

Attendees
<p><u>Commission Members</u> Jan Winter, 1st District Alternate G. W. Elliott, 2nd District Margaret Lydon, 2nd District Karen Kegg, 2nd District Alternate Ann Eldridge, 3rd District James Rohde, 3rd District & Chairperson Chhиту Patel, 4th District Margie Lopez, 5th District Patrick Bergin, 5th District Charles Huffines, 5th District Alternate</p>
<p><u>Absent Commission Members</u> Louis Weider, 1st District Manny Casas, 1st District</p>
<p><u>ADMHS Staff</u> Douglas Barton, Interim ADMHS Director Marianne Garrity, Deputy Director Edwin Feliciano, MD, Interim Medical Director Al Rodriguez, Assistant Director, Programs Marcia Carstensen, Assistant</p>
<p><u>Guests</u> James Kyriaco, Assistant to Janet Wolf, BOS Alternate Chuck Hughes Roger Heroux Jean Krag</p>

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Welcome & Introductions Quorum	Jim Rohde, Chairperson	With a quorum present, the meeting opened at 3:05 p.m. and all were welcomed followed by self introductions.
Approve Minutes	Jim Rohde, Chairperson	It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 18, 2007 Commission be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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Public Comment	Roger Heroux	Mr. Heroux announced for the League of Women Voters will conduct an educational forum on the Ten-year Plan to End Homelessness in Santa Barbara on October 18 at the Louise Lowery Center. The speaker will be Shelley Bailey, underwriter for the state providing assistance for individuals or organizations with housing projects in the progress for homeless persons and mentally ill homeless persons. He thanked ADMHS and Cottage Hospital for their involvement in the Ten-year Plan.
	Chuck Hughes	Mr. Hughes spoke about the Sotera House project with is cost effective over hospitalization. This project promotes a holistic approach to treating mental illness and has shown a measure of success. Mr. Hughes asked the Commission to consider writing a letter to ADMHS and MHSa to encourage development of a Sotera House project for Santa Barbara County.
Director's Report	Douglas Barton, Interim ADMHS Director	<p>New ADMHS Director – The new Director process is still be being worked out. More information will be released later this week.</p> <p>Cottage Hospital – There has been media attention on the situation with Cottage Hospital and much inaccurate information has been issued. The plan is to go forward with meeting the hospital Chief Executive Officer on Wednesday, October 18. Dr. Feliciano will accompany Mr. Barton and Marianne Garrity to the meeting. There has been no contractual agreement with Cottage Hospital since June 2006. Some years ago, Cottage was designated as a 5150 (involuntary admission of mentally ill persons). The hospital sent ADMHS a letter stating it would no longer accept 5150 patients and requested de-designation.</p> <p>ADMHS agreed to continue paying \$730 per day which is the same rate for voluntary admissions. In June 2006, the hospital stated they needed to receive \$979 per day for voluntary admissions and this occurred when the 5.3 million dollar deficit was identified.</p> <p>At the time Cottage requested the de-designation there should have been a rate change to the regional rate which is paid to hospitals without contracts. The regional rate is \$545 per day and Cottage continued to receive \$730 per day.</p> <p>There has been no serious impact yet as CARES South is taking care of clients and avoiding hospitalizations.</p>
Presentations	Edwin Feliciano, MD	Dr. Feliciano the Interim ADMHS Medical Director gave some background on his education and training in addition to providing an update on the hiring of new psychiatrists for ADMHS. Dr. Feliciano is from Puerto Rico, received his

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		<p>psychiatry training in Philadelphia, PA. He has served as the Medical Director of Inpatient Service in previous employment. He served in the National Health Service Corp in Carbondale, PA. His ambition was to develop a clinic for Hispanic people that he achieved from the purchase of the building, hiring of staff and development of policies and procedures. The clinic served close to one thousand patients over a 5-year period.</p> <p>Dr. Feliciano's wife is a surgical resident at Cottage Hospital and both are involved in community activities.</p> <p>In the six weeks he has been the Interim Medical Director for ADMHS, he has hired Dr. Denise Lin for the CARES South program psychiatrist and Dr. Lawrence Levy as the CARES North psychiatrist</p>
	<p>Al Rodriguez, Assistant Director, Programs</p>	<p>Mr. Rodriguez distributed MHSA outcomes data on the SPIRIT Program. He stated this is a preliminary report with core accomplishments. The long-term goal is to get more data out of the new ShareCare system for fuller reports. The program state date is 6/25/07 and shows a current caseload of 17 with an ethnicity count of 71% White/Caucasian and 29% Latino/Hispanic/Chicano. The age range is 8 years to 17 years. Gender statistics are 65% male and 35% female within service regions of North county, Central County and South county. Living situations include house, apartment, foster families, supported housing, and supervised housing. A copy of the SPIRIT program 1st Quarter FY 07/08 is filed with these minutes.</p>
	<p>Suzanne Grimmesey-Kirk, Adults & Children's Services Division Chief</p>	<p>Ms. Grimmesey-Kirk stated this data is the inaugural report. The targeted clients are those at risk for out of county placement. The team consists of three core members and the facilitator is licensed. It is stated that 75 client throughout the year with low case loads and high intensity of services. The work plan with the state for SB163 is 25 children. Families are involved in the planning of services.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Margaret Lydon, Chairperson Children's System of Care Subcommittee</p>	<p>Ms. Lydon reported that the next quarterly meeting of the Children's System of Care Subcommittee (CSOC) was September 24 at the Santa Barbara Children's facility. The CSOC has good participation of parents and family members at the meeting. One item discussed was diplomas for special education students at the high school level. Dr. Montes spoke to the group about the types of services for Transition Age Youth (TAY).</p>
<p>Other Items</p>	<p>Ann Eldridge</p>	<p>Ms. Eldridge asked if scheduling of a public hearing through the Commission is needed for the MHSA Workforce Plan. Al Rodriguez should have information for the Commission in November including a summary of forums for public input.</p>

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	Patrick Bergin	Mr. Bergin expressed his opinion that he would like to see the Mental Health Commission support of a Sotera House type project. Ms. Eldridge stated that this is not feasible at this time. Ms. Lydon suggested that Commission members read the materials and discuss this at a future meeting.
		Mr. Bergin, Ms. Dianna Graney, and Mr. Huffines are seeking a location for a multi-purpose location for clients to obtain information on services, displaying of client artwork, etc.
Adjournment	Jim Rohde, Chairperson	Mr. Rohde called for a motion to adjourn if there was no further business. It was moved and seconded (Eldridge/Lydon) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.