long learning, critical self-reflection, mitigating the power imbalances and providing equity for the community and people served, and the importance of respect for partnerships.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> Information only	
VII. Chair’s Report	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Iris had nothing new to report.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	
VIII. Supervisor’s Report	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> Supervisor Walsh reported that today the BOS approved a series of contracts with the Alliance and the implication of expansion for services for Behavioral Health. They also approved the contract with Mr. Brown to continue in his role as CEO. The Board also approved two new Board members – Angelo Perez and Micki Archuleta. This will be Supervisor Walsh’s last meeting with the Behavioral Health Board. He will be retiring effective January 4, 2017. He felt it has been a pleasure working with this Board.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> Information only	
IX. Director’s Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. B Street Update / Next Steps (BOARD ACTION) b. BHRS Organizational Chart 	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. Yvonnia reported that the B Street location has been discussed for the last six to eight months. There were a lot focus groups, panel discussions and informal meetings to discuss what should be done with the B Street location after the Department transitions to the new facility. Yvonnia wanted to get the Board’s approval to authorize herself, the Director of BHRS, to take appropriate actions to include but not limited to the following: A 30-day posting which will notify the community of the Departments intent to sell the B Street property – 1137 B Street, Merced. As part of the 30-day posting, Sharon will compile summary of all the focus groups and recommendations made over the last six to eight months. The second recommendation is for the Director to adhere to County and State rules/regulations related to real estate sales. Along with the MHSA process there are other rules she must adhere to. Lastly, if the decision is made through the BOS to sell the property, there is a recommendation to transfer those funds back to the CSS (Community Supportive Services) funding source. You cannot use the funds for any other program. b. A Department organizational chart for the Management Team had been passed out. Yvonnia made one correction – Maria Azevedo reports directly to Sharon Mendonca, not Manjit Kaur as the chart shows. Alice pointed out that Trechann Barber-Jacinto’s title was incorrect – it should be BHRS Division Director. Liz Freitas commented that she would also like to see a “whole Department” organizational chart. Sharon M. suggested that this happen after February because the Department is looking at the FY 17/18 budget and they will be putting a plan together that will include what is needed in the future. Waiting a few months would give a better picture. Liz was okay with waiting a few months. Yvonnia stated that for the next meeting she will tailor the org chart showing which area each staff member works with.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> a. M/S/C (Hofmann / Ellis) to authorize the BHRS Director to take appropriate actions regarding the B Street location. b. Yvonnia will bring a department org chart to the February or March Board meeting.	
X. Reports / Updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Committee b. QIC 	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i> a. The Executive Committee had nothing new to report. b. Mary E. briefly went over the QI Committee meeting held on November 15, 2016.	
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i> Information only	
XI. Announcements	
<i>Discussion / Conclusion:</i> Yvonnia stated that the Board is invited to the exit conference (on December 15 th) for the upcoming Triennial audit.	

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Sharon M. stated that the EQRO audit is coming up on January 17th and 18th. The Board is invited to this as well. An email will be sent out.

Chris announced that the Homeless Person's Memorial is Wednesday, December 21st from 12:00 to 2:00 at Applegate Park. They do a memorial and give out hot chocolate, pastries and personal care kits. They are also looking for used coats they can give out. If anyone has a used coat they want to donate, please contact the United Way. The Community Action Agency (CAA) is having a blanket and sock drive. Donations can be made at any time through December 22nd and can be dropped off at the CAA office, the D Street Homeless Shelter, UC Merced Office of Student Life, or the Leap Count Carpenter Camp Insurance Agency on Collins Drive. Chris will forward the flyer to Carol so she can send this information out to everyone.

XII. Adjournment

Discussion / Conclusion: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is January 3, 2017.

Submitted by: _____
 Carol Hulsizer
 Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____
 Paula Mason, Secretary
 Merced County Mental Health Board

Date: _____

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