



Department of Behavioral Wellness Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 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; Jeffrey Moore, 1st District; Rod Pearson, 1st District; Jan Winter, 1st District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2nd District; Bill Cirone, 3rd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Julia Lara, 3rd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor Charles Huffines, 5th District (Santa Maria Location); John Truman, 5th District (Santa Maria Location)

Commission Members Absent (Excused): Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Kelly McLoughlin, 4th District; Ann Eldridge, 5th District; Donald Casebolt, 5th District

Commission Members Absent: Dr. Ruth Ackerman, 2nd District

Behavioral Wellness Department Staff: Lucero Garcia, BWC Program Administrator; John Doyel, Alcohol and Drug Program Division Chief; Yaneris Muniz, Policy and Project Development Coordinator/ Ethics Services and Diversity Manger

1. **Call-to-Order and Roll-Call:** Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. BWC Program Administrator, Lucero Garcia conducted roll-call.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Chair Byrne established quorum.

General Public Comment: Employee of the Community Health Center (CHC) made the commission aware that the organization has expanded services in different regions. Also she would like CHC to provide a presentation about the organization's services to the BWC.

3. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone followed by self-introductions.
4. **Chairperson Announcements:** No Chair announcements.
5. **Review and Approve August 15, 2018 BWC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 6a):**

Action: Commissioner Cirone made a motion to approve the August 15, 2018 BWC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Swanson-Kyriaco seconded. Commissioners Franklin, Huffines, Truman, Moore, and Supervisor Williams abstained. No objections. Motion carried.

6. **Executive Director's Report:** On behalf of Dr. Gleghorn, Policy and Project Development Coordinator/ Ethics Services and Diversity Manager, Yaneris Muniz highlighted the following: Winter Holiday Closure week will be December 26-31, 2018; RENEW '22 – Five Year Transformation Plan for Santa Barbara County to ensure fiscal sustainability and operation efficiency; Annual Behavioral Wellness All Staff Day and Training; Quality Care Management (QCM) Team hired two QCM Coordinators; Behavioral Wellness representation in community events during the month of September, Regional Partnership Meeting

Updates; Children's System of Care Action Team Update; Crisis Action Team Update; Forensic Action Team Update; Peer Action Team Update; New housing units under development in Santa Maria for Behavioral Wellness clients; 2018 Bridges to Resilience Conference; September is National Recovery month throughout the month different agencies held Recovery Happens activities, Psychiatric Health Facility continual quality improvement of infection control and hired two employees; National News; Statewide News; as well as the Department's System Change Calendar.

New Business

7. **Information Sharing – Understanding Barriers to Accessing Services:** Ms. Muniz specified the workforce should match the community individuals by understanding the culture, the language, and all the aspects on why they are seeking assistance. The department contracts with a language line to provide interpretation assistance at no cost to the clients and offers Implicit Bias Training to employees. Santa Ynez Valley (SYV) of People Helping People Director, Arcelia Sención, obtains updated information from the department to keep her staff and clients informed. Ms. Sención pointed out that there is a misunderstanding between what it means to be referred to ACCESS, Behavioral Wellness, CenCal, and/or the Holman Group. It is difficult for SYV consumers to obtain services when travel is required. Ms. Sención suggested home visits may be a solution for providing services in SYV. Latino Elder Outreach Network (LEON) Board Member, Mary Robles, described LEON is a collaborative group of individuals who come together each month to coordinate efforts on behalf of Latino elders. LEON offers transportation to activities for the elders and provides an environment for the seniors to share stories and concerns. One concern is undocumented clients are hesitant to receive services or provide personal information due the new ICE Policy which means fewer individuals are seeking services. Ms. Robles announced there will be a Senior Exposition at the Earl Warren Showground at 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on October 3, 2018. Family Service Agency Manager, Gabriela Dodson described that the youth in the community are also in need of behavioral health services, but it takes time for Latino family members to accept the minor needs services and take them to receive services. Santa Barbara (SB) Responder, Anthony Rodriguez stated the SB Response Network provides psychological first aid assistance in SB and Goleta and have presented at homes, schools, and other community gatherings about their services. The SB Eastside neighborhood has lost about 23 lives which demonstrates the Latino community needs assistance from the Response Team and Mr. Rodriguez explained how services are provided. Presenters answered Commissioner questions and were acknowledged by Commissioner Cirone for all the services provided to the community.
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 Franklin reported the sub-committee needs to begin conducting the site visits. Commissioner Pearson has one set-up with Commissioner Ackerman, he is going to set one up with Commissioner Blue. Pearson will send the provider list to Lucero Garcia to be updated.
 - B. **Sheriff's Community Corrections Input Group Update:** Commissioner Richardson shared the Chair of the group announced they have received minimal jail complaints. Commissioner Winter described the grievances discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Richardson added there are hallway messages that need to be translated to Spanish. Sheriff Brown has agreed to meet with the Spanish speaking families twice a month.
 - C. **Ballot Initiative Exploration Ad Hoc Sub-committee:** Chair Byrne reported this sub-committee is on pause waiting for this coming election to pass.
 - D. **ByLaws Ad Hoc Sub-committee:** Commissioner Winter summarized the four suggested amendments. Suggestion one, the sub-committee would like to omit this provision in the Bylaws *Article II, paragraph 8* which states, "No member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year term." Suggestion two, change to have the appointing Supervisor review and replace member as needed since

there is no Executive Committee in the Bylaws, *Article II, paragraph 14* which states, “After three unexcused absences of any member during a fiscal year, the BWC Executive Committee will review the reason for the absences and inquire if the member wishes to remon on the BWC.” Suggestion 3, add 3 more duties to the Chairperson in the Bylaws *Article V officers: Duties*. Suggestion 4, add a new article in the Bylaws for the appointing of sub-committees. Chair Byrne indicated there will actions to vote on the recommended amendments with a majority of 13 votes needed to approve amending the Bylaws at the next meeting.

9. **Upcoming Agenda Items:** The following items were suggested: Invite Martha from Community Health Center in SM to present. Future suggested items: Crisis Services discussion, Forensics discussion, ACT Team Updates, ADP Performance Review Updates. Commissioner Winter announced Mr. Doyel will be presenting to NAMI about the DMC-ODS Waiver at the Mental Health Wellness Center next week.
10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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