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Minutes for Yolo County Mental Health Board
Monday, May 19, 2008

Members Present: Chairwoman Marilyn Moyle; Vice-Chairman Robert Schelen; Millie Braunstein; Peter Brixie; Robert Canning; Martha Flammer; Guille Libresco; Irma Rodriguez; Marilyn Schwartz; Helen Thomson, County Supervisor

Members Absent: Rhonda Hensley;

Members Excused: Joanne Welty; Carolyn Reiff; Rev. Hank Scherer

Others Present: Ed Smith, Deputy County Administrator; Leigh Harrington, M.D., ADMH; Kevin Rosi, M.D., ADMH; Tawny Yambrovich, ADMH Secretary; Laura Bibelheimer, Deputy, BOS; Don Meyer, Probation Chief, Yolo County; Diane Sommers, Suicide Prevention/Mobile Crisis; June Forbes, NAMI-Yolo; Leslie Carroll, NAMI-Yolo; Nancy Temple, NAMI-Yolo

Location: Training Room, Admin Building, Families First, 2100 5th Street, Davis, CA 95618

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Marilyn Moyle at 7:05 P.M.
 - a. Introductions

- II. Approval of Agenda; Minutes.
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda: *Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda; carried with none opposed.*
 - b. Approval of Meeting Minutes: *Motion was made and seconded by Bob Schelen to approve minutes of April 28, 2008 meeting as amended; carried with none opposed.*

- III. Announcements:
 - a. Information about the “Big Orange Bus,” a service of the Partnership Prescription Alliance, which assists in getting clients signed up for Patient Assistance Programs to provide medications at reduced cost. They are only here for 2 hours.
 - b. Joan Beesley – Community meeting on the Prevention and Early Intervention planning next door at the DESS building, 5:00 P.M. tomorrow.

- IV. Elections:
 - a. Elections committee unanimously (with one abstention) recommended that Marilyn Moyle remain as chair of the LMHB, and Bob Schelen as vice-chair. *Helen Thomson moved that nominations be closed, Millie Braunstein seconded; passed with none opposed.*
 - b. *Slate of officers elected with none opposed*

- V. Report: Ed Smith

Had the state director of Mental Health here last Friday to meet with staff; I felt it was very productive. I gave Marilyn a copy of a document to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 13; also provided information from Butte County. Butte County is closing clinics in Paradise, Gridley, Oroville, and is reducing staff.

Our staff is working diligently to see what the programs are going to look like as we go forward. The next time that we meet we should have a greater level of detail to provide you with. The BOS report shows that there are going to be recommendations for layoffs. We are trying to support staff as best we can. It is very trying both personally and professionally.

Often in this process, people have asked how we could lay off revenue producing staff. Yolo County has 29,000 MCL recipients out of 189,000 people. Of those MCL recipients, the County mental health program is projected to see an unduplicated count of 2,000 MCL recipients. For the last 7 years, the numbers have been flat or going down, despite the county population increasing, and the MCL rolls increasing. The low count of staff has been 142; at the same time that we were adding staff, we were experiencing a decline of MCL recipients being served. Program costs are increasing, while the numbers for whom we can bill are decreasing.

This year, 2,000 MCL clients. Non-MCL in the system are 2500. Total unduplicated pt count of 4500 people; more than 4500 units of service. High point in MCL revenues was 01-02 with 9.2 million; low point is 04-05, with 7.2 million. Don't know where the variance is coming from. This swing causes instability.

24% of MCL revenue received by dept goes to hospitals/24-hour acute care. MCL pts bring in \$4200 (if you don't count hospital care). If you have 330 less clients, at \$4200 each, you lose X dollars. Where did the pts go? To another provider? Dropped out of care? They are no longer in the system, and are a big financial impact.

Staff costs and productivity: Social Worker, Clinician II: \$86000 in salary and benefits; overhead = additional 17,000. Comparable with other counties.

MCL = .50 on the dollar; half from us, half from federal \$. Non MCL are grant, realignment, or not paying. Most of our MCL are referred or contracted out; the county is keeping the ones that can't pay or generate revenue. County does not have enough revenue producing clients to bill.

Productivity: Costs = salary, benefits and overhead. MCL gives \$2.27/minute for everything that is billable; maximum billable is 480 minutes/day, with no breaks, if every minute is billed for. If you only count the time people are present, productivity goes up, but you will still go broke, because you still have to account for those costs. There isn't a large enough patient base to bill against.

Currently patients are split between county and contract providers, but this will shrink the county mental health program. Yolo County can bring back patients that have left the system. You have to balance the number of pts you can get paid through by MCL with the number you are getting no reimbursement for. Appears dept. has been overstaffed for some time.

Payer mix is a problem. Not enough pts with full scope medical to balance billing.

EPSDT requires 10% match by a taxing agency (school district, special district, etc.); Federal entitlement.

Help us find where the patients went; we need billable pts back.

- VI. Report: LMHB Chairperson–Marilyn Moyle
- a. Letter to thank Richard DeLiberty for his service; also publicly thanked him at BOS meeting last Tuesday
 - b. Also presented recommendations of the ad hoc committee, as well as frustration at not being able to do our job as an advisory committee due to lack of information.
 - c. Learned more about the personnel reductions by attending presentation with Steve Mayberg, head of DMH.
 - d. Joan B: We are losing our consumer and family member employees through these unfortunate circumstances. We are losing our bilingual/bicultural Family Services Coordinator, and many other consumers and family members who have been a great addition to the program.
 - e. Marilyn: emphasized to the BOS what a loss this is to the mental health community.
- VII. Report: BOS – Helen Thomson – This is happening in many counties across the state; MHSA is being affected across the state as well. We can hope that Senator Steinberg takes up the issues. If we give the MCL contract back to the state, we have to give back some of the realignment funds as well; if we don't have MCL, we probably can't run county mental health. What we essentially have is an HMO that wasn't being run like an HMO. First Five Yolo did a children's need assessment, and less than 5% of those who need services were receiving mental health services. In addition to CSAC meeting next week, the BOS budget hearings are on the 16-17 of June. The budget hearings will impact everyone. YCHIP is being renegotiated for the next 16 years. The sheriff's budget was cut by approx \$1 million. DESS statewide is losing an additional \$650 million on top of what was cut in January; a lot of women and children are hurting.
- VIII. Committee Reports
- a. Executive
 - b. Budget:
 - c. Forensic: Met tonight at 6:00 P.M. – keeping mental health courts on the agenda. Discussed impacts on dept changes on current forensic programs. AIM program (federal SAMHSA grant) is coming to an end, and 30+ clients will be losing services.
 - d. Program: Meeting tomorrow; individual members have been participating in MHSA PEI stakeholders meetings. Need some of that money to target people experiencing the first onset of mental illness. With the proposal is the possibility of transferring some of the CSS outreach and engagement monies to use for PEI for crisis services. Yolo STRIDES had their open house on May 15; Marilyn S. and Millie went. Clients formed a band of very talented people who performed.
 - e. Legislative Advocacy:

Public Comment:

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IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.