



Behavioral Wellness Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 16 2017

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Santa Barbara Children's Large Conf. Rm

Santa Maria Large Conf. Rm

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Facilitator: Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Behavioral Wellness Commission Chair.

Department of Behavioral Wellness Staff: Suzanne Grimesey, Chief Strategy Officer; Stephanie Diaz, Alcohol and Drug Program Supervisor; Karen Campos, Behavioral Wellness Commission Program Administrator; Shereen Khatapoush, Research & Program Evaluation Associate.

Roll Call: Commission Members Present: Jan Winter, 1st District; Rod Pearson, 1st District; Wayne Mellinger, 1st District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Wayne Olson, 3rd District; Ciara Wong, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Edwin Weaver, 4th District; John Truman, 5th District; Charles Huffines, 5th District

Commission Members Absent: Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor (excused); Alicia Journey, 2nd District (excused); Ruth Ackerman, 2nd District (excused); Jeffery Moore, 1st District; Ann Eldridge, 5th District (excused).

Establish Quorum: Chair Byrne established quorum.

General Public Comment: none at this meeting.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone, followed by self-introductions.
- 2. Chair Announcements** – Kelsey Brugger has been reporting weekly updates in the Santa Barbara Independent for anyone who is interested in the topic.
- 3. Review and Approve Minutes of the July 19, 2017 Meeting** Commissioner Truman made a motion to approve the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Huffines seconded. Commissioners Rumberger and Wong abstained. No objections. Motion carried.
- 4. Reports of Officers, Boards: Chair, Site Visits, Liaisons to other Committees**

Sheriff Community Corrections Input Group - Commissioner Truman reports that he attended his first meeting and found the discussions very interesting. A breakdown of complaints by categories is provided and found that the main complaints are around medication, medical, dental, meals and mental health. Commissioner Pearson reports that one of the biggest issues continues to be the gap between the point that inmates get released with no smooth transition into receiving services and follow ups from the Department. More department involvement is needed so that folks do not fall through the cracks.

Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H) Update - Chair Byrne reports that she has been involved with C3H, helping the chronically homeless.

Resiliency Interventions for Sexual Exploitation (RISE) – collaborative putting together housing units, jobs, books, gym memberships, and employment among other identified productive projects. Commissioner Truman suggested that this organization may be a good resource for this program, Department of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Wellness collaborative.

Santa Barbara Response Network – Chair Byrne reports that on September 6th there will be a “Let’s Talk About Suicide” forum at the Goleta Valley Community Center at 6:30 pm located at 5679 Hollister Ave in Goleta for anyone interested in attending.

5. **Correspondence** – none at this meeting.

6. **Executive Director’s Report** – Chief Strategy Officer, Suzanne Grimmesey reports for Director, Alice Gleghorn highlighting the following;

Required annual documentation training and clinician’s gateway training now offered online; Behavioral Wellness Children’s Supervisors Lead Child and Family Team Training; Department reaching goals with Process Improvement Projects; Employee Engagement and Appreciation Committee identify 3rd quarter’s “Star’s”, one employee in each region nominated by peers; New Civil Treatment Training offered by County Executive Office; Positive Changes identified in PHF Group Treatment; New and Revised Policies Approved; National and State News and Systems Change Calendar also included.

7. **Report of Special Committees:**

Site Review Compilation Ad hoc Sub – Committee Update - Commissioner Franklin provides report on committee progress and presents draft site visit guidelines and a letter to program director. He has asked commission members to review and provide him feedback. The committee has a list of the facilities to visit - revised drafts will be presented at the next meeting. Alcohol & Drug Program Supervisor, Stephanie Diaz offered to go out with Commission members to do their site visits to introduce them to County Based Organizations (CBO’s).

Unfinished Business

8. **BWC Bylaws Update** Ashley Kruzel provides the following update on bylaws:

The Chair and Vice Chair may assign commission membership to committees per article VI; if the board believes they need to state it more clearly, and then language can be added to Article V.

Bylaws were drafted by the CEO's office with input from Behavioral Wellness and County Counsel. Articles 2 - 4 reflect the minimum state requirements of the BWC.

Ms. Kruzel explains that the executive committee was removed because the former Article 5 had Brown Act Issues; it was left open for determination of the new board through the amendment process in Article VII. The mentions of the executive committee were unintentionally left in there - if the board is to not agree to an Executive Committee then they will need to remove the mentions and re-assign the membership accountability tasks to someone else. If the board was to agree to an executive committee then they will need to define the committee and fix the Brown Act Issues. Other reason why it was left out, the executive committee could act when this board is not in session which violates Brown Act.

Pro Position - Commissioner Winter comments that the regular BWC meeting time is not sufficient to discuss next meeting’s agenda and prioritize topics with chair and other attendees. She would like to have a more democratic process. Commissioners Truman and Huffines agree.

Con Position Chair Byrne does not see the need to have another meeting and use additional department staff time. The current process to set meeting agendas has been working well for the past eight months; at the end of each meeting everyone gets an opportunity to request agenda items for upcoming meetings which are all tracked and to date, most agenda requests have been scheduled as peoples schedules allow. Commissioner Weaver feels that by having a separate meeting is opposite of democratic process by leaving the majority of members out of the conversation.

Action: Commissioner Winter made a motion to establish BWC Executive Committee. Commissioner Truman seconded. Commissioner Wayne Olson abstained. Vote was a tie, motion failed.

New Business

- 9. Client Perception Survey Results (Attachments 10a, 10b, 10c)** – moved to a future meeting.
- 10. Prop 64 Update** – moved to a future meeting.
- 11. Upcoming Agenda Items** – not discussed.
- 12. Adjournment 5:05 pm**