



## Department of Behavioral Wellness Commission Special Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2019

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

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Conf. Rm.

Santa Maria Board of Supervisors Conf. Rm.

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Facilitator:** Sharon Byrne, 4<sup>th</sup> District, Behavioral Wellness Commission (BWC), Chair.

**Commission Members Present:** Rod Pearson, 1<sup>st</sup> District; Jan Winter, 1<sup>st</sup> District; Wayne Mellinger, 1<sup>st</sup> District; Jeffrey Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Vice Chair; Gregg Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor; Marcos Olivarez, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Judy Blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Bill Cirone, 3<sup>rd</sup> District; Mary Richardson, 3<sup>rd</sup> District; Heather Moselle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District; Sharon Byrne, 4<sup>th</sup> District, Chair; Donald Casebolt, 5<sup>th</sup> District; Charles Huffines, 5<sup>th</sup> District.

**Commission Members Excused:** Sharon Rumberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Tom Franklin, 3<sup>rd</sup> District; Julia Lara, 4<sup>th</sup> District; Kelly McLoughlin, 4<sup>th</sup> District; Ann Eldridge, 5<sup>th</sup> District.

**Behavioral Wellness Department Staff:** Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director of Administration and Operations; Pam Fisher, Assistant Director of Clinical Operations; Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial Officer; Karen Campos, BWC Program Administrator; John Doyel, Division Chief of Alcohol Drug Program; Vanessa Ramos, Healthcare Program Coordinator; Maria Arteaga, Peer Empowerment Manager; Quiana Lopez, Department Business Specialist; Wade Schoonveld, Administrative Office Professional I; Christopher Shurland, Contracts Supervisor; Caitlin Lepore, Research and Program Evaluator; Shereen Khatapoush, Research and Program Evaluator.

1. **Call-to-Order and Roll-Call:** Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Behavioral Wellness Commission Program Administrator, Karen Campos conducted roll-call.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Chair Byrne established quorum.
3. **General Public Comment:** none.
4. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone and had all staff and members of the public introduce themselves.
5. **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Plan** (attachment 5a)

Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director of Administration and Operations, provided a high level overview of the draft FY 2019-2020 MHSA Plan Update. The presentation included detailed information on the following: MHSA background; FY 2019-20 MHSA planning process; Santa Barbara County demographics; Program Updates on all programs under Community Services and Supports (CSS)

including Full Service Partnerships, status of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Housing, Workforce Education and Training (WET), Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CF/TN) and the status of two approved Innovations projects. She elaborated on the role the local mental health board in holding the hearing at the close of the thirty day posting period to hear public feedback on MHSA. Following her presentation, stakeholders, including commissioners and public, provided their feedback and comments to the draft plan.

#### 6. **Public Comment regarding MHSA Plan Update:**

- We need more clarity of the types of staff who are providing Outreach and Engagement for instance, are those providing services Licensed Clinicians, Caseworkers? Are they 5150 trained in order to participate?
- We need for HMIOT to be defined. Reviewed definition is the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment grant.
- Are the Three Year plan areas for focus as presented in addition to what the County provides or added/enhancements? If the purpose to expand or to change?
- Are the 22 housing beds mentioned at Pathpoint in addition to the beds accounted for Crescend?
- With No Place Like Home, will the County be adding 50 beds in Santa Maria or will the beds be in the City of Santa Barbara?
- Please use caution with the Technology Suite as there are many vendors that are selling the information of consumers for profit. Digital phenotyping is an area of concern from family members of those in Families Act.
- Parents and family members need more educational information on the types of services that are available for their loved ones coming out of the justice system.
- We need integrative healthcare to closer relationships to treat the whole person including substance use programming in our mental health programs.
- We need more information on how we are connecting to services. More work needs to be done that highlight linkage to services.
- Three Year community planning needs help. The community needs to be educated on what stakeholder meetings are for and understand that they help build the three year plan. Behavioral Wellness needs to host stakeholder educational training(s).

#### **Feedback from Commission Members**

- The RISE program has not provided the data that we were hoping for. We will need to look at this program closely as it winds down by next July. RISE clients cost about \$20,000 a person. Maybe other agencies can help this population.
- The Santa Barbara census data with demographics information may be misrepresenting the true demographics of the County of Santa Barbara.

- The Technology Suite is confusing and many older adults are being missed and will not be helped by this project.
  - Commission should participate in stakeholder planning group for the three year MHSA plan.
  - The Technology Suite is for people that have phones and many homeless people do not have charging stations and have government provided phones that do not work.
  - We need more data on if Homeless Services at the Recovery Learning Centers (RLC) are effective. I know that homeless consumers participate in the lunch at the RLC but are they receiving services or linking to services within Behavioral Wellness?
  - Is \$900,000 enough for the Homeless Services? Let's look at this information. Housing is a roadblock and Co-Occurring programs need more funding.
  - We need clarity on why South County is getting more funding than north and west when South is not reflecting as effective for ACT services?
  - With Anka going bankrupt, will developments to Depot on Agnes St. be interfered or will Depot St still be open Oct/Nov 2019?
  - The Cultural Competence plan reflects that transportation and stipends for consumers participating in the Client and Family Advisory Committee are covered but they are not, has there been a change?
  - The Commission is committed to being a part of the planning process that goes into the next MHSA Three Year Plan.
  - The Crisis Text Line is a great platform and could possibly provide information on applications that the Technology Suite is implementing.
  - Commission needs to do a better job by taking an active role in marketing the Behavioral Wellness MHSA Hearing each year to ensure that the meeting is well attended by stakeholders for public comment.
7. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Pearson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Olivarez seconded. No abstentions. No objections. Motion carried.