

**Attendees**

Commission Members

Louis Weider, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Tona Wakefield, 1<sup>st</sup> District Alternate  
Margaret Lydon, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Karen Kegg, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alternate  
Ann Eldridge, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
James Rohde, 3<sup>rd</sup> District & Chairman  
Steve Greene, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Patrick Bergin, 5<sup>th</sup> District

Absent Commission Members

Manny Casas, 1<sup>st</sup> District, excused  
Bill Elliott, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, excused  
Chhиту Patel, 4<sup>th</sup> District, excused  
Margie Lopez, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Excused

ADMHS Staff

Douglas Barton, Interim ADMHS Director  
Marianne Garrity, Deputy Director  
Al Rodriguez, Assistant Director, MH Programs  
Heidi Garcia, Assistant Director, Alcohol/Drug Programs  
Jeanie sleigh, MHSA Training Coordinator  
Cuco Rodriguez, MHSA Program Coordinator  
Matthew Marz, MHSA Assistant  
Eric Baizer, MHSA Assistant  
Lyra Monroe, MHSA Departmental Analyst  
Marcia Carstensen, Assistant

Guests

Charles Hughes	Lanell Wingate
Charles Huffines	Alex Julian
Gail Drillock	Suzanne Riordan
Bob Quinn	

*As authorized by the Welfare & Institutions Code 5604 of the State of California the Mental Health Commission shall review and evaluate the mental health services and contractual agreements of the Department of Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services which benefit the residents of Santa Barbara County.*

<b>Items:</b>	<b>(Code) Responsibility</b>	<b>Action/Deadline or Info Only</b>
I. Welcome & Introductions	Jim Rohde, Chairman	With a quorum present, the meeting convened at 3:05 p.m. with a welcome and self-introductions.
		It is requested that anyone who is recording any Mental Health Commission meeting inform the Chairperson prior to the start of the meeting.
II. Approval of Minutes	Jim Rohde, Chairman	It was moved and seconded (Bergin/Eldridge) the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting be approved as amended with the statement under the discussion section of Pharmacy Waivers: Recipients of Medi-Cal and Medicare may be compounding the waiver issue. Anyone receiving Medi-Cal and Medicare must have Medicare Part D. Motion carried.
III. Public Comment	Gail Drillock	Ms. Drillock expressed her opinion that the north county consumers are not receiving regular assistance and support from Sharon Kuehn the Consumer Empowerment Coordinator. Ms. Drillock suggested that perhaps Ms. Kuehn could devote 1 day a week each to Santa Maria and Lompoc clinics. Patrick Bergin and Charles Huffines spoke in support of Ms. Drillock's statement.  Ms. Drillock also stated that there is a need for improvement within the Medically Indigent Adult program and Mental Health.
IV. Director's Report	Douglas Barton, Interim ADMHS Director	State Budget – The only thing that would keep AB2034 from going forward would be a line item veto by the governor. It was moved and seconded (Lydon/Bergin) that a letter be sent to the governor expressing the concern of the Commission for and urging the continuance of AB2034 funding. It was stated that the letter should contain a thank you comment to the Governor for retaining AB2034 funding. A copy of the letter will be sent to the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHBC).
		ADMHS Budget – On Wednesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> , the Boards of Supervisors adopted the ADMHS proposed budget for FY 07/08. We asked for two budget expansions: one for CARES North, 12 bed crisis residential facility. The second expansion request is for equity adjustments for physicians and nurses. A hearing with the Board is set for October 2007. We are optimistic that funding will occur. We are starting very preliminary contract preparation. Ms. Eldridge asked if ADMHS has a contract already. Mr. Barton responded that the RFP was sent out 2 years ago and that Telecare Corporation was selected to provide the services. Negotiations will now take place. There will be more County General funds granted to ADMHS. A question: Are the clients for CARES North mostly Medi-Cal recipients? Mr. Barton stated: no, initially it was projected that 30% of clients would be non Medi-Cal clients and 70% would be Medi-Cal recipients. It has turned out at this point to be the

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		Ms. Lydon stated: On June 18, a client began decompensating and the police and MHAT responded. Fortunately, the client pulled himself together so that hospitalization was not required. She stated as a Commission we should be pressing the Board of Supervisors to do something about a county with 400,000 population and there is only one 16-bed psychiatric facility. She was informed that a Task Force is being formed to address the lack of beds for clients needing hospitalization.
		Casa del Mural – Casa was not included in the FY 07/08 budget. We have another hearing next week on Casa del Mural. We are asking the Supervisors to concur with keeping the facility active with a new program and a different provider and to fund the three month contract extension. Ms. Eldridge stated that the Commission should review the new program. Mr. Barton stated he would email to all Commissioners the program comparisons. We are shifting from a long-term care model to a recovery-based model. Ms. Eldridge asked for a blind (no client identification) information report on the CDM clients. Ms. Eldridge asked for the Commissioners to receive the last two Casa del Mural letters that were sent to the Board of Supervisors for hearings. Mr. Barton agreed. Ms. Carstensen will handle this item.
		Level of Care – Mr. Barton stated that ADMHS staff have been very responsive to suggestions on the Level of Care Program. It is now the Level of Care & Recovery Program. The Board of Supervisors approved the Transition Age Youth ( TAY) programs.
		Transition of Leadership ADP and Mental Health Programs – Al Rodriguez and Heidi Garcia stated the transition is going well.
		New ADMHS Director – a well-qualified recruiter has been hired to assist in the search for a new Director. There will be broad community participation. ADMHS is asking Community-based organizations and other agencies and departments to take part in a panel to review the applications. The Mental Health Commission and the Alcohol Drug Advisory Board will have seats on the panel.
V. Commission Business	Jim Rohde, Chairman	A. Correspondence – None. It was moved and seconded (Lydon/Eldridge) that a letter on the observations of the members be placed on the July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Commission Executive agenda for approval. And pending that approval, Ms. Eldridge will comply. Motion carried. B. Committee Reports - none C. MHSA Update – Cuco Rodriguez & Jeanie Sleigh.

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		<p>Three documents were distributed to the attendees. The documents are 1. a timeline for Implementation of Programs, 2. Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention County &amp; State Level Policy Direction, 3. draft of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Guidelines for fiscal years, 06-07, 07-08, 08-09. Copies may be obtained from Cuco Rodriguez at 681-4505. All programs are now online at <a href="http://www.admhs.org">www.admhs.org</a>. Click on the blue MHSA News button.</p> <p>The New Heights and the Connections contracts were approved by the Supervisors on 6-19-07. Next will be Prevention and Early Intervention followed by the 3-Year Expenditure Plan. A survey is being developed relating to work force needs, The State is supplying the parameters for the survey. We are trying to collect data in an county-wide online survey.</p> <p>The Progress Report and Expanded Funding Report should be posted on the web site the week of June 25. These reports must be posted for 30 days and a public meeting must be held.</p> <p>Al Rodriguez complimented Cuco and his staff on their hard work in navigating the State MHSA system.</p>
		<p>D. Sheriff's Blue Ribbon commission on Jail Overcrowding – Ms. Eldridge reported there are reams of studies on jail overcrowding to be reviewed. The Blue Ribbon Commission expects to have recommendation in the early Fall 2007.</p>
		<p>E. Other - none</p>
<p>VI. Discussion</p>		<p>Suzanne Riordan of the Families Advocating for Compassionate Treatment (FACT) stated the group feels there is a need more acute and long-term beds at all levels. There are at least 200 adults in jail because no beds are available. FACT is seeking input for facility ideas for a center.</p>
<p>VII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Jim Rohde, Chairman</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded (Eldridge/Lydon) that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.</p>