



Behavioral Wellness Commission Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Conference Meeting Room

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Meeting Minutes

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

Department of Behavioral Wellness Staff: Alice Gleghorn, Department Director; Lucero Garcia, Interim BWC Program Administrator; Pam Fisher, Assistant Director of Clinical Operations; Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director of Administration and Operations; Tina Wooton, Consumer Empowerment Manager; John Lewis, Forensic Manager; Lisa Conn, RISE Project Supervisor; Quiana Lopez, Department Business Specialist, Vanessa Ramos, Department Business Specialist.

Commission Members Present: Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor; Wayne Mellinger, 1st District; Jan Winter, 1st District; Jeffrey Moore, 1st District; Rod Pearson, 1st District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2nd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Kelly McLoughlin, 4th District; Charles Huffines, 5th District (SM); John Truman, 5th District (SM).

Commission Members Absent: Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District (excused); Bill Cirone, 3rd District (excused); Tom Franklin, 3rd District; (excused); Ann Eldridge, 5th District.

- 1. Public Hearing for 18-19 MHSA Plan Update** (Attachment 1a) – Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director of Administration and Operations and Tina Wooton, Consumer Empowerment Manager provided a high level overview of the draft plan update in 2018-2019 Mental Health Services Act Innovations Proposals, and Reversion Expenditure Plan. Local Mental Health Board Hearing Presentation which contains detailed information on the following: MHSA Background; FY 2018-19 MHSA Planning Process; Santa Barbara County Demographics; Program Updates on all Programs under Community Services and Supports (CSS): Full Service Partnerships, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Innovation, Housing, Workforce Education and Training (WET), Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CF/TN) and the 2 New Proposals for Innovations and a Reversion plan.

Action 1: Commissioner Huffines made a motion to approve the 2017-19 to 2019-20 Three Year Reversion Expenditure Plan. Vice Chair Moore seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

Action 2: Commissioner Pearson made a motion to approve the Innovations Technology Suite Project Proposal; Commissioner Winter seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

Action 3: Supervisor Williams made a motion to approve the Innovations Resiliency Interventions for Sexual Exploitation (RISE) Project extension for an additional two years; Commissioner Richardson seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

2. General Public Comment:

- RISE program should be supported as many community partners are willing and able to support its efforts.
- Prevention and permanent housing is needed for survivors through RISE program.

- Human Trafficking Task Force benefits greatly with RISE program.
- City of Santa Maria is devoted to help stop Human Trafficking Santa Maria. We need RISE to be funded in order for survivors to get the help that they need.
- Santa Maria High School students need to be protected against human trafficking as 95 students from Santa Maria district have been affected by human trafficking.
- Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center highly supports the work done by RISE

Feedback from Commission Members:

- Psychiatric medication support at Recovery Learning Centers and/or clinics sounds like a great idea and would like more future updates on status of pilot.
- Santa Maria needs an increased budget to Supported Services and Santa Maria Recovery Learning Centers
- People really like to chat on smartphones. I think that the tech program will be great. Smartphones will need to be more accessible to all.
- RISE program is needed in our community. We need to ensure that housing is in place for these survivors.
- What is Justice Alliance? How can one access Justice Alliance? Will connect with Justice Alliance Manager on specifics.

Commission Business:

3. **Call-to-Order and Roll-Call** – No roll-call was conducted as quorum was established at the beginning of the MHSA Public Hearing.
4. **Establish Quorum** - Chair Byrne established quorum at the beginning of the MHSA Public Hearing.
5. **Welcome and Introductions** - Chair Byrne and everyone introduced themselves.
6. **Chairperson Announcements** - Chair Byrne had no announcements.
7. **Review and Approve Minutes of the April 24, 2018 BWC Meeting** (Attachment 7a), **Review Notes of the May 16, 2018 BWC Informational Meeting** (Attachment 7b) – Commissioners reviewed the May 16, 2018 BWC Informational Meeting Notes with no amendments put forward.

Action: Vice Chair Moore made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 BWC meeting minutes as presented; Commissioner Huffines seconded. Commissioners McLoughlin, Truman, and Swanson-Kyriaco abstained. No objections. Motion carried.

8. **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) Correspondence** (Attachment 8a) – The discussion was about NAMI’s concern on the required funding cuts for the Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) beds in the Department’s FY 2018/2019 Budget. Department Director, Dr. Gleghorn specified some of the funding received for the IMD beds were realigned to fund In Home Supportive Services for the Department of Social Services. Dr. Gleghorn stated that for-profit organizations provide the out-of-county IMD beds. Supervisor Williams added having acute beds in-county will be less costly than having out-of-county beds and will fill in

the gaps of the continuum of care. Supervisor Williams also recommended Commissioners to speak to their District Supervisor should they want to advocate on this matter.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items – Consumer Perception Survey presented by Shereen Khatapoush.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.