



## Merced County Mental Health Board Meeting

April 3, 2012

3:30 – 5:00 pm

1137 B Street, Merced, CA 95341

<b>Present:</b>	Mary Ellis, Chair; Sally Ragonut, Vice-Chair; Vince Ramos, Secretary; Hub Walsh, Supervisor; Keng Cha; Mary Hofmann; James Fuller; Kim Carter; Jan Morita; Maureen Freitas
<b>Absent:</b>	David Baker; Audrey Kotrich-Spangler; Chris Kraushar; Norma Blackwood; Cora Gonzales; Chuck McClure; Linda O'Donnell
<b>Others Present:</b>	Manuel Jimenez, Director; Sharon Jones; Larry Lester, Merced Wellness Center; Marina Guevara, Merced Wellness Center; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call

Mary Ellis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was done. Roll call was taken. Mary E. welcomed a new Board member – Jan Morita.

### II. Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2012 (BOARD ACTION)

**Action/Recommendation:** M/S/C (Hofmann / Fuller) to approve the minutes from March 6, 2012.

### III. Approval of Agenda for April 3, 2012 (BOARD ACTION)

**Action/Recommendation:** Sally requested a correction: Item #IX be deleted – Lisa Maples will not be able to attend tonight. Hub also requested that item #VI also be deleted because both Cora and David are not in attendance tonight. M/S/C (Ragonut / Hofmann) to approve the agenda for April 3, 2012, with the requested corrections.

### IV. Opportunity for Public Input to Speak on Any Matter of Public Interest Within the Board's Jurisdiction Including Items on the Board's Agenda (Time Limit of 3-5 Minutes)

#### a. Open Discussion for Board

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. Vince had a flyer on a Military Culture 101 training coming up on April 4, 2012. Sharon Jones clarified that it is about the military culture and there is a particular way to engage individuals who are coming out of the military. These strategies will be shared at the training. Vince also had a document entitled, "Guiding Principles – to Guide DMH in the Implementation of Community Services and Supports", which he thought might be useful to the Board. He will post it on the website. Vince questioned how the CASRA program is going; he had heard a few months ago that the funding was okay. Sharon Jones updated everyone that this is still on hold. Module 5 is going on now and it is the last module of the first round of CASRA. There is no new information on the second round and when it may start. When Sharon knows more, she will let everyone know. Vince stated that he went to a program with the AOD Department, which is part of this umbrella, and they want to know why they have not been invited to some of these training programs and are always the last to know. Manuel stated that AOD staff get invited to all the trainings and receive all the emails that go out about these trainings.

Sally mentioned that on March 7<sup>th</sup> several Board members (Mary E., Mary H., Kim, Vince, James, and Sally) attended the webinar on Advanced Mental Health Board Training 101; this also included Board programs and writing the Annual Report. The next webinar will be this Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-12:30. Anyone interested will have to do so on their own computer due to Mental Health being closed for furlough days and the weekend. The topic will be on dual diagnosis.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

<b>V. Powerpoint Presentation on Mental Health Department (Manuel)</b>	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	Manuel recently met with the new CEO, Jim Brown, and showed him a powerpoint presentation on the Mental Health Department. Manuel shared that powerpoint at today's meeting.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	Information only
<b>VI. Report on CMBCS Training (Cultural Competence) (Cora &amp; David)</b>	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	This item was deleted due to the Board members giving the report not being in attendance.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	None
<b>VII. Chairperson to Appoint 3 Members to Serve as the Nominating Committee for FY 12/13 Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary (Mary E.)</b>	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	Mary E. asked Mary Hofmann, James Fuller and Keng Cha to serve as the Nominating Committee for FY 12/13. All accepted.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	As noted above
<b>VIII. Supervisor's Report (Hub)</b>	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	Supervisor Walsh reiterated on the new CEO – Jim Brown; there is also a new Assistant CEO – Scott DeMoss. At some point Hub will invite both Jim and Scott to this meeting in order for the Board to meet them. Hub continued that the County is experiencing a lot of retirees; which means there are many interim-appointments. This includes: Interim-Directors for Public Works, Child Support, Planning, Roads, and Work Force Investment. Before recruitments happen the CEO wants to be sure that the current organizational structure is what he wants; it makes better sense to change the structure before filling top-level positions. There is still a lot of uncertainty with the Federal budget; this uncertainty spills over into the State. Currently the County is predicting a \$10 million shortfall this coming fiscal year; this is on top of the \$20 million that was absorbed last fiscal year. Any thoughts or ideas are welcome.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	Information only
<b>IX. AB 109 Presentation / Update (Lisa Maples)</b>	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	This item was deleted due to the fact that the presenter, Lisa Maples, could not make the meeting.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	None
<b>X. Fiscal Report (Manuel)</b>	
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	Manuel gave an update on an old issue regarding allegations made towards an employee in the Department. He informed the Board that there was an investigation conducted by an outside source. The investigation is now over and the findings were that the "weight of the evidence does not support any of the allegations except for an incident involving an exchange or conversation with the PRA, Ms. Coffelt".  Manuel continued that the Department's budget has been submitted; there will be several revisions before the end of the fiscal year. Hopefully some new positions will be added. Sally questioned if the Board will see a copy of the budget as per this Board's Roles and Responsibilities. Manuel stated the can bring a copy of the final budget to the Board.
<i>Recommendation/Action:</i>	As noted above
<b>XI. Director's Report (Manuel)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MHSa Update</li> <li>b. Other Mental Health Updates</li> </ul>
<i>Discussion/Conclusion:</i>	a. Manuel, Sharon Robinson and Sharon Jones all attended the All Director's Meeting in Sacramento. There was discussion there on the issues regarding MHSa – past, present and future. He went over briefly some of the items: AB100 allowed the State to take over \$862 million from MHSa to pay for two State general funded mental health programs – Managed Care and EPSDT. It also changed the funding distribution process and deleted some of the Dept. of Mental Health and Oversight and

