

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
System Planning & Fiscal Committee Meeting
January 6, 2011

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by Chair Larry Blitz in Training Room 4, second floor of Downtown Mental Health Department; 1075 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA. Co-Chair Brownley, MH Board members Mariant, McIntyre and Morales were present.
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Roundtable introductions took place.
3. APPROVE AGENDA: The Agenda was approved by acclamation.
4. ACCEPT MINUTES: The October 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting participant asked question about funding for Achieve Kids with Special Education needs under AB3632. Item covered under item 9, MH Department Director's Report.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Morales, new policy approved by Harvard University, it is looking for low-income ethnic minority students that meet their requirements. Full scholarship will be available for students whose family income is less than \$60K per year and meet the qualifications.
 - Mr. Ojakian announced that the American Society on Aging National Conference will take place April 2011 in San Francisco; it is combined with National Coalition on Senior Citizens meeting. It is the most comprehensive senior conference in the U.S., and Jenny Chen Hansen, former AARP President, will be speaker.
 - Dr. Peña announced that, at the 1/11/11 BOS Meeting, there will be a commendation ceremony for CIT officers from SCC. Pat Dwyer's helped BOS write the resolution.
 - Mr. Dolci announced that, the advertisement process will start this month for the Sunnyvale's Seniors Housing Project there are 124 units (18 are MHSA funded for seniors with mental health illness); applications will be accepted in June 2011.
7. CHAIR'S REPORT: November's meeting was cancelled.
8. NEW BUSINESS: Nine handouts were provided on Health Care Reform. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Dr. Nancy Peña, Director of Mental Health Department, which included the following information on National Health Care Reform:
 - Objectives of Prevention
 - Provide an overview of Health Care Reform (HCR) and Parity Legislation
 - Provide an Overview of the California Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver
 - Discuss Implications for Santa Clara County
 - Health Care Reform and the Behavioral Health Safety Net
 - We are on the cusp of the most significant wave of public behavioral health change in the last 25 years
 - Cost of Health Care Reform: The Congressional Budget Office estimates the cost of the measure to be \$938 billion over 10 years; these costs are financed through savings from Medicaid, Medicare, and new taxes and fees.
 - Health Reform Benefits to California Includes: Extend coverage to uninsured residents/improve coverage for 21 million residents with employer-based or individual health insurance.
 - Guarantee that 800,000 residents with pre-existing conditions can obtain coverage. And allow 3.2 million young adults to obtain coverage on their parents' insurance plans
 - The New Law: Creates an essential health benefits package that provides comprehensive services, including Mental Health and Substance Abuse at Parity.
 - Insurance Reform:
 - New insurance for about 32 million more adults

- Medicaid (2014) to 133% of poverty level
 - State Health Insurance Exchanges (2014) for Individual and Small Group Plans
- Coverage Expansion -The New Law: Requires most individuals to have coverage and provides credits & subsidies up to 400% poverty

- Employer Coverage Requirements (for >50 employees)
- Expand Medicaid

Coverage Expansion – Parity Legislation

- Law: Mental Health and Substance Use Services must be provided at parity with general healthcare services (no discrimination)
- The controversial question is whether Insurance companies will provide adequate “scope services” for persons with SMI/SED

Coverage Expansion: Most members of the Safety Net will have coverage including MH/SU creating a much greater demand for service providers. These figures are based on closing the gap halfway for just the indigent & uninsured individuals with a SMI/SED. California has a demand of 5,468 additional FTEs (\$235,148) to serve to close 50% of gap.

Issues for Public System: Advocates need to weigh in on the new parity concept before 2014

- A model private benefit will not be adequate for many persons in the Exchanges, who really will require a public level of services
- We need to assess the implications of a multi-tiered Medicaid system (SSI; TANF; Reform)

What is the Section 1115 Waiver: Medicaid 1115 Waivers Allow Flexibility and Provide Federal Funding.

