

Mental Health Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
November 3, 2009  
Santa Barbara, CA

Committee Members Present

Louis Weider, 1 <sup>st</sup> District, Vice Chairperson	James Rohde, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District, Ex Officio
Margie Lopez, 5 <sup>th</sup> District, Chairperson	John Mudie, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Alternate
Belinda Zola, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Ann Eldridge, 4 <sup>th</sup> District Alternate

Commission Executives Absent

Manny Casas, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Roger Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commission Members Present

None

ADMHS Staff

Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Director  
Marianne Garrity, Deputy Director  
Tina Wooton, Consumer Empowerment Manager  
Marcia Carstensen, Assistant

Guests

John T. Turner

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS –

Chair Margie Lopez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., welcomed all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

A motion was made and seconded (Rohde/Eldridge) that the minutes of October 6, 2009 meeting be approved as amended to read: It was agreed that a brief summary of correspondence received from the Department of Mental Health would be included on agendas. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIRPERSON

Margie Lopez announced:

1. That a budget has been proposed and submitted to the Department for review
2. A list of proposed topics for in-service trainings with trainers named has been developed.
3. A Mental Health Commission organizational chart and a chart of Liaison groups was reviewed and each document will be placed in Orientation binders for new members.

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She stated these documents would be sent to all Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

JT Turner of Phoenix of Santa Barbara said that the Carpinteria Alcohol Recovery Center operated by the Salvation Army has been closed and that the building is on the market for \$1.6 million. Mr. Turner is meeting with officials from Willbridge and Sober Living to discuss the feasibility of developing a hybrid program for dually diagnosed clients. The facility was described as quite large and could be suitable for the operation of a hybrid program if funding could be arranged.

Mr. Turner also addressed the problem of housing availability for those who are ready to graduate from programs. He stated that Jim Piekarski of Phoenix is working with Karin Metcalf of ADMHS to develop a comprehensive list of available housing. He suggested a website that lists available housing and updated daily would be ideal. He suggested a space on the ADMHS website to house this list would be ideal. Mr. Turner stated he is just beginning to put together resources for this venture. There was discussion of “one-stop shopping” centers for housing and services and that San Francisco and San Diego have these centers in place. Mr. Turner also suggested that perhaps MHSAs Innovations Programs funds might be a source for this concept.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Correspondence – None
- B. Process to Update MHC Procedural Documents  
Ann Detrick reported that Celeste Andersen of County Counsel has offered to re-write MHC bylaws. Ann Eldridge and Margie Lopez volunteered to work with Ms. Andersen on this project.

Ann Detrick confirmed with Ms. Andersen on the current calculation for a quorum at Commission meetings:

14 members + BOS member = 15 divided by 2 = 7.5 rounded up to 8 + 1 = 9 members required for a quorum (1 more than one-half of the appointed members).

- C. Set agenda for November 20, 2009 Commission Meeting
  - 1. MHSAs Prevention Early Intervention Proposed Plan Overview
  - 2. MHSAs Capital Information Technology Proposed Plan Overview
  - 3. Committee/Liaison Reports tabled from 10/16/09- it was agreed that Commissioners making these reports would provide in advance a one-page summary or outline of their information in the interest of time needed at the November 20, 2009 Commission meeting for the two MHSAs Plan overviews.

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4. Outcomes Review – After discussion by John Mudie, Consumer Subcommittee Chairperson, it was agreed that this item would be placed for action on the November 20, 2009 agenda. Commissioner Mudie stated he would like to see outcome measures from other counties to which Santa Barbara County could be compared.

Ann Eldridge requested a presentation by Marianne Garrity and Jeanie Sleight on the ADMHS Quality Assurance Division and what is audited or reviewed by the agencies who conduct the reviews. Marianne Garrity, Jeanie Sleight, and John Mudie will work as a group on outcomes for the Commission report to California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH) as designated in the Welfare & Institutions Code.

Margie Lopez said that she will form a task force to determine where there may be areas not as strong as possible to assist the Department in strengthening its system. Marge Lopez will chair this task force and will seek a co-chair or vice chair among South County Commissioners.

#### AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Marcia Carstensen  
Mental Health Commission  
Assistant