



Behavioral Wellness Commission Special Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2018

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara Children's Large Conf. Rm

Santa Maria Annex Conf. Rm

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Facilitator: Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Behavioral Wellness Commission (BWC) Chairperson.

Department of Behavioral Wellness Staff: Alice Gleghorn, Department Director; Lucero Garcia, Administration Office Professional II; Karen Campos, BWC Program Administrator; Dr. Ole Behrendtsen, Medical Director; John Doyel, Alcohol and Drug Program Division Chief; Leah Kearney, Out of County Placement Coordinator; Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial Officer; Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director Chief of Administration and Operations; Laura Zeitz, PHF Hospital Administrator.

Commission Members Present: Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor; Wayne Mellinger, 1st District; Jeffrey Moore, 1st District; Rod Pearson, 1st District; Jan Winter, 1st District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District (Santa Maria Location); Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Charles Huffines, 5th District (Santa Maria location).

Commission Members Absent: Angie Kyriaco, 2nd District (excused); Ann Eldridge, 5th District (absent); John Truman, 5th District (excused)

Call- to-Order and Roll-Call – Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Karen Campos conducted roll-call.

Establish Quorum – Chair Byrne established quorum.

General Public Comment – No public comments at this meeting.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chair Byrne welcomed everyone followed by self-introductions.

2. **Chairperson Announcements** – Chair Byrne announced the following:

- Commissioners are invited to attend the Trace the Case: Educational Event on Sex Trafficking held in the Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara (SB) Public Library on April 24, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- Briefly reviewed the Behavioral Wellness Department's budget presentation at the Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop.

3. **Review and Approve Minutes of the March 21, 2018 BWC Meeting** (Attachment 3a) –

Action: Commissioner Winter made a motion to approve the March 21, 2018 BWC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Huffines seconded. Commissioner Mellinger abstained. No objections. Motion carried.

4. **Executive Director's Report** - Director, Alice Gleghorn covered the following: The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 budgeting process underway; South County Crisis Services office is located on the first floor of the Department's Administration Building; New signage to highlight Crisis Services new location; Behavioral Wellness applies for a Children's Crisis Triage Grant offered by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC); Strong preparation makes Organized Delivery

System (ODS) Review a success; Sara Grasso promoted to Team Supervisor of Homeless Services, Natalie Garcia named Santa Barbara Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Supervisor; Staff were praised for working on the Network Adequacy Certification Tool (NACT) submitted to the state; Community Wellness Team makes 5,800 contacts with individuals seeking individual and/or collective trauma assistance; Statewide News included as well as the Systems Change Calendar.

New Business

5. **FY 18-19 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Update** – Deputy Director Chief of Administration and Operations, Lindsay Walter shared that 10 Stakeholder Meetings were held throughout the County. Commissioner Franklin mentioned the Stakeholder Meeting he attended was well-presented and Commissioner Huffines added the presentation was excellent. Ms. Walter noted since the public needs 30-day notice prior to holding a MHSA Public Hearing, it will be more appropriate to hold it in June instead of May.

Action: Commissioner Franklin made a motion for the Behavioral Wellness Commission to hold a public hearing for an hour and half at the June 20, 2018 Special meeting, location to be determine. It was seconded by Commissioner Huffines. No objections. Motion carried.

6. **Conservatorship Discussion** (Attachments 6a, 6b) – Commissioner Pearson introduced the topic and the guest speakers who assist with the conservatorship process. Medical Director, Dr. Ole Behrendtsen shared he signs the evaluation form for consumers who are incompetent to stand trial afterwards the Public Guardian (PG) receives it. Dr. Ole summarized the history of the LPS conservatorship and indicated the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) can send petitions and have a PG official conduct an independent evaluation. PG and Veterans Services Manager, Arlene Diaz shared families are given an opportunity to provide a case for the client not to be under conservatorship. Being under conservatorship is a process and a reserved bed is not guaranteed; the lack of placement is statewide because there is a limited amount of beds. Deputy Public Defender, Deedra Edgar shared she has worked with 120 LPS conservatorships (strictly for the mentally ill) and 145 Probate conservatorships (for people gravely disabled due to a degenerative mental and/or physical disease). The purpose of this program is to have the clients healthy again where conservatorship is no longer necessary. This is a crisis issue and there is national support to not incarcerate mentally ill individuals. The Public Defender's office is collaborating with Sheriff Brown to form an incompetence to stand trial team opposed to a criminal response team. Out of County Placement Coordinator, Leah Kearney stated that the cost of placement is covered through Medi-Cal benefits. Clients can be placed back in the community if their treatment needs are met. LPS conservatorship is renewed each year, clients can contest conservatorship, have the right to appeal and have placement hearings. Guest speakers answered Commissioner questions and acknowledged comments about the subject.

Commission Business:

7. **Designation of new BWC Vice Chairperson** - Nominations from the floor were opened for the Vice Chairperson and ballots were handed out. There were no nominations from the floor.

Action: With the majority of votes, Jeffrey Moore was elected as the Behavioral Wellness Commission Vice Chair.

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

A. BWC Site Review Compilation Ad Hoc Sub-committee Update – Commissioner Pearson made an amendment on the site guidelines. Once Commissioners choose the site, the sub-committee will contact Commissioners, the sub-committee will schedule the visit and come along to the first initial site visit. Pearson stated either Franklin or himself will contact the site. Dr. Gleghorn added that staff will be informed that Commissioner Pearson or Franklin will be calling to schedule site visits.

B. Sheriff's Community Corrections Input Group Update – Commissioner Richardson shared the group addressed that it is unclear on when it is appropriate to dial the ACCESS Line. Dr. Gleghorn

specified there are 4 classifications of calls: crisis, urgent, routine, and information. ACCESS Screeners provide information, crisis support, and referrals; this information can be found on the website. Alcohol and Drug Program Division Chief, John Doyel added the employees are trained to give Substance Use Disorder (SUD) assessments and referrals to internal clinics and/or Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Dr. Gleghorn shared the department is willing to resume the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training previously offered if requested.

Ballot Initiative Exploration Ad Hoc Sub-committee – Chair Byrne stated 3rd District Supervisor, Joan Hartmann supports a ballot initiative for a sales tax increase to pay for parks and libraries. The Board of Supervisors were not interested. The group is exploring a sales tax specific to paying for mental health crisis services and addiction treatment and would be proposed no sooner than the year 2020 ballot. The sub-committee has done research on sales tax increases, what other counties charge, and what it could generate. The group would like to meet with Ventura and Los Angeles Counties to find out how the funding is distributed. Chair Byrne suggested for Vice Chair Moore to assist in arranging such meetings.

C. BWC CMHPC Data Notebook Ad Hoc Sub-committee (Attachment 8a) - Commissioner Blue shared she met with Ana Vicuna, Yaneris Muniz, and Hannah Atkinson, to finalize the Data Notebook. It was an excellent effort and commended the staff involved.

Action: Commissioner Blue made a motion to approve the Data Notebook as presented. Commissioner Mellinger seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

9. **Upcoming Agenda Items** – The following items were suggested: Mental Health Treatment Courts, Homelessness, ABC Alcohol Licenses, and Consumer Empowerment.
10. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.