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Accountability plans to review and approve requirements. It also deleted the authority of the Dept. of Mental Health to adapt Emergency Regulations to implement MHSA. They are making some changes to AB100 and some of the proposed changes for FY 12/13 are: Designate the BOS to approve the plans instead of the State. It also designates the MHSA Oversight and Accountability to just receive a copy of the approved plan, they don't need to approve. It also repeals the County's performance contract that we have with DMH and also repeals the requirements that the Oversight and Accountability develop guidelines for Prevention and Early Intervention and Innovation Plans. It will also appropriate \$60 million to the Dept. of Public Health for a disparities project. There is also SB1163 which cleans up some things for MHSA such as transferring various Dept. of Mental Health functions to the Dept. of Healthcare Services and creates an Office of Health Equity (where the \$60 million would go to). It also intends to clarify the procedures in terms of MHSA. One change for this fiscal year was allocations of funding; for FY 12/13 MHSA money will come monthly. Some things are still in place – County's must still have a prudent reserve. The Department is also going to do an integrated 3-year plan soon – basically we will not have a separate Community Services and Support (CSS). Instead there will be an Integrated System of Care.

b. Mental Health will be taking over the Public Guardian office. The Department will be hiring for new positions in the future. Alan will be formalizing the EQRO visit soon. He has a conference call next week with the EQRO and they will be finalizing the schedule. Once we have that information, it will be sent out.

*Recommendation/Action:* Information only

**XII. Committee Reports / Updates**

- a. Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) – Sally / Mary E.
- b. Executive / Bylaws / Planning Committee – Sally / Vince / Mary E.
  - i. Combined Mental Health Board Training
  - ii. Annual Report
- c. Membership Committee – Kim
- d. Patients' Rights Advocate – Barbara
- e. Wellness Center Update – Chuck
- f. CALMHB/C Update – James
- g. NAMI – Mary H.
- h. Children's System of Care (CSOC) – Cora
- i. MHSA Ongoing Planning Council – Sharon J. / Chuck / Mary E.
- j. Cultural Competency Committee – Mary H. / David
- k. Mental Health Department & Central Valley Regional Center – Vince / Mary E.

*Discussion/Conclusion:* a. Mary E. reported that she and Sally attended the last QIC meeting. Alan gave a very thorough report on the QIC. Alan is working on an intense QIC Action Plan for 2012/13. The link with Golden Valley needs to be rebuilt as part of the integration with healthcare. A comment was made at the meeting that only 50% of the clients make their appointments with their nurse or doctor. The annual May picnic will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> and it will not be at the Fish and Game this year, it will be at the next location down at Lake Yosemite. The theme this year will be a Hawaiian Luau. The Wellness Center will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 3<sup>rd</sup> along with folklore dancing. There is new Anasazi software providing key words and phrases to meet medical necessity. b.i. On May 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a combined training with Stanislaus County in Modesto at Harvest Hall. A map to Harvest Hall was distributed. Sally suggested the Board try carpooling to this training. ii. Mary E. stated they will be working on the Annual Report soon. Several people will be needed to work on the Annual Report. Mary E. passed around an outline for working on this report and she asked that everyone decide which component/area they would like to work on. It was decided to meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to begin working on this; Carol will find a room for the group to meet in. Mary E. requested that anyone attending this meeting bring their information from the previous webinars along with old minutes. c. Kim had nothing to report. Sally stated that the Board currently has 11 women and 6 men. It would be nice to have some younger people on the Board; possibly someone from the UC. d. Barbara was not present today. e. Chuck was not present today. f. James reported the next meeting is April 19-21 in Los Angeles. He will have a report when he returns. g. Mary H. passed out a current NAMI newsletter. They are a volunteer group of parents, family members, consumers and friends who niche is education. They have had a sudden surge in members largely because they have become part of a 4-County Consortium of NAMI groups. This gives them more power in terms of trainings. NAMI has submitted a proposal to the Ongoing

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Planning Council for MHSA funding which will enable them to pay consumers to do a lot of things that need to be done and give them a help up in terms of skills and work. h. Cora was not present today. i. Sharon stated they are moving forward with MHSA work. They are working on the Annual Update. Since January they have facilitated 8 focus groups at various locations and more are to come. They want the Advisory Group to be more structured in terms of by-laws. They are planning many different trainings that will offer CEUs. They are out in the five different areas trying to create "Circles of Support". The Outcomes Event will be on May 23 & 24. The Military 101 Training is tomorrow. The Children's Summit, through First 5, is on April 25th. They are hoping for another CBMCS multi-cultural training before July 1st as well as another Mental Health First Aid training. j. Mary E. reported they met March 19th and she found it very informative and very well presented. k. Vince and Mary E. will be attending a meeting on April 25th.

**Recommendation/Action:** As noted above

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Discussion / Conclusion:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is May 1, 2012.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Hulsizer  
Recording Secretary

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

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