



Department of Behavioral Wellness Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 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, Chair.

Commission Members Present: Wayne Mellinger, 1st District; Jeffrey Moore, 1st District, Vice Chair; Jan Winter, 1st District; Gregg Hart, 2nd District Supervisor; Marcos Olivarez, 2nd District; Angie Swanson-Kyriaco, 2nd District; Judy Blue, 2nd District; Bill Cirone, 3rd District; Mary Richardson, 3rd District; Victoria King Kondos, 3rd District; Sharon Byrne, 4th District, Chair; Charles Huffines, 5th District; Donald Casebolt, 5th District.

Commission Members Excused: Rod Pearson, 1st District; Sharon Rumberger, 2nd District; Tom Franklin, 3rd District; Kelly Mcloughlin, 4th District; Ann Eldridge, 5th District.

Behavioral Wellness Department Staff: Alice Gleghorn, Director; John Doyel, Alcohol and Drug Program Division Chief; Karen Campos, BWC Program Administrator; Tammy Summers, Santa Barbara Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team & Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Manager.

1. **Call-to-Order and Conduct Roll-Call:** Chair Byrne called the meeting to order 3:00 p.m. Karen Campos, BWC Program Administrator conducted roll-call.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Chair Byrne established quorum.
3. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Byrne welcomed everyone and asked Department staff and members of the public to introduce themselves.
4. **General Public Comment:** none non-related to the agenda.
5. **Chairperson Announcements:** none at this meeting.
6. **Review and Approve September 18, 2019 BWC Meeting Minutes:**

Action: Commissioner Huffines made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Mellinger seconded. Commissioners Byrne and Lara abstained. No objections. Motion carried.

7. **Director's Report:** Alice Gleghorn, Department Director provides overview of the October Director's Report which included the following; Psychiatric Health Facility Successfully Completes Federal Audit Re-Visit with the Centers for Medicare and Medical Services (CMS);

Consumer Perception Survey Week, November 4th – 8th; 2019 United Way Charitable Giving Campaign Kicked off this Month; Departing Staff Appreciation; Mental Health Awareness Week, October 6th – 12th; World Homeless Day, October 10th; Lompoc Residents Plan Teen Center to Combat Violence and Economic Struggles; New, Revised and Approved Policies; Mental Health Services Act Innovations Help@Hand Project Update; Lompoc Regional Partnership Update; South Counties Regional Partnership Update; North County Regional Partnership Update; Change Agents Update; Housing Services Action Team Update; Cultural Competency and Diversity Action Team Update; Crisis Action Team Update; Children’s System of Care Action Team Update; Consumer Family Member Action Team; National and State News; and Systems Change Calendar.

Behavioral Wellness Grant Updates; Prop 47 & Byrne JAG

Dr. Gleghorn provides a brief overview of the following grants; Prop 47, Byrne JAG, and 1810 which will play a role within the crisis and criminal justice system/co response teams.

Byrne Jag Grant awarded to the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office will provide funding for two co-response teams for a 3 year period; Prop 47, a larger grant will provide funding for one co response team and support the development of a sobering center near the hospital and large step down units; 1810 grant will provide funding for a crisis residential and step down services in North County for Incompetent to Stand on Trial (IST) clients. Dr. Gleghorn adds that all three grants involve the same stakeholders who all want to improve services and come up with a better data collection approach.

New Business:

8. **Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB-2, passed in 2017)** Emily Allen presents an overview of letter written in support of The Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2, 2017) which provides funding and technical assistance to all governments in California to help cities and counties prepare, adopt, and implement plans and process improvements that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production. Ms. Allen presents this in hopes that the BWC would like to sign on to the letter requesting that the local jurisdiction makes it a priority and obtain grant funding available.

Action: Commissioner Winter made a motion for the BWC to sign on to the letter described above in Support of The Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2, 2017). Commissioner Mellinger Seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

9. **Housing for Homeless, Evictions and Behavioral Wellness Services: Discuss Gaps between Needs, Services and Housing in South County.**

Chair Byrne welcomes representatives from the Housing Authority and PathPoint who were invited to discuss and explore ways to bolster services for Behavioral Wellness tenants in order to prevent evictions.

Housing Authority representatives report that housing stability is something that they strongly support and their goal is to keep their tenants housed and connected with needed services. They report that they have already started conversations with Behavioral Wellness and other partners and agreed to work together to reduce the amount of evictions and set up a circle of support for clients prior to an eviction being issued.

A common concern shared amongst the agencies involved is that as housing supply is expanded, how will services be administered, and how do clients obtain intensive services needed, specifically for those that are transitioning from living in the street and have a hard time letting go of survival

skills that may not be acceptable in their new setting; the concern is the availability of wraparound services available to address the range of tenant issues.

Dr. Gleghorn reports that as the housing rules are changing, the paradigm shift has become difficult for providers to deal with as the community's expectation is to safely shelter the most difficult to house which comes with many challenges for providers. Communication is key and connection is important so that when challenges come up all agencies are able to work together to come up with solutions.

In conclusion, Chair Byrne requested that the Housing Authority work with PathPoint and Behavioral Wellness on eviction issues.

Public comment:

Debbie McCoy reports that her daughter, a department, client is currently missing and displays a picture of her. Ms. McCoy shares that her daughter has only declined since being taken off conservatorship where now she is not required to take her medications; she also advocates for a housing model with supportive services which would allow her daughter to live on her own.

Lynne Gibbs with National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) shares that her daughter lived in supported housing complexes for more than 5 years which she believes to be stable and safe to live in. She advocates for housing supported services for the Housing Authority residents based on experienced incidents.

Susan Ayer with National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) thanks the Housing Authority who has housed her daughter for over 15 years, however recently her daughter faced eviction and based on her experience Ms. Ayer would like to advocate for more support for folks having to deal with legal aid as the process was confusing and frustrating, and also request more responsiveness from Family Service Agency (FSA) Santa Barbara.

Commission Business:

10. **Draft Report to BOS Update:** No update at this meeting, however Commissioner Winter volunteered to work with Arlen Diaz, Manager, and Public Administrator – Guardian with the County of Santa Barbara to get this update ready to present to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Winter also adds that Commissioner Eldridge who is not present and Public Member, Ruth Ackerman volunteered to assist as well.

Action: No action.

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

A. BWC Site Review Subcommittee Update: No report at this meeting.

B. Sheriff's Community Corrections Input Group Update: Commissioner Richardson reports that the pros and cons of forced medications in the jail was discussed at the last meeting.

C. Bylaws Ad Hoc Subcommittee Update: Chair Byrne reports that the added provision to Article VI; Duties /Responsibilities of Board Members will come back in November for review and approval.

D. Data Notebook Subcommittee Update: Commissioner Blue, Chair of the Data Notebook Subcommittee reports that this year's Data Notebook survey focuses on trauma-informed care across the lifespan in the County of Santa Barbara. The subcommittee worked with Department staff to complete the Data Notebook that is included in the meeting packet which will be submitted to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC). John Doyel and Suzanne Grimmesey were thanked for their hard work and dedication to this year's data notebook.

Action: No action taken at this meeting.

12. **Upcoming Agenda Items** – commission discussed future agenda items.

13. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.