

Yolo County Local Mental Health Board

February 23, 2009

MINUTES

Member's Present: Millie Braunstein, Robert Canning, Martha Flammer, Guille Libresco, Marilyn Moyle, Robert Schelen, Hank Scherer, Marilyn Schwartz, Helen Thomson

Member's Excused: Carolyn Reiff, Joanne Welty

Public: Walter Shwe, Nancy Temple, Leslie Carroll, Caren Livingstone, Leigh Harrington, Kevin Rosi

Staff: Joan Beesley, Karen Serna, Kim Suderman, Alicia Ruiz, Lana Shramenko

1. Call to Order and Introductions -

The February 2009 Local Mental Health Board meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda -

Motion by Hank Scherer to accept the agenda as submitted. Second by Robert Canning. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2009 Minutes -

Motion by Robert Canning to accept the minutes as submitted. Second by Millie Braunstein. Carried.

4. Announcements and Correspondence – NAMI's Winter Dinner is scheduled for February 26, 2009 in Davis. Brian Wetzel will be the guest speaker.

The second CIT is scheduled for March 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2009 at the Woodland Community Senior Center. Most law enforcement agencies will be attending.

5. MHSA CSS Public Hearing – Written comments will be accepted until Friday, February 27, 2009. Marilyn Schwartz and Millie Braunstein both submitted vocal comments. Spanish and Russian translators were present. No written comments presented. Hearing is closed.

6. Board of Supervisors Report – The County will be having special budget sessions this week. Consumer spending is way down. Helen Thomson distributed copies of the February 24, 2009 Board of Supervisors letter regarding the Midyear Budget Report and the "New Federal Parity Law Builds on California's Equality Regulations"

7. Director Report -

Kim discussed how DMH is directing the MHSA process for approval of plans, all the hoops that counties must jump through, and how many counties have written their plans to meet DMH standards and remain solvent. There is clear support for MHSA dollars supporting core services, as the previous funding streams are diminishing. She reminded the board that if counties do not expand their MHSA CSS Plans to include expansion of their core services, much of what we know of the core services and the additional needs for the CSS Full Service Partnership Program consumers will not have access to the services they need to remain stable, like med support and case management services. Kim explained the difference between planned and unplanned services, expansion versus supplantation, and the need to restructure and not do business as usual.

Unfortunately, the legislature is prevailing upon MHSA funds to cover part of the state general fund deficit, using those dollars as a loan for a period of 2 years, and will be taking it to the voters for a special election on May 19, 2009 to approve the allowance of supplantation to fund EPSDT during that period. We believe that DMH will be looking to other parts of the MHSA funding that the CSS dollars already allocated to the counties, but of course that is the *educated guess at this time* only, and we do not know for sure how the funding of this initiative will occur if the voters pass this in May. It is tough times financially for everyone right now.

8. **LMHB Chair Report** – Irma Rodriguez has submitted her resignation from the LMHB. Carolyn Reiff will be returning in the spring. It is time for the LMHB Annual Report to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Contact Marilyn Moyle if you are interested in helping prepare the report. There were questions on the status of the medical facility and if the jail will be expanding.
9. **Legislative Report** – Per Martha Flammer, even encumbered funds are at risk as well as counties that have developed plans. Martha distributed copies of the “Legislature Passes Budget Plan”.
10. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** – The February 2009 LMHB meeting was adjourned at 9P.M.

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The next LMHB meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7PM at the DESS building in West Sacramento.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Serna