



Behavioral Wellness Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 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: Alice Gleghorn, Director; Karen Campos, Behavioral Wellness Commission Program Administrator; John Doyel; Drug and Alcohol Program Manager.

Roll Call: Commission Members Present: Rod Pearson, 1st District; Jan Winter, 1st District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Charles Huffines, 5th District; Ann Eldridge, 5th District; James Rohde, 5th District.

Commission Members Absent: Alicia Journey, Vice Chair, 2nd District (excused); Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor (excused); Wayne Mellinger, 1st District (excused); Jeffery Moore, 1st District; (excused); Ruth Ackerman, 2nd District; (excused); Ciara Wong, 3rd District; John Truman, 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** – Chair Byrne announced the following:
 - Commissioner Ackerman with 2nd district resigned last week due to family matter. 2nd District Commissioners were asked to please assist Supervisor Wolfe to find a replacement.
 - Chair Byrne Wished everyone Happy Holidays and shares how much she has enjoyed working with everyone and how proud she is of this team, thankful for such a high performing Commission.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting** Commissioner Winter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Huffines seconded. No objections. Motion carried.
4. **Executive Director's Report** – Dr. Gleghorn presents the director's report handout which includes the latest department updates and speaks on the Thomas fire and the many Department efforts throughout the past weeks which includes assistance to Vista Del Mar Hospital with their loss, evacuation assistance, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing, EOC counseling to folks returning home, UCSB Shelter Assistance among many other efforts. Dr. Gleghorn thanks Suzanne Grimesey who has worked days on end since the start of the fire.

New Business

5. **Potential Funding Strategies for Pending Budget Discussion** – As a disclaimer, Chair Byrne comments that Dr. Gleghorn's name on this item is on by mistake. Chair Byrne explains that after the first of the upcoming year

the County goes into budget season and perhaps it would be a good opportunity for the Commission to support the sales tax initiative to fund public facilities such as parks and libraries, roads, crisis care etc. as it is not getting support from general funding.

Action: Commissioner Franklin moves to form a subcommittee to explore potential ballot initiative. Commissioner Pearson seconds. No objections. Motion carried. Subcommittee members are as follows: Tom Franklin, Rod Pearson, Sharon Rumberger and John Truman.

6. **Behavioral Wellness Access Line Test Calls** – Careena Robb with Quality Care Management (QCM) manages Access line test calls. This line is available to the community to request acute Mental Health and/or Alcohol and Drug services. Test calls are conducted to evaluate how the line screeners do. Ms. Robb invites members of the Commission to volunteers to conduct test calls, she explains that she will provide the scenario and if interested please e-mail her at crobb@co.santa.barbara.ca.us or call (805) 934-6181.

7. **End of Year Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report** – Chair Byrne asks the Commission what they would like added in the End of Year report to the BOS. The following are topics to be added; 2017 Commission goals against what has been accomplished; what's needed; update on site visits; crisis services update; collaboration with sheriff's office and opioids issue; include Laura's Law report and to do list including funding strategy subcommittee to ensure department is providing adequate services.

Action: Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to form a subcommittee to review the End of the Year BOS Report drafted by Chair Byrne. Commissioner Rumberger seconded. No objections. Subcommittee members are as follows: Sharon Rumberger, Ann Eldridge, Jim Rohde and Jan Winter.

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

9. **Reports of Officers, Boards: Chair, Site Visits, Liaisons to other Committees and BWC Special Committees**

1. **BWC Site Review Compilation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update** – the group reports that recent site visits have been conducted at Family Services in Santa Maria and Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (CADA), both locations offering great services. As a reminder, subcommittee members are Rod Pearson and Tom Franklin.

- A. **BWC California Mental Health Council (CMHPC) Data Notebook Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – Commissioner Blue reports in Commissioners Moore's absence that it's still work in progress. More details to follow.

10. **Upcoming Agenda Items** – Commissioners would like to discuss what Department items should come through this commission; budget tutorial from Chris Ribeiro; January nominations; host a viewing of the Resiliency ACE film (suggested by Commissioner Journey); Santa Maria Mental Health Treatment Court Update from Judge Kuns (suggested by Commissioner Eldridge); discontinuation of services policy (suggested by Commissioner Hufiness); Sheriff's Behavioral Science Unit Update from Lieutenant Eddie Hsueh (suggested by Commissioner Franklin); Long Term 3 Year Strategic Plan discussion (suggested by commissioner Ackerman); NAMI Holistic model to look at Homelessness; Capacities on 5150's (suggested by Commissioner Journey).

11. **Adjournment** at 5:00 pm