

# Minutes

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**Present:** Darrell Hall, Vice-Chair; Mary Ellis, Secretary; Supervisor Lee Lor; Audrey Spangler; Iris Mojica de Tatum; Sally Ragonut

**Absent:** Micki Archuleta, Chair; Bruce Metcalf; Vicki Humble; Keng Cha; Norma Cardona; Vince Ramos

**Others Present:** Yvonnia Brown; Paula Mason, Kim Carter; Chris Kraushar; Liz Freitas; Sharon Mendonca; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

## **Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call**

Vice-Chair Darrell Hall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

## **Mission Statement**

The Mission Statement was read by Iris Mojica de Tatum.

## **Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2019 (BOARD ACTION)**

**Recommendation/Action:** A quorum was not present.

## **Opportunity for public input. At this time any person may comment on any item which is not on the agenda.**

- Liz Freitas commented that at some point she would like to know how the Department is going to handle the fact that the D Street Shelter is no longer an emergency shelter – it is a transitional housing shelter – and now there is a State law that you cannot discharge someone to the street. Before, when it was an emergency shelter, Marie Green was able to discharge people to the D Street Shelter. She understands that the shelter has 60-slots and they are filled; there is no more bed room because it is not an emergency shelter. She is wondering how the Department will handle those people who do not have any housing or place to go and where Marie Green will discharge them to and what plans are being made to keep them off the streets. Yvonnia responded that there are two beds already allocated for the Department and are paid for monthly. Liz continued that she thought originally they were only going to do fifty beds and the Supervisors asked them to do ten more beds. She knows that they don't have those beds and they have to purchase them. She is not sure they have a lot of room. Her main concern though is the two beds for the Department.
- Darrell reported that he has some personal friends that need to get in touch with the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and Queer) population. He was wondering where to get this information. Yvonnia stated she could give him the number to the Alliance because there is an organization here in Merced.
- Chris Kraushar requested a report to the Board on the Outreach Center that is being contracted through Turning Point. She went to visit briefly, took a tour and spoke with the Program Manager there. It is really interesting what they are doing. The way it is set-up would be interesting and beneficial for the Board to know what services they provide, when, how – how many people they have seen which is actually very impressive. She proposed this be a future Board agenda item.

**Recommendation/Action:** As noted above

## **Committee / Ad-Hoc Reports**

- a. Substance Use Disorder**
- b. Board Development**

- c. Evaluation of Local Facilities**
- d. Nominating Committee**
- e. QIC**
- f. Executive Committee**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. Darrell did not have a report. b. Bruce was not present to give a report. c. Iris stated that she Norma and Micki have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to begin discussing this. d. No report available. e. Copies of the QIC report from January 31, 2019 had been passed out. Mary went over the report. It was asked if the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services listed on this report would be offered by the Department. Yvonnia stated that some of the services listed would be performed by other providers such as Aegis. The Department would be outsourcing the residential programs, perinatal and Medication Assisted Treatment; everything else is handled in-house. This does not pertain to alcohol abuse – but drug abuse. f. Iris reported that there is a process for agenda items to be considered. The Executive Committee looks at what the purpose would be for a particular item to be placed on the agenda and whether the topic aligns with the Mission Statement, and if so, how does it.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

### **Chair's Report**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Micki was not present today to give a report.

**Recommendation/Action:**

### **Supervisor's Report**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Supervisor Lor reported that today the Board of Supervisors (BOS) reappointed her to this Board again.

**Recommendation/Action:** None

### **Director's Report**

- a. **BHRS Building Project Update**
  - New Livingston Clinic
  - Crisis Residential Unit (CRU)
  - Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) – Adult & Children
- b. **External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Overview**
- c. **Governor Newsom's Proposed FY 19/20 Budget**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. The Department is working on building a new Livingston Clinic. The BOS has given approval to purchase the property. It will be behind Popeye's in Livingston off of Hwy 99. They are communicating with the architects and Dept. of Public Works (DPW); the final design should be completed soon with the hope of having the project completed in two years (by the Fall of 2020 or Spring 2021). The Crisis Residential Unit will be located on the bottom floor of the new building. It holds sixteen beds and is temporary housing for people who are seriously mentally ill. This is a six-county collaborative with Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Madera, and Calaveras; these are the only counties that will be allowed to use this facility. It is anticipated that they will be open and operational by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Crisis Stabilization Units for adults and children will be completed by May 2019. The contractors are on schedule; they are in the process of finalizing some of the furnishings for the facilities. They are going out to contract for the children's CSU. b. The EQRO was here January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. They do not have a final report yet. Based on the preliminary feedback from the reviewers, the review went very well and there was great participation. The reviewers noted that in the last four years there have been significant changes in the organizational structure, programs, etc. and they see that the Department



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has made strides in making sure we are audit ready, using the electronic health records and coming up with reports to makes sure they are tracking and monitoring. The Department now has two active PIPs (Performance Improvement Projects). The Department has not had an active PIP in three years. One PIP is on the frequency of crisis services and the other is the timeliness rate of FKAs (failed to keep appointment) for psychiatric appointments. There are action items being implemented to meet the expectations of those PIPs. c. Attached to today's packet was Governor Newsom's proposed budget for FY 19/20. She pointed out that the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) has a proposed increase in order to expand services. The Managed Care Behavioral Health Integration also has an increase to encourage Medi-Cal managed care provider to meet goals in critical areas such as chronic disease management and behavioral health integration. She then pointed out the housing and homelessness funding. In addition to the No Place Like Home funding (that just passed in November) there is a \$500M one-time funding to build emergency shelters, navigation center or supportive housing. They will have to apply for the grant.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

**Announcements**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Audrey had some comments. She heard the Mission had been torn down and that they have 7 acres on Yosemite Parkway to build a bigger Mission. She asked if this was true. Darrell suggested she talk to Bruce Metcalf regarding this. Audrey then suggested that Supervisor Lloyd Pareira come back on this Board in order to get some officers on this Board. She also suggested that Officer Stan Favor be put on this Board also. Yvonna commented that Board appointments are done by the BOS.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 3:50pm.

Submitted by:           Signed            
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Recording Secretary

Approved by:           Signed            
Mary Ellis, Secretary  
Merced County Behavioral Health Board

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