

Mental Health Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2009

Santa Barbara, CA

Committee Members Present

Louis Weider, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Vice Chairperson  
Ann Eldridge, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

James Rohde, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Ex Officio

Commission Members Present

Bill Elliott, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Jan Winter, 1<sup>st</sup> District Alternate

Commission Executives Absent

Manny Casas, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Tracey Taylor, 4<sup>th</sup> District Alternate  
Margie Lopez, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Chairperson

ADMHS Staff

Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Director  
Marianne Garrity, Deputy Director  
Tom Alvarez, Assistant Director, Finance  
Marcia Carstensen, Assistant

Guests

Jennifer Newbold, PathPoint  
JT Turner, Phoenix of Santa Barbara

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS –

Acting Chair Louis Weider called the meeting to order to 3:03 p.m., welcomed all and self-introductions took place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

A motion was made by and seconded (Eldridge/Rohde) that the minutes of December 2, 2008 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

JT Turner – He finds this economy ‘ball game’ disconcerting. He stated he would be interested to hear of any visions for new contracts for providers for the next fiscal year. The Mainstream Program was cut in October and with staff layoffs the client transitioning went quite smoothly. Other programs at Phoenix are doing well.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT- Ann Detrick, Ph.D.

Dr. Detrick said that with the two-week furlough just completed she has spoken informally with Program Managers and Executives and the consensus is that the furlough went quite well. The staff is to be complemented for their preparation for the furlough. CARES had additional staff to assist with clients.

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A status report from CSAC on the governor's proposed FY 09-10 budget was recently received. There can be significant change for ADMHS as MHSA and First Five funds could go to the State general fund but this must be a ballot measure. The County Auditor-Controller stated it is expected that our Realignment funding will be affected for this year and 2009-10. Tom Alvarez, ADMHS Assistant Director, Finance reported that Realignment funds are down 4% thus far this year. For 2008-09 a 10% reduction in vehicle license fees and a 5% reduction in sales tax revenue are expected which is 1.1 million dollars. For 2009-10 reductions in these revenues will total almost 2 million dollars. In other news from the State the CSS Planning figure is increased to 2.8 million; PEI is up 1.1 million; WET up 1.2 million with IT and Capital Expenditures by 4 million. One-half of the CSS 2.8 million must be set aside for a Prudent Reserve.

COMMISSION BUSINESS-

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Committee Reports – None
- C. Other
  - 1. Set Agenda for January 16, 2009 commission Meeting
    - a. Santa Barbara Regional Clinics Update – Karin Metcalf, Regional Manager
    - b. Drop-in Center Contracts – presentation by ADMHS staff
  - 2. Discussion was held on conducting a informational budget workshop on the budget process. To be included are leaders of Community-based Organizations, Consumer/family Groups. A tentative date is February 3, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made and seconded (Eldridge/Elliott) the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Marcia Carstensen  
Mental Health Commission Assistant