

Attendees
<p><u>Commission Members</u> Louis Weider, 1st District Manny Casas, 1st District Wm. Elliott, 2nd District Margaret Lydon, 2nd District Karen Kegg, 2nd District Alternate Ann Eldridge, 3rd District Chhitu Patel, 4th District Margie Lopez, 5th District, Vice Chairperson Patrick Bergin, 5th District Charles Huffines, 5th District Alternate</p>
<p><u>Absent Commission Members</u> Jan Winter, 1st District Alternate Lisa Morinini, 4th District James Rohde, 3rd District, Chairperson</p>
<p><u>ADMHS Staff</u> Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Director Marianne Garrity, RN Tom Alvarez, CPA Cuco Rodriguez Shelley Tan, Interim Assistant</p>
<p><u>Guests</u> Gregory Paraskou Tom Sodergren Roger Heroux Annmarie Cameron Shari Hieb-Lucas Margaret Oppel Karolyn Renard</p>

Items:	Speaker	Action/Deadline or Info Only
I. Welcome & Introductions	Margie Lopez, Vice Chairperson	The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. All were welcomed and self-introductions took place.
II. Establish quorum	Margie Lopez	A quorum was determined with ten members present.

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III. Approve Minutes	Margie Lopez	It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 21, 2008 meeting be approved (Eldridge/Huffines). Motion carried.
IV. Public Comment	Shari Hieb-Lukas	Made a statement supporting rehab mental health programs and decrying service cuts in the ADMHS department.
	Margaret Lydon	Stated that ADMHS employees signed the Save Mental Health coalition petition; she also stated that ADMHS managers cautioned staff not to sign the petition.
	Ann Detrick	Dr. Detrick agreed that all employees are concerned; however, ADMHS staff are discouraged from taking a political position. If they do get involved, it should be on their own time. This is an interesting question of ethics which deserves further input from County Counsel. Action Item: Contact County Counsel for input on this issue.
	Ann Detrick	Dr. Detrick gave background regarding the ADMHS budget issues and shared that the department will go to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 22, to ask for the final installment of \$2.3 M to balance the FY07/08 budget. She reviewed the PowerPoint presentation which will be brought before the Board of Supervisors and contains the plans for business practice improvement and budget reductions for FY08/09. Much discussion ensued.
V. Director's Report	Ann Eldridge	Commissioner Eldridge could not support the departmental cuts as set forth in the PowerPoint presentation, but did commend ADMHS staff for all the thought and hard work that went into this proposed plan, especially since these reductions are not desired by the department.
	Bill Elliott	Commented that ADMHS has done a good job of carrying out the Board of Supervisor's mandate.
	Manny Casas	Commissioner Casas commended those who worked on the budget and business plan; while those in the mental health field saw problems coming, there was not adequate preparation. Perhaps this is a good point to come to terms with the issues and reprioritize things.
	Chuck Huffines	Mr. Huffines was quite concerned that day rehab services will be cut and that there will be negative repercussions.
	Roger Heroux	Mr. Heroux stated that after 35 years of service in Human Services arena, he has never seen the magnitude of cuts currently taking place; however, the community has galvanized its efforts around this issue. We must support Ann Detrick in her leadership.
VI. Presentations	Ann Detrick	Dr. Detrick offered that until mental illness affects a family directly, there isn't the understanding of what this means. Politics is symptomatic of this; kudos to Mike Brown for his help. His support and advocacy for ADMHS is appreciated.
	Cuco Rodriguez	Cuco Rodriguez explained that the \$1.4 M funded to the ADMHS MHSA program will be earmarked for prudent

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		reserve as required by the State; \$3.3 M must be set aside by 2010. The Workforce, Education and Training plan should be posted on the ADMHS website next week; after that, there will be a 30 day public comment period. MHSA staff will send out an update when the plan is posted. Regarding the Prevention and Early Intervention initiative, ADMHS may begin the stakeholder process in May. ADMHS is also waiting to hear from the State how additional state funded initiative dollars will be distributed.
	Ann Eldridge	Commissioner Eldridge said that in compliance with the Brown Act, Mental Health Commission material is available by request from Mental Health Commission staff.
IX. Adjournment	Margie Lopez	It was moved and seconded (Eldridge/Lydon) that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried at 4:45 p.m.

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