

Yolo County Local Mental Health Board

March 23, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Millie Braunstein, Martha Flammer, Caren Livingstone, Marilyn Moyle, Robert Schelen, Helen Thomson

Members Excused: Guille Libresco, Carolyn Reiff, Marilyn Schwartz

Guests: Walter Shwe, Leslie Carroll, Nancy Temple, Cathie Wicks, Leigh Harrington, Kevin Rosi

Staff: Kim Suderman, Karen Serna, Yana Balatskiy, Alicia Ruiz, Joan Beesley

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – The March 2009 LMHB meeting was called to order at 7:21PM. Introductions were made.

Welcome to Caren Livingstone to the LMHB. She will join Robert Schelen in representing District 4.

2. **Approval of Agenda -**

Motion by Helen Thomson to accept the agenda as submitted. Second by Martha Flammer. Carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2009 Meeting -**

Motion by Helen Thomson to accept the minutes as submitted. Second by Robert Schelen. Carried.

4. **Announcements and Correspondence -**

The annual Mike Thompson fundraiser is scheduled for April 19, 2009 at 5PM at the Yolo County Airport.

The annual NAMI-Yolo Sunflower Art Show and Competition is scheduled for June 1 through June 25, 2009. Reception and Awards will be held on Friday, June 12, 2009. For additional information contact NAMI-Yolo at 530-756-8181 or www.namiyolo.org. Marilyn Moyle will contact Sharon Jensen on donating a painting.

Client artwork is currently on display at the Wellness Center in West Sacramento.

The second CIT class was held earlier in the month. 35 law enforcement agencies participated. NAMI-Yolo and YCPARMIA co-sponsored the event. A third training is expected in the fall. A letter from the LMHB will be sent to UCD asking them to participate in the next training.

Marilyn Moyle received a phone call from a client requesting a different psychiatrist. Kim Suderman explained that there is a departmental process that must be followed for requesting a change of doctor or clinician. Contact the department to request the proper paperwork.

5. **MHSA CSS Plan Update 08/09 Public Hearing** – Joan Beesley reported that she received two written comments by the thirty day deadline. She also distributed copies of the draft of the MHSA CSS Plan update and explained the changes in the plan. Spanish and Russian translators were present. No written comments were submitted.

Motion to approve the update of the MHSA CSS Plan by Martha Flammer. Second by Robert Schelen. Carried. Hearing is closed. Thank you to Joan and everyone for their efforts.

The MHSA WET public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Bauer Building.

6. **LMHB Chair Report** – Marilyn Moyle will address the Board of Supervisors of the 2008 LMHB Annual Report at the April 7, 2009 meeting. She will comment on the highlights and successes with NAMI and YCPARMIA in 2008.
7. **Board of Supervisors Report** – Helen Thomson spoke of an article from NAMI and CNN entitled “California Gets a C for Adult Mental Health Care”. The nation received a D in regards to serving the mentally ill populations, showing only a marginal increase from 2006. State budget cuts will continue to threaten care, according to NAMI. Additional information is available on the NAMI California website.

The County budget is short \$22 million within the general fund and the County is looking at everything and everyone for ways of saving money, i.e. pay decreases, employees paying more for health insurance and PERS. ADMH continues to work on generating more money to save jobs and services for clients. ADMH collected \$129,000 in February.

Copies of the article from the Los Angeles Times “Using Tax Dollars To Turn Lives Around Is Money Will-Spent” were distributed.

Mental Health will have a representative from the LMHB attending the Homeless Coalition meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 11AM at the West Sacramento City Hall.

8. **Directors Report** – Kim Suderman informed the Board of changes in service codes and recoding. Staff can now bill for travel time and documentation and productivity has increased. The department continues to work on balancing the budget and to avoid layoffs.

Research is being done on critical incident debriefing training and first responders. This is a specialty service that Mental Health should be providing.

Orientation for new clients has begun. This should decrease the amount of no show appointments for new adult clients. All paperwork is completed during orientation and the client leaves with an assessment appointment in their hand. Children’s will be set up at a later date.

9. **Legislative Report – Prop 1E Recommendation** – Kim Suderman reported that both CMHDA and CSAC are taking a neutral position on 1E. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposition and decided not to take a position as a Board. 1E will only be a temporary fix. Would like to take the MHSA monies out of the state budget in order to protect these funds.

10. **Discussion and Approval of 2008 LMHB Annual Report** – Changes to the Annual Report were made and discussed. Attachments B and C will be attached.

Motion by Robert Schelen to accept the 2008 LMHB Annual Report with changes. Second by Martha Flammer. Carried.

11. **Public Comment** – Marilyn Moyle briefly talked about the CALMB/C workbook.

Send agenda items for April meeting to Marilyn Moyle.

12. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** – The March 2009 LMHB meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

- 12A. **Next Meeting Date** – The April 2009 LMHB meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009 at Families First in Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Serna