

Yolo County Local Mental Health Board

October 27, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present: Millie Braunstein, Robert Canning, Marilyn Moyle, Robert Schelen, Helen Thomson

Members Excused: Martha Flammer, Guille Libresco, Carolyn Reiff, Irma Rodriguez, Marilyn Schwartz

General Public: Walter Shwe, Leslie Carroll, Nancy Temple, Mike Summers, Jackie Hausman

Staff: Kim Suderman, Karen Serna

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – The October 27, 2008 LMHB meeting was called to order at 7:12PM. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – No quorum.
3. **Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2008 Meeting** – No quorum.
4. **Announcements and Correspondence** – Pine Tree Gardens will be introducing the new board and care operators at their annual bar-b-que on Thursday, October 30, 2008. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

There is a special state meeting scheduled for November 5, 2008. The state is currently \$3 billion over budget.

5. **Report on First 5** – Jackie Hausman distributed copies of the Early Childhood Mental Health Needs Assessment in Yolo County and explained the process on putting this together. There are approximately 13,000 Yolo County children in this age group. Currently 12 agencies provide services to children in Yolo County. Key findings of the needs assessment include a need for greater public awareness, more mental health prevention and early intervention services, and provider training. To address the recommendations in this report, First 5 of Yolo County plans to fund five projects for seven years and two projects for two years. Copies of the manual will be sent to the absent board members.
6. **CIT** – Mike Summers reported that the first CIT in March was very successful. The 28 attendees were from the Woodland, Davis and Winters Police Departments and the Sheriff's Department. He has received commitments from other agencies for the next training proposed for 40 participants in March 2009. Requests have also been received to train mental health personnel. It is hoped that an in-house training will take place.

Mike Summers learned today that his position with ADMH has been eliminated. Kim Suderman explained that she is very supportive of the CIT program, but due to budget related issues, any future trainings will be put on hold. CIT is currently in the draft MHSA-PEI proposal. It is anticipated that with the strong support by stakeholders, CIT will remain in the fiscal proposal to be submitted to DMH. Kim Suderman recommended not to cancel the March 2009 training date yet. Thank you to NAMI for their support of this program.

7. **LMHB Chair Report** – The conference room naming ceremony was held on September 29, 2008. Karen Livingston and Pat Williams and her daughter were there. It was a nice, well attended ceremony.

8. **Board of Supervisors Report** – Helen Thomson reported that the county budget this year is very bad – facing a \$5 million shortfall. Property tax assessments are way down and this effects the re-alignment monies. We need to be creative in using funds. Applications for county services are up, e.g. there is a 15% increase demand for food stamps. County employees will have the option of taking voluntary extra time off between Christmas and New Years – hoping to save \$1 million. There may need to be more furloughs; may even lead to more layoffs.

The General Plan is dealing with housing as it relates to mentally ill clients. Prop 63 housing money has purchased two homes to house those with mental illness in both Woodland and West Sacramento. LMHB members may want to attend some of the County General Plan trainings.

There is concern around low attendance of current LMHB members at meetings and also vacancies on the Board. It was suggested that a letter be sent to all board members asking them if they would like to continue as members of the LMHB. Marilyn Moyle will contact current members regarding continuation on the Board. Helen will talk with supervisors regarding vacant positions in their district.

9. **Director Report** – The budget is tight county wide. Working to do more with less without losing any staff. Services will not close down for the two weeks around the holidays; however, ADMH will only be open for crisis services on the Friday after Christmas Day and New Years Day. Need to get the infra structure shored up. We are looking at MediCal billing trying to recoup as much money as possible.
10. **MHSA PEI Planning Update** – This budget will be delayed. There are seven proposed programs but not enough money to fund all of them. We will look at the cost of each program and make a decision on what programs will be funded. Would like this to go before the Board of Supervisors in January.
11. **Committee Meeting Reports** – The Program Committee met with Kim Suderman on October 21, 2008. The committee shared with her current program priorities of the committee, strengthening of crisis services, preventing a negative impact on the SMI clients that may result from the changes in staffing and most effective use of MHSA funds that will address current service gaps and leverage community resources.
12. **Public Comment** – none
13. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** – The October 2008 LMHB meeting was adjourned at 9PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2008 at 7PM at the Bauer Building in Woodland

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Serna