



Department of Behavioral Wellness Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 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; Dr. Ruth Ackerman, 2nd District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Bill Cirone, 3rd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Julia Lara, 3rd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Kelly McLoughlin, 4th District (Santa Maria Location); Das Williams, 1st District Supervisor; Charles Huffines, 5th District (Santa Maria Location); Ann Eldridge, 5th District (Montana Location);

Commission Members Absent (Excused): Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2nd District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; John Truman, 5th District

Commission Members Absent: Donald Casebolt, 5th District

Behavioral Wellness Department Staff: Lucero Garcia, BWC Interim Program Administrator; Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Department Director; Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director of Administration and Operations; Laura Zeitz, PHF Administrator

1. **Call-to-Order and Roll-Call:** Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. BWC Interim Program Administrator; Lucero Garcia conducted roll-call.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Chair Byrne established quorum.
3. **General Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone followed by self-introductions.
5. **Chairperson Announcements:** No Chair announcements.
6. **Review and Approve September 19, 2018 BWC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 6a):**

Action: Commissioner Cirone made a motion to approve the September 19, 2018 BWC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Mellinger seconded. Commissioner Dr. Ackerman abstained. No objections. Motion carried.

7. **Executive Director's Report:** Department Director, Dr. Gleghorn covered the following: Santa Barbara County approved by the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission for two innovations projects; Incompetent to Stand Trial Court newly established; The new Justice Alliance Team Supervisor announcement; Departmental Forensic Services Updates, Crisis Action Team Update, Children's System of Care Action Team Update; Lompoc's Regional Partnership meeting date announcement; Santa Maria's Regional Partnership meeting date announcement; Santa Barbara's Regional Partnership meeting date announcement; PHF Triennial Audit; Lompoc Riverbed clean out; Crisis Services Hub Open House; Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Peer Training Plan; Outpatient Delivery System to "Go

Live” on December 1,2018; National News; Statewide News; as well as the Department’s System Change Calendar.

Commission Business

8. **Review and discuss suggested amendments to the County of Santa Barbara BWC Bylaws:** The BWC discussed the pros and cons of the first recommended amendment. Commissioner Eldridge expressed her opinion that she is for the first amendment. Supervisor Williams commented on how sometimes some of the commissioners attend more than other commissioners. Chair Byrne added that the purpose of the term limitations is to provide an opportunity for new members to be part of the commission. Commissioner Huffines expressed concerned that the 50 percent membership requirement of including consumers as part of the commission is not being met. Chair Byrne added that the commission is meeting the requirements because it includes family members. The BWC discussed suggested amendment one and proposed perhaps having this amended to 50 percent standing commissioners and the other half comply with Bylaws Article II, paragraph 8. The BWC discussed the forth suggested amendment which is adding a new article to the Bylaws and it was decided it needs revision. The commission decided that the first and fourth suggested amendments need to be modified and all were in favor with the following actions:

Action 1: Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve the second suggested amendment made by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Subcommittee to be sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for final approval. Commissioner Pearson seconded.

Action 2: Commissioner Dr. Ackerman made a motion to approve the third suggested amendment made by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Subcommittee to be sent to the BOS for final approval. Commissioner Huffines seconded.

Action 3: Supervisor Williams made a motion to not approve first and fourth suggested amendment to be sent to the BOS for final approval and for them to be edited by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Commissioner Mellinger seconded.

Chair Byrne reiterated all actions made will be sent together to the BOS and County Counsel for final approval after first and fourth amendments are refined.

9. **Homeless Services Funding from the state and No Place Like Home (NPLH) Discussion:** Homeless Assistance Program Manager of the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD), Kimberlee Albers assist with administering federally and locally-funded grant programs dedicated to addressing the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. There has been few initiatives, one example is the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) a one-time funded grant. The issue is there are not enough shelter beds for homelessness, and Santa Barbara County wants to build affordable housing throughout the county. The priority of this funding is to offer shelter and offer a bed to individuals who are in need of shelter. Ms. Albers explained the tasks done to assist individuals which are providing notice of funding, housing, housing interventions, intensive case management, offering individuals a sense of stability, having interdisciplinary teams to assist, and maintaining funding sources. PHF Hospital Administrator, Laura Zeitz, discussed about No Place Like Home Program (NPLH), for individuals with serious mental illness who are chronically homeless, homeless, or at-risk of being chronically homeless. Ms. Zeitz assists with leveraging contributions to draw out greater amount of funds. Also Ms. Zeitz is working with developers to have supportive homes and discussed the current housing units in place. Ms. Albers reviewed the Homeless Legislation Grid and the programs that will be covered among various departments with funding amounts. Presenters answered commissioner questions.

10. **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 subcommittee began conducting the site visits; Commissioners Richardson, Lara, Huffines, came along went with him to the Santa Maria Good Samaritan and will have a full report at next month’s

meeting. The Children's Clinic site visit was scheduled with Commissioner Casebolt. Commissioners Pearson, Ackerman, and Cirone, went to the new ACT office. The commissioners met with Bernard Hicks and Tammy Summers. The staff addressed the issue of ACT needing an assigned car and other difficulties that have arisen in the unit there. Dr. Gleghorn added the car issue is being addressed.

B. Sheriff's Community Corrections Input Group Update: Commissioner Richardson shared there county inmates will be offered learning programs.

C. Ballot Initiative Exploration Ad Hoc Sub-committee: No report provided.

11. **Upcoming Agenda Items:** The following items were suggested: Bylaws recommended amendments discussion, AOT Oversight Committee, County Homeless Plan, and suggestion of rotating the BWC meeting location among the 3 regions.

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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