

MINUTES FOR YOLO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Monday, June 23, 2008
Community Room 1, DESS Bldg A
500 Jefferson Blvd.
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Members Present: Chairwoman Marilyn Moyle, Robert Canning, Millie Braunstein, Helen Thomson, Rhonda Hensley, Martha Flammer.

Others Present: Ed Smith, Deputy County Administrator, Leigh Harrington, M.D. (ADMH), Kevin Rosi, M.D. (ADMH), Dianne Sommers (Suicide Prevention Executive Director), Michele Kellogg (YCCC Executive Director), Walter Shwe (NAMI-Yolo), June Forbes (NAMI-Yolo), Leslie Carroll (NAMI-Yolo)

Approval of Agenda, Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. As there was not a quorum of LMHB members present at the meeting, the agenda and minutes for the May 19 and June 12 meetings were not approved.

Report: Deputy County Administrator - Ed Smith

- Urgent care is starting up. For a short period of time an additional psychiatrist will be brought in one day a week to help with client backlog.
- ADMH has a large number of grants; not collecting all of the money, (a few hundred thousand dollars). Trying to figure out why. Some of these are running the forensic programs; some are due for renewals.
- Currently doing 100% review of the caseload. Looking at all cases and comparing them to the numbers we get from the computers.
- Many children are not in our system - most likely served by the Woodland School District's Safe Kids/Healthy Kids grant.
- Staff training for Coding, Documentation and Record-Keeping scheduled for Tuesday, June 24.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the ADMH 2008-09 budget with the addition of \$100,000 offered by the BOS to help with housing support.
- ADMH is close to finalizing on a 4 bedroom home to increase housing options, possibly two houses. These would be independent living facilities, short-term housing; a possibility for STRIDES patients if they are reasonably high-functioning.
- Rosewood is a possible option to be leased for a residential program.
- Shared copy of the Jan. 1 - March 31, 2008 Quarterly Report from Yolo County Office of Patients' Rights (attach).

Report: Board of Supervisors - Helen Thomson

- Thanked LMHB and advocates for bearing with the BOS with the financial situation at hand.
- Feel that the \$100,000 will be helpful in solving some of the housing issues.

- Discussing an agreement tomorrow with ADMH to finalize an agreement with the YCHA so that MHSA dollars can be used and not revert back to the state.
- Thanked Ed Smith for encouragement.
- On July 2 Health and Wellness Committee of CSAC will meet to see how money can be flexed.
- Ed Smith is meeting with the State MH directors to see if there are ways we can unshackle money from the State.

Goal Setting - Discussion

LMHB members still need to clarify goals for the 2008-09 year. There is need for mutually-agreed upon goals (Department staff and LMHB) that ADMH can work toward than won't change. Priorities discussed at this meeting were improved crisis services, supported housing, and jail diversion programs, including establishment of a mental health court. Two MHSA clients who use the Wellness Center have been hospitalized. Safe Harbor has been full for the last two months (clients report feeling they have been abandoned or will be). The Woodland City Police will be participating in the CIT training scheduled for this September. There was extensive discussion re issues related to the current crisis services. It was concluded that restructuring the crisis services to facilitate 24 hour crisis resolution is a high priority.

Action Plan

LMHB members asked Ed Smith to come back to the LMHB at the August 25 meeting in Woodland with options for changes and cost estimates for those changes.

Next Meeting

The July LMHB meeting will be cancelled because there were two meetings in June due to the special June 12 budget meeting.

The next meeting will be August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Walker Room of the Bauer Health Building in Woodland.