

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL Executive Committee Meeting

March 23, 2018

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Program Support Annex Building Conference Room
 3322 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404*

PRESENT: Asghar Ehsan, Matthew Jensen, Mary Ann Swanson, Sherry Weyers, Bob Cobb, Kathy Smith, Shellie Hadley, Dr. Michael Kozart (BH Interim Director/Medical Director), Sid McColley (BH Acute & Forensic Services Section Manager), Chela Fielding (BH-YFS), Zelda Bettman (BH-YFS), Malia Connors (BH-YFS), Melissa Lavery (BH-YFS), Desiree Ohlstrom (Starting Point), Lis Fijowski (ESC Representative), Rhonda Darrow (recorder)

- ❖ Continued discussion of Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Behavioral Health Budgetary Challenges
- ❖ Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION RESOLUTION/ACTION
<p>Proposed Sonoma County Behavioral Health Budget / Public Comments</p>	<p>Dr. Michael Kozart met with board members to continue the discussion of SCBH's current budget and reductions after the MHB meeting on 3/20/18.</p> <p>The provisional budget for FY 18-19 (currently has a \$19 million deficit) is due to DHS Administration by 3/28/18 then to County CAO by 4/5/18, there will be public input before the BOS ratifies the budget in June 2018.</p> <p>MHB members requested more involvement in choosing a BH Director. The members were reminded of limitations due to Civil Services Rules.</p> <p>Dr. Kozart reported that DHS/BH Administration is working on what the conceptual understanding of the core people we serve to keep them safe and alive in our community. DHS/BH Administration is in the process of a reorganization. Mandated programs are being identified and allocations for services—what is the least SCBH can afford to lose.</p> <p>There was a suggestion made to see if the Sheriff's Department's funds could be used for funding the Mobile Support Team.</p> <p>There was a suggestion about Santa Rosa Junior College's contract with SCBH. Mary Ann noted that SRJC's population is one of highest risks of suicide.</p> <p>Barbie Robinson, DHS Director, has been reaching out to both State and Federal representatives for financial assistance.</p> <p>MHB members request a copy of the budget showing what monies is being spent on programs and contractors. They would like a breakdown identifying which programs and contractors are offering Medi-Cal services and which ones receive MHSA funds.</p> <p>Kathy noted the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking funding from other sources • Having funding for housing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue this discussion at the MHB Working Retreat (one hour to be added to the agenda). <p>Dr. Kozart said that reserves need to be prioritized for jobs and services.</p> <p>If a client needs to go to the state hospital at \$250,000/year, how can this be predicted? Reserves need to be in place.</p> <p>CSU offers a community benefit by having a physician assistant do medical assessments/screenings on every person referred to CSU instead of going to medical Emergency Rooms.</p> <p>A community benefit of saving money is bringing a consortium together and look at building a psychiatric hospital to take care of the clients who need additional treatment after 20 hours at CSU, instead of remaining at CSU which cannot claim for services over 20 hours.</p> <p>There was a suggestion of using Valley of the Moon/Los Guilucos facility/campus as a children's CSU.</p> <p>Suggestion made to create a foundation and being able to go after private funding to offer the community safety nets and planned sustainability. Grants are time limited and from now on will be vetted carefully for sustainability in the future. Suggestion to consolidate fiscal groups but Dr. Kozart noted that medical services are too fragmented.</p> <p>The ESC Union Representative said they have submitted their recommendation for forming work groups for determining cost-savings with contract providers, but it has been turned down.</p> <p>Dr. Kozart noted that these are good suggestions when you have time to implement, but the budget is due to DHS Administration by next week prior to going to BOS on 4/5/18.</p> <p>MHB members told to go to their BOS representative with their concerns as a citizen.</p> <p>MHB members noted that it has been frustrating getting direct responses in a timely manner, but also said they will offer their support to move forward and continue with the process.</p> <p>Dr. Kozart said that the fiscal status will be part of the BH Director's Report at each MHB meeting. The MHB members noted how difficult it was to follow the budget discussion at the board meeting. They said there input was sought when MHSA services started.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to have a Town Hall meeting for all of the public and stakeholders, i.e., police, etc., to have discussions about budgets and services. Also, having media presence would be helpful.</p>
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<p>Next MH Board Meeting Agenda</p>	<p>Next MHB Meeting Agenda (4/17/18) Cloverdale Regional Library, 401 N. Cloverdale, CA 95425</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role Call Approval of Minutes: 2/20/18 Patients' Rights Advocate Report – Tamara Winer Consumer Report – Kate Roberge/Amy Breckenridge Special Presentation: Cloverdale/North County Issues Systems Transformation (Section Managers' Reports) PEERS Coalition Intern Report Other Reports (including CALBHB/C report) Board Planning Chair's Report Board Discussion / Public Comments Wrap-Up Adjournment
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