



Department of Behavioral Wellness Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 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.

Commission Members Present: Wayne Mellinger, 1st District; Rod Pearson, 1st District; Jan Winter, 1st District; Ruth Ackerman, 2nd District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2nd District; Julia Lara, 3rd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Kelly McLoughlin, 4th District (Santa Maria Location); Donald Casebolt, 5th District (Santa Maria Location)

Commission Members Absent (Excused): Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor; Jeffrey Moore, 1st District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Bill Cirone, 2nd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Charles Huffines, 5th District; John Truman, 5th District

Commission Members Absent: Ann Eldridge, 5th District

Department of Behavioral Wellness Staff: Alice Gleghorn PhD, Department Director; Lucero Garcia, BWC Program Administrator; John Doyel, Alcohol and Drug Program Division Chief; Sara Grosso, Homeless Services Supervisor

1. **Call-to-Order and Roll-Call:** Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. BWC Program Administrator, Lucero Garcia conducted roll-call.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Chair Byrne established quorum.
3. **General Public Comment:** Public member addressed concern with the need of more IMD beds in the Santa Barbara County.
4. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone followed by self-introductions.
5. **Chairperson Announcements:** Chair Byrne announced CIBHS is scheduling training courses for FY 18-19 and would like input from the commission. Ms. Garcia will send the details to the commission.
6. **Review and Approve July 18, 2018 BWC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 6a):**

Action: Commissioner Pearson made a motion to approve the July 18, 2018 BWC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Richardson seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

7. **Executive Director's Report:** Department Director, Alice Gleghorn covered the following: HOPE 805 remains active in our community recovery; Shereen Khatapoush recognized as Santa Barbara County Employee of the Month; Department of Behavioral Wellness closes FY 16-18 Strategic Plan; Santa Maria Regional Partnership Meetings and Children System of Care Updates; Santa Barbara Regional Updates; statewide news included as well as the Department's Systems Change Calendar.

New Business

8. **Homelessness Discussion:** Homeless Services Supervisor, Sara Grosso collaborates with different organizations to assist individuals who are homeless with the following needs: accessibility, physical, language. In addition connected to substance abuse and mental health services. One of the main programs from the Department used for referrals is the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.. Employees check the map of homeless areas on a daily basis and work with United Way to assist clients with finding them a shelter. United Way Director of Veteran and Homeless Strategies, Emily Allen described the process of getting a place for clients. Relationships are developed with clients and it is a continued collaboration effort with different agencies. Lompoc Police Department Chief, Patrick Walsh presented on the homeless encampments along the Santa Ynez River located in Lompoc. Flyers were posted on trees and telephone poles near the camps, notifying occupants they are trespassing and it will be enforced on September 10, 2018. Bob Nelson of County Sheriff's Department in Lompoc added various agencies are working together for the clearing of the riverbank. Ms. Allen specified the safety issues regarding the Santa Ynez River. Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) Restorative Policing Officer, Keld Cove stated he helps various individuals find a home and who may also need behavioral health services. Dr. Gleghorn indicated the Crisis Stabilization Unit has been operating for over 2 years and have beds available for clients that potentially need services. Mr. Cove is interested in collaborating with the Department for referrals and will communicate this opportunity to SBPD Chief and follow-up with Dr. Gleghorn.
9. **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 reported the sub-committee needs to begin conducting the site visits.
 - B. **Sheriff's Community Corrections Input Group Update:** Commissioner Richardson shared Sheriff Brown did agree to meet with Spanish-speaking families and she was unable to attend the last meeting.
 - C. **Ballot Initiative Exploration Ad Hoc Sub-committee:** Chair Byrne reported this sub-committee is on pause.
 - D. **ByLaws Ad Hoc Sub-committee:** Commissioners Rumberger and Winter will meet and update the group.
10. **Upcoming Agenda Items:** The following items were suggested: Accessing Behavioral Health Services.
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.