



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY COMMISSION

Unadopted Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
225 37th Avenue, Room 100
San Mateo

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrisha Ragins, Patricia Way, Eric Wollman, Betty Savin, Edmund Bridges, Josephine Thompson

STAFF: Randy Torrijos, Steve Kaplan, Chantae Rochester, Jei Africa, Doris Estremera

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Marble, Rodney Roddewig, Judy Schutzman, Wanda Thompson, Rocio Cornejo, Debra Yamaguchi, Roxanne Urbani

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in):

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Approval of today's agenda with the following changes:

- ▶ **M/S/C** Thompson/Savin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the November 4, 2015 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Meeting:

- ▶ **M/S/C** Ragins/Thompson

Approval of minutes from the November 20, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

- ▶ **M/S/C** Ragins/Thompson

Correspondence, Announcements, and Public Comment

Program Presentation

Cordilleras Update

Presented by Terry Wilcox-Rittgers, Clinical Services Manager, BHRS
Larry Funk, Special Projects Coordinator, Health System

Terry and Larry gave an update on the progress of the Cordilleras Project. To receive a copy of the Power Point, please contact Chantae Rochester at crochester@smcgov.org or call 650.573.2544.

Old Business

Action Item: *Vote to close Public Hearing for the Mental Health Services Act Annual Update FY 2015-16*

► **M/S/C** Ragins/Way

The Commission unanimously passed the vote.

New Business

Housing Forum Planning

I thought it would be helpful for the Commission to sponsor a forum to discuss issues around housing. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) has established housing as one of their top priorities, a subset of that is the challenges of housing our clients. Given the Commission's responsibility to advise the BOS on issues pertaining to people with mental health and substance abuse challenges, it would be relevant and very appropriate for the commission to hold a forum on housing. We could then take that information and share it with the BOS in terms of specific issues/challenges facing our clients.

I wanted to see if there was support from the Commission to do the forum, if so when. We would want to have a focused outreach so that we have as many people showing up (providers, property owners, clients, and family members) to talk about what's happening. If you are supportive of this, we would hold the forum in February and devote our full agenda to hearing testimony (not just what the problems are but also possible solutions). From that we would prepare a report to send to the BOS for their consideration and input in terms of their larger housing process.

Executive Committee Meeting Day

We need to find a time that will better work for the participants.

The third Tuesday at 3:30 worked for the majority. We will meet in Steve's office or via conference call.

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee for Older Adults

Judy Schutzman reported

1. Minutes attached.
2. Next meeting will be held on January 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
225 37th Avenue, Diamond Room, San Mateo

B. Committee for Adults

Josephine Thompson reported

1. Minutes attached.
2. Next meeting will be held on January 20, 2016 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 January 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None given.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

George Culores

I would like to recognize that this is our first meeting without George Culores. George wasn't a formal member of our commission but he was so involved with our meetings. He would always send me various newspaper clippings about things and leave me messages to give me his thoughts about something. I personally will miss George. I am going to make a recommendation through the Executive Committee to rename the Consumer Hall of Fame Award in George's honor. We have put people's names on the other awards and we haven't done that for the Consumer Hall of Fame. Hopefully we will approve that at the next meeting.

Respite Center

Serenity House is still moving forward. Not as fast as I had hoped but we are making progress. We have finished with the initial phase of the design. Once the design is finalized HGA will then do the actual drawings that will be used to solicit the contractor's bid. Right now it is looking like it will open in September of 2016.

Drug Medi-Cal Waiver – Organized Delivery System

We submitted our plan to the State on November 30. They will review the plan and hopefully approve it. We are working on some of the financial parts of this that they will also have to approve and then there is just contracting that has to happen. I'm hopeful that we will be up and operational at the beginning of the fiscal year next year.

Crisis Collaboration Meeting

A while back we organized a crisis collaboration meeting which was designed to bring in one room people throughout the county who are delivering related crisis services. We had 3 or 4 meetings and there was a lot of interest. We had to stop those meetings due to staff changes but we are now ready to reconvene the group. Our next meeting is January 7.

Deputy Director of Adult Services Recruitment

We have interviews scheduled for Thursday, December 17. I'm hoping to have the position filled by the end of January.

Liaison, Task Force and Ad Hoc Committees:

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next MHSARC Meeting:

January 6, 2016 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Health Services Building
225 37th Avenue, Room 100, San Mateo

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 3:30 p.m.
225 37th Avenue, BHRS Conference Room
San Mateo, or Conference Call

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