- The federal government may grant states flexibility in administering their Medicaid programs through “waivers,” such as those allowed under section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act. These permit a state to waive certain requirements, in order to further the purposes of the program. Additionally, under 1115 Waivers, federal funds can be used for program costs that might not otherwise be federally reimbursable.

The New 1115b Waiver (2010-2015): California has received approval for a new 5-year Medi-Cal waiver as a “bridge to federal reform.”

- The new waiver began in November and will be implemented over the course of 2011 and throughout the demonstration period
- If savings are achieved & milestones met, it may bring \$10B new federal funds to support expanded coverage, access to care, improvements in health care delivery

Key Programmatic Elements: Expand coverage to more uninsured adults

- Support uncompensated care costs
- Improve care coordination for vulnerable populations; and promote public hospital delivery system transformation.

Element #1 – Expand Coverage: County Establishes minimum required mental health and optional substance use disorder benefit

- Must be available to all and cannot provide differential benefit for specific individuals
- May refer to specialty mental health system (county system) and remain a part of MCE or HCCI for general health care

County Current Focus; Working on Coverage Expansion Proposal,

- Working on Hospital Delivery System Transformation

Questions to be Answered:

- What is the role of the County and County programs in HCR and the 1115 Waiver?
- Will our role require and change the structure of HHS functions?
- How will HCR, Parity and 1115 Waiver impact our capacity as providers of mental health and substance use service providers?
- How will administration, contracting, and reimbursement of services change through the 1115 Waiver and HCR?
- How will MH advocates insure that sufficient resources and progressive models of service remain available for the populations that we serve?
- How will we develop our competencies as mental health providers working in primary care settings?

9. MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Dr. Nancy Peña

- Budget-Update one-page handout “SCVHHS Mental Health Department Budget Reduction Plan.”

Mental Health Dept. presented a reduction plan of \$1.6 million. No service or position reductions will be implemented. The actual MHD contribution was possible through salary savings, due to hiring freezes.

- Budget plan also included: one expired CBO contract which was not renewed, (about 100 clients were transferred to County staff; extra-help staff were hired to assist monolingual clients. Other cuts were in area of services and supplies.
- Prop 63 and Prop 10 monies may be impacted by state budget;; with the realignment and redirect responsibility locally.
- State Director Positions are vacant for CA MH and Drug & Alcohol which currently have Acting Directors.
- AB3632 lawsuits in play; school boards of CA suing stating it is an illegal suspension by the Governor.
 - The BOS had already directed MH Department to continue AB3632 services as usual.
 - Talks on MOUs with the school districts need to be started.
- If MHSA funding and realignment dollars go down; MH Department will be highly impacted

10. OLD BUSINESS: None was covered.

11. FUTURE TOPICS

- State Budget, MHSA Project; Curtailing of Funds, Presentation by Martha Paine 2/3/11
- MH Department Administrative Organizational Changes in Preparation of Healthcare Reform
- MH Department System Changes

The next meeting of the Mental Health Board is Monday, January 10, 2011 at 12:00 pm at this location.

12. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.; the next meeting is calendared for February 3, 2011.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:



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January 6, 2011 / 3:00 PM-5:00P

Downtown Mental Health Department
 1075 E. Santa Clara Street, 2nd Floor Training Room #14
 San Jose, CA 95116 (408) 793-5677 – Lolanda Ulloa

Sign-In Sheet

Print Name and sign / Attendance List (Optional) **Agency/Program Rep. or Mental Health Board Member**

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| 1. | <u>Larry Blitz – Chair *</u> | <u>Mental Health Board Member</u> |
| 2. | <u>Clinton Brownley - Co Chair</u> <u>Clinton Brownley</u> | <u>Mental Health Board Member</u> |
| 3. | <u>John Moran</u> | <u>CONSUMER AFFAIRS</u> |
| 4. | <u>Lolanda Ulloa</