



Department of Behavioral Wellness Commission Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Santa Barbara Children's Clinic Large Conf. Rm

Lompoc Childrens Clinic New Port Harbor Conf. Rm.

Santa Maria Adult Clinic Annex Conf. Rm

Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Members Present: Rod Pearson, 1st District; Jan Winter, 1st District; Gregg Hart, 2nd District Supervisor; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2nd District; Julia Lara, 4th District; Bill Cirone, 3rd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Heather Moselle, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Ann Eldridge, 5th District.

Commission Members Excused: Wayne Mellinger, 1st District; Jeffrey Moore, 1st District, Vice Chair; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Kelly McLoughlin, 4th District; Donald Casebolt, 5th District; Charles Huffines, 5th District.

Behavioral Wellness Department Staff: Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Department Director; Karen Campos, BWC Program Administrator; John Doyel, Division Chief of Alcohol Drug Program.

Guests: Lynne Gibbs, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) member.

1. **Call-to-Order and Roll-Call:** Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Behavioral Wellness Commission Program Administrator, Karen Campos conducted roll-call.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Chair Byrne established quorum.
3. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone and introduced newly appointed Commissioner, Heather Moselle with 3rd District. Commissioners welcomed her and introduced themselves. Chair Byrne reports that Commissioner Truman has resigned.
4. **General Public Comment:** Lynne Gibbs, on behalf of clients and family member's advocates for Laura's Law, she shares her own experience as one of her family members could have benefitted from it.
5. **Chairperson Announcements:** Chair Byrne announced that on April 12 the Salvation Army cut the ribbon on their detox and recovery center in downtown Santa Barbara, adding 24 residential treatment beds. Dr. Gleghorn adds that the County now has 94 beds total with this new addition.

6. **Review and Approve March 20, 2019 BWC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 6a):**

Action: Supervisor Hart made a motion to approve the March 20, 2019 BWC meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Eldridge seconded. Commissioner Franklin abstained. No objections. Motion carried.

7. **Behavioral Wellness Director's Report:** Dr. Gleghorn highlights items in the April Director's Report which highlights the following: Cultural Competence Needs Assessment Survey will be launched County Wide Spring 2019; Behavioral Wellness Staff 2019 Bilingual Survey Preliminary Results now Available; 2018 -2019 Behavioral Wellness System Review Update; Strengthening Families Pilot Program a Success in Santa Barbara; 2019-2020 MHSA Plan Update Posted for 30 Days for Public Comment; Behavioral Wellness Staff Recognized during Woman's History Month; Upcoming Peer Trainings being offered through Behavioral Wellness; South Counties Regional Partnership Update; Lompoc Regional Manager Appointed, Antony Hollenback, LCSW; Employee Relations Manager Appointed, Rey Guillen; Behavioral Wellness Contract Supervisor Appointed, Christopher Shurland; Santa Maria Regional Partnership Update; Santa Barbara Regional Partnership Update; Change Agents Update; Lompoc (West County) Regional Partnership Update; Cultural Competence and Diversity Action Team (CCDAT) Update; Childrens System of Care Action Team Update; Crisis Action Team Update; Homeless Services (HEART) Action Team Update; Peer Action Team Update; Forensic Action Team Update; State and National News; and Systems Change Calendar. Dr. Gleghorn adds that May is Mental Health Month and there will be a series of events coming up, details to come.

Commissioner Franklin commends Dr. Gleghorn for presenting a balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors this year, first time in many years. Supervisor Hart concurs and adds that it was a very impressive presentation given and thanked all of those who publicly testified.

8. **Conservatorships, Mandated Treatment, and Institute for Mental Disease:** The Commission discussed and shared concerns, questions, costs and whether there are shortages that need to be addressed related to conservatorships, mandated treatment, and Institute for Mental Disease. Dr. Gleghorn who was also part of the conversation was able to provide insightful information pertaining to these topics.

Commissioner Cirone along with other Commissioners expressed that they enjoyed this type of informational conversation as it helps them better understand the system and thanked Dr. Gleghorn for providing real knowledge and better understating into the system. Commissioner Blue appreciates what the Department is doing to better the jail system for people struggling with mental illness/substance abuse. Dr. Gleghorn encouraged the Commission to spread the word that the Crisis Stability Unit (CSU) located in Santa Barbara is opened 24/7 and is an available resource to inmates being released from jail in the middle of the night as its walking distance.

To conclude the discussion, Commissioner Byrne would like to schedule a second session to continue the conversation. The Commission agreed.

Action: No action.

Commission Business:

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

A. BWC Site Review Committee Update: Commissioner Pearson reports that they have received an updated Behavioral Wellness directory of sites and at this point everyone has had their first scheduled visit and are now ready for round two site visits.

B. Sheriff's Community Corrections Input Group Update: Commissioner Winter reports that Dr. Hakim attended the group and she was very impressed with his dedication and enthusiasm in gaining inmates trust and getting them treated, especially those who have been declining medications. The group also goes over grievances and courses of action to address them. It was also reported that complaints have gone down overall.

Mr. Doyel shares that the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), under its federal funding for the State opioid response, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project has provided the Department funds to expand access to MAT in the criminal justice setting. The funds are intended to expedite implementation of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) screening, assessment, treatment, and access to MAT in the jail and drug court. Mr. Doyel agreed to share grant details with the Commission.

F. Bylaws Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update: Commissioner Winter reports that the amendments to the bylaws voted by this Commission have been submitted to County Counsel for review before they are presented to the Board of Supervisors. Update to follow.

10. **Upcoming Agenda Items** – the commission discussed.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.