



## Minutes

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**Present:** Iris Mojica de Tatum, Chair; Paula Mason, Secretary; Kim Carter; Sally Ragonut; Micki Archuleta; Supervisor Lloyd Pareira; Bruce Metcalf; Darrell Hall; Vince Ramos

**Absent:** Richard Hawthorne, Vice-Chair; Angelo Perez; Mary Ellis; Keng Cha

**Others Present:** Yvonna Brown; Alice Liang; Sharon Jones; Sharon Mendonca; Liz Freitas, Christina Kraushar; Betty Hoskins; Michael Wilson; Janet Spangler; Olivia Lynch; Norma Cardona; Moises Alcantara; Danielle Mumford; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

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

Chair Iris Mojica de Tatum called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission Statement was read by Iris Mojica de Tatum.

### **Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2018 (BOARD ACTION)**

**Recommendation/Action:** M/S/C (Metcalf / Ragonut) to approve the minutes from February 6, 2018.

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

- Sally asked if the Board could have a report on the recidivism of those being released from Marie Green. She would like to see data of those being released and what is being done to keep in contact with these clients. She would also like to know who does the follow-up on those released from Marie Green.
- Sharon Jones announced that the May is Mental Health Awareness Outcomes Event will be held at the Atwater Community Center on May 16, 2018. The Spiritual Wellness and Recovery Conference will be held on July 14, 2018.
- Yvonna announced that the Grand Opening for the new facility will be on Friday, April 20, 2018 starting at 9:00 am. There will be guided tours of the new facility. An official invite will be sent out. A press release will also go out.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

### **Behavioral Health Program Updates**

- a. FY 18/19 Budget Update – Sharon Mendonca
- b. MHSA Programs and Areas Being Serviced – Sharon Jones
- c. Follow-up with Children in Local Emergency Rooms

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. Sharon Mendonca stated that the budget for FY 18/19 has been submitted. For Mental Health right now the balanced budget is at \$59,707,785.00 and the AOD Program is at \$6,032,270.00; that is with their anticipated Medi-Cal, Realignments and grants. The total of both budgets is \$65,740,055.00. Sharon had a handout on the FY 17/18 Quarterly Budget Report and she went over the spreadsheet. There was a handout on the FY 17/18 Monthly Budget Report and she went over this

spreadsheet. b. Sharon Jones stated that at last month's meeting she passed out a map regarding MHSA services in the different zip codes. Today she explained the map in greater detail. The map comes from all the quarterly reports that are submitted for all MHSA programs in which a quarterly report is required. Merced County has about twenty-two zip codes. The map gives everyone a visual of how Merced County is using the MHSA dollars. MHSA has thirty-one approved program activities/services. In FY 16/17 MHSA programs served 24,597 individuals from all of thirty-one approved programs; Sharon broke the numbers down into how many for each zip code and different programs. c. Alice Liang was present to give follow-up information on an issue from last month's meeting – concerns about the level of response in services provides to children in the local Emergency Rooms. Today she presented information on the different programs the Department has at the local hospitals. This includes the Crisis Stabilization Program which is offered through Aspiranet to youth up to the age of eighteen years. Merced County has two local hospitals – Mercy Medical in Merced and Memorial Hospital in Los Banos. The Triage Program has BHRS stationing employees at the local hospitals. They are there in order to respond to the mental health crisis needs of the community. There is also the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and they go out anywhere in the community. If there are a high number of evaluations that need to be completed at the hospitals, then MCRT will be deployed to assist. The Department can also send regular, outpatient clinicians out to the local hospitals as well. Alice went over the volume of services provided at Triage. Alice continued with information on the Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) which began in April 2012 and is an intensive, home-based service. One of the main goals is to prevent psychiatric hospitalization. These services are voluntary. There are certain criteria/eligibility requirements – they have to have Merced County Medi-Cal, or be uninsured. They cannot be under the influence of substances or actively psychotic; they are clients who are at risk of higher-level care due to being suicidal or potential danger to others. The current CSP serves individuals from the age of zero up to eighteen. Services are provided during work hours (8 to 5), however, clinicians do respond after hours. The CSP staff generally responds to the ER within an hour of receiving the information. Betty Hoskins, Division Director, stated that Aspiranet will respond at any time and provide the services 24/7. There was public present that had concerns and issues with the services being provided at the local ERs in regards to children. The Director, Yvonnia Brown, commented that there have been on-going conversations with the hospital staff regarding this issue for many months. There is new hospital administration and Ms. Brown will continue to meet with them to continue this conversation.

**Recommendation/Action:** c. In about three months the Board would like to hear back on any updates regarding this issue.

### **Chair's Report – Iris Mojica de Tatum**

#### **a. Strategic Planning Meeting Update**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. Iris reported that there have been some logistic issues in scheduling the Strategic Planning meeting in March. The Executive Committee came up with either May 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-1:00, for the Strategic Planning meeting instead. Iris asked Board members to hold these two dates open. She will contact the trainer to make sure they can come on one of these dates. Carol will email the confirmed date once the trainer has been contacted. The Board of Supervisors have approved the two new members and by May there will be several new Board members who will greatly benefit by this training.

**Recommendation/Action:** a. When a date is confirmed for the Strategic Planning meeting, Carol will send the date out.

### **Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Pareira**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Supervisor Lor could not be present today. Supervisor Pareira stated that if there is a carve-out on homeless vs. non-homeless (for adults), he would like to see this information. He has been working hard on the homeless situation in Merced County and this is information he could use.

**Recommendation/Action:** Yvonnia stated she has this information

### **Director's Report – Yvonnia Brown**

#### **a. Update on Housing and Homeless Initiatives (B Street Housing Project)**



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

**Behavioral Health Board Meeting**

**1137 B Street**

**Merced, CA 95341**

**March 6, 2018**

**b. Top Priorities for FY 17/18**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. This is a standard item for this agenda. They are still working on the draft of the potential agreement between the City and County about this location. Nothing has been solidified. The proposal is that they will have to secure the financial stability/funding first. If they are not able to secure the funding, the lease will be dropped and the County will continue to be the property owner. If they secure the funding, the money will go back to MHSA/CSS. **b.** The Director's top five priorities for FY 17/18 are: 1. Crisis services for youth and adults, 2. Homeless/housing, 3. Staff development and training, 4. Telehealth services in all locations, and 5. New location for Livingston office.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

**Reports / Updates**

- a. Executive Committee – Iris Mojica de Tatum
- b. QIC – Mary Ellis & Kim Carter
- c. CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions Update – Keng Cha
- d. Annual Report Update – Richard Hawthorne

**Discussion/Conclusion:** a. No report. **b.** Kim passed out a synopsis of the QIC meeting held on February 27, 2018. **c.** Keng could not be present today. This item will be tabled for next month. **d.** Richard could not be present today. This item will be tabled for next month.

**Recommendation/Action:** Information only

**Announcements**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Micki reported that she bought a book at Merced College and gave it to Jennifer Jones. Micki felt this is the curriculum they need in the Wellness Center rather than the AA and NA curriculum being used now. Sally commented on a Sun Star newspaper article regarding a mental illness law from 1967 – the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS). She felt it was a very interesting article and would like to have some dialogue next month regarding this. Yvonnia suggested that Board members read the entire bill; there is more to the bill than what is stated in the newspaper article. She will send the link to the actual bill.

**Recommendation/Action:** As noted above

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 5:10 pm.

Submitted by:           Signed            
Carol Hulsizer  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:           Signed            
Paula Mason, Secretary  
Merced County Behavioral Health Board

Date:   4/4/18  

Date:   5/1/18