



Merced County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

July 5, 2016
 3:00PM-5:00PM
 1137 B Street, Merced, CA

Present:	Hub Walsh, BOS Rep; Richard Hawthorne, Chair; Iris Mojica de Tatum, Vice-Chair; Vince Ramos, Secretary; Sally Ragonut; Paula Mason; Mary Ellis; Keng Cha; Kim Carter; Mary Hofmann
Absent:	None
Others Present:	Yvonnia Brown; Chris Kraushar, PRA; Sharon Mendonca; Sharon Jones; Audrey Rodarte (Recorder)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Flag Salute/ Roll Call

Chair Richard Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The Flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

II. Mission Statement

Richard read the Mission Statement.

III. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2016 (Board Action)

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Mary E./ Iris M.) to approve the minutes from June 7, 2016

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

Discussion/Conclusion:
 Sharon J. announced that the Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference will be on July 16th. Registration forms are available with MHSA staff.

<i>Action/Recommendation:</i> None	Person Assigned:	Due Date:
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V. Election of Officers

- a. Chair – Iris Mojica de Tatum
- b. Vice-Chair – Richard Hawthorne
- c. Secretary – Paula Mason

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Mary E. / Mary H.)

VI. New Board Application

- a. Perez, Angelo

Discussion/Conclusion:
 Angelo was interviewed and it was found that he is smart, articulate, very passionate in his work which is AOD related and with those qualities it would be very good to have him on the Board. It will bring someone knowledgeable about AOD on the Board. He runs a sober living house. It was recommended to explore this further with Council for precaution reasons to see whether there was a conflict of interest with his place of business. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

VII. FY 2016/2017 Meeting Schedule

Discussion/Conclusion:
 There was a comment about not having a meeting in Livingston or the Westside. It was stated that these meetings can be added or changed at any time.

Action/Recommendation: M/S/C (Iris M. / Mary E.)

VIII. Status of Requested Wellness Center Trips

Discussion/Conclusion:

WC trips that have been requested were approved and submitted to the insurance carrier and waiting for the final document to come through. It was asked if a form was created that shows all the trips requested with an approved and denied column and reason for denial. The form that was used has been updated and shared with the group.

Action/Recommendation: Information only

Person Assigned:

Due Date:

IX. Wellness Center Budget Update

Discussion/Conclusion:

The WC budget report has been revised and includes July-June. It was reviewed and discussed. It was asked if staffing was included in the report; the report was focused on operating cost but salaries and wages can be included in the next meeting. Hardcopies were requested – Yvonna will have Carol send them out.

Overall Budget vs. Spent:

Budgeted - \$516,988

Spent - \$176,983

Balance - \$340,005

It was mentioned that the consumers are claiming not to have received a coffee pot they requested. Management will follow-up with this.

It was brought to the Board's attention that when a consumer pays \$25 for their trip the WC will not refund the money or allow it to be transferred to another consumer. The Department will look into this.

Action/Recommendation: Discussed above.

Person Assigned:

Due Date:

X. AB 403 Overview

Discussion/Conclusion:

An overview of AB403 Continuum of Care Reform was presented. This is a state mandate that reforms the current foster care system of group home levels by increasing services and significantly decreasing the length of time youth can be in the highest level of care. The timeline is January 1, 2017. This is the next level to Katie A. and MC already has it in place. The Department has been meeting and has 2 committees to discuss the implementation – one meeting is at the Director's level monthly and a subcommittee that meets to see how this will be implemented. It was clarified that not all Foster homes need to be certified, only those homes providing MH MediCal billable services.

Action/Recommendation: Information only.

Person Assigned:

Due Date:

XI. Chair's Report a. Retreat

Discussion/Conclusion:

a. There was a suggestion made to center on the homeless population (HP) and what MH can identify in regards to that. Define the homeless population. How MH and AOD can impact the HP.

Other items to address for upcoming goals for next year:

- Carol Bowman, the current Director of United Way, has offered to talk to the Board about how UW deals with and provides services in MC to the homeless population.

-Stigma Reduction Ideas – Cultural Competency Training, Recovery Oriented Systems

-Information on how Mild to Moderate receives MH services that is otherwise homeless – What is the connection and who makes it? What is mild to moderate?

XII. Supervisor's Report

Discussion/Conclusion:

The Board adopted the 2016/2017 proposed budget differing is that it's a spending plan that tides through the final budget at the end of August or the first of September.

Time has been spent on looking at *No Place Like Home*, the new legislation that was passed redirecting MHSA money and

providing housing for homeless.

There has been discussion on the Ground Breaking for the new building coming to Merced.

XIII. Director's Report

- a. B Street Location Update / Next Steps
- b. New Building Project Update
- c. Behavioral Health Integration / Name Change Update

Discussion/Conclusion:

- a. The appraisal process was initiated as of June 15th; the final report is still pending.
- b. The Department will be moving forward with \$31.6 million dollars to complete the overall project. Included in that cost is the base bid with Harris Construction Company from Fresno of \$22,677,000. The parking lot structure and conference room will be completed at \$465,000; 10% contingency plan built in that is about \$2.3 million; a soft cost \$829,000 – these are roundabout figures. The design work is \$2.2 million estimated. There will be a management company to oversee the project. The overall grand total of the project is \$31,636,400. The cost will be offset with realignment of \$13 million that is in the trust - \$10 million will be used towards the project. The CHFFA grant of \$3.2 million with about \$400,000 for hard cost. Bond financing of \$8.2 million. Insurance from the old hospital came in at \$1.7 million. There is no impact to direct services as this is all money that has been set aside and already allocated. In addition, Yvonnia is seeking other grant opportunities and hopes to hear from the Alliance Capacity Grants where the department can get up to \$2.5 million. The Ground Breaking Ceremony will take place on July 13th at 9AM at the hospital entrance and light refreshments at B St. to follow.
- c. The Department was supposed to go before the board for the name change on the 28th; this was postponed until the final budget on September 20, 2016.

XIV. Reports / Updates

- a. Executive Committee
- b. QIC

Discussion/Conclusion:

- a. No Report.
- b. Informational handouts were provided. Board members would like to know why the Department is not getting better with revenue. Yvonnia will have Robert P. come to the next meeting to report back and explain some of the disallowances.

XV. Announcements

None.

XVI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:09PM. The next meeting is August 2, 2016

Submitted by: _____

Audrey Rodarte
Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____

Paula Mason, Secretary
Merced County Mental Health Board

Date: _____

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