



## **COUNTY OF SAN MATEO MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY COMMISSION**

**Unadopted Minutes  
Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 100  
San Mateo**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Betty Savin, Judy Schutzman, Patricia Way, Rocio Cornejo, Josephine Thompson, Carol Marble, Dorothy Christian, Eduardo Tirado,

**STAFF:** Randy Torrijos, Stephen Kaplan, Chantae Rochester, Colin Hart, Paul Sorbo, Toni Demarco, Karen Krahn, Vanessa Osuna, Jairo Wilches, Erica Britton

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rodney Roddewig, Eric Wollman, Louise Orellana, Patrisha Ragins, Wanda Thompson

**OTHERS PRESENT (signed in):** Calvin Shelton, Patrick McErlain, Mark Christian, Marilyn Pearson, Robert Hall, Erica Horn, Jennifer McAbee, Sapna Patel, Carmen Lee, Cardum Harmon, Helene Zimmerman, Doris Brown

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

### **APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA**

► **M/S/C** Schutzman/Thompson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of minutes from the February 1, 2017 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Meeting:

► **M/S/C** Schutzman/Thompson

Approval of minutes from the February 21, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting

► **M/S/C** Schutzman/Thompson

### **Correspondence, Announcements, and Public Comment**

Erica Horn, California Clubhouse, Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala is May 11, at the Foster City Crowne Plaza. Our goal this year is to have 220 people in attendance. If you would like information, please go to [www.californiaclubhouse.org](http://www.californiaclubhouse.org).

Cardum Harmon, Heart & Soul, We will be having our Open House and a Build Your Own Wellness Toolkit in mid -May. Keep a look out for more details

Helene Zimmerman, NAMI San Mateo, We are working on introducing new peer support programs later this year.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Paul Sorbo, Thank you!

The commission presented Paul Sorbo with a certificate of appreciation and many thanks for his work with children and youth of San Mateo County and his support of the commission. Happy Retirement Paul!

The commission honored Judy Schutzman with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service on the commission. Thank you Judy! You will be missed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. Committee for Older Adults**

#### **Judy Schutzman reported**

1. Minutes attached.
2. Next meeting will be held on April 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

### **B. Committee for Adults**

#### **Josephine Thompson reported**

1. Minutes attached.
2. Next meeting will be held on April 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.  
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Room 209, San Mateo

### **C. Committee for Children & Youth**

#### **Reported by Betty Savin**

1. Minutes attached
2. Next meeting will be held on April 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.  
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, conference room 201, San Mateo

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Serenity House**

The renovation has begun. There's a picture of the work being done in the current issue of Wellness Matters. We have regular meetings with the contractor to hear how things are progressing. We hope to begin seeing clients early this summer.

### **Cordilleras**

We are getting close to recommending to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) a design/build company to start the Cordilleras construction project. If all stays on track we should be going to BOS in April with the recommendation. If that happens we will remain on schedule.

### **Medi-Cal Audit**

We are in the third day of our Medi-Cal Audit. The audit has two components:

1. The system audit which looks at our policies and procedures for a long list of regulatory requirements.
2. Sample of actual clinical charts to see if documentation meets standards for billing.

We will have our exit interview tomorrow, they won't tell us much during the exit interview. We'll get a report from the department in approximately 45 days and we'll have an opportunity to appeal the findings in the report that we do not agree with before the final report is issued. We will report back to the commission with the findings.

#### Drug Medi-Cal Delivery System

We've added three more contractors yesterday. We now have six of our providers under the new system. We will continue to work with the other providers to get them on board by the end of the fiscal year.

#### Immigration

We are having conversations, internally, around immigration issues for our clients. The county has taken a number of positions on this issue, they joined 19 other counties in a law suit that is headed to the supreme court to enforce current immigration laws. We are starting to instruct our staff on what we would expect from them should federal agents come looking for people. We want to make sure our clients understand that we are not part of a federal immigration implementation force. We have heard that some people are afraid to come in because they are concerned about their privacy. We want to reassure people that coming to our services they are safe. We continue to participate in community meetings, primarily around legal rights and immigration resources.

#### Collaborative Care Team (CCT)

A year ago we started a process called the Collaborative Care Team (CCT), it is under Karen Khran's team. It is comprised of clinicians and public guardians. What they are adding to our resources is the ability to work more regularly and intensely with some of our clients who are placed out of the county in locked facilities. Prior to the CCT we had very limited resources to go out and visit people. What we're doing with this is not just going out to visit people, we really are working with the staff of those facilities to make sure that the treatment people are receiving are really designed to move them out of that level of care and to minimize the length of their time in a locked facility. Some really exciting things are happening; we will update the commission at a future meeting.

#### Waverly Project

The fifteen bed apartment that the Mental Health Association (MHA) is implementing has been a roundabout process and all of it has been around administrative and financial matters, but it looks like all of that is finally settled. MHA is back on track and the project is moving forward.

We still have about \$1.1 million of our original MHSA housing dollars and it looks like we might have another project. We are working the Department of Housing who has a project already in the pipeline and we think their builder/developer will be open to dedicating some of the units to our clients, probably 8 to 10 units. We will keep you apprised of the project.

#### BHRS Administration

I want to let you know that our administration has moved. We are now located at 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo. By the end of March all of BHRS will be at the 2000 Alameda campus.

#### Wellness Matters

There's an article highlighting the LGBTQ Center that is developing, the Edgewood Drop-in Center, and Serenity House. A lot of these really are the result of the MHSA Planning

Process. Sometimes people don't connect the dots that the planning process actually has yielded some very specific things that we've implemented. It is very important that people who have an interest in what we are doing and/or identifying gaps in the system, that they show up and let us know in that planning process.

Deputy Director of Children/Youth Services

I would like to introduce Toni Demarco, our new Deputy Director of Children/Youth Services. We are pleased to have Toni in her new role, she is a great advocate for services, especially for young people.

## **MHSA UPDATE**

Reported by Colin Hart, Community Health Planner, BHRS

MHSA Steering Committee Meeting, this will also be the launch of the three year plan, is Monday, March 13, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in room 100. Childcare and interpreter services will be provided, if you require these services, please contact Colin Hart or Doris Estremera.

If you cannot attend in person but would like to submit a comment, please go to [www.MHSA/smcgov.org](http://www.MHSA/smcgov.org).

We have been spotlighting various MHSA program as Steve mentioned in his report. If you are interested in being interviewed for one of our upcoming articles in Wellness Matters, please contact Colin Hart at [chart@smcgov.org](mailto:chart@smcgov.org).

## **Liaison, Task Force and Ad Hoc Committees:**

There was nothing to report at the time of this meeting.

## **Program Presentation**

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

### **Next MHSARC Meeting:**

April 5, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Health Services Building  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 100, San Mateo

### **Next Executive Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 3:30 p.m.  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, BHRS Conference Room  
San Mateo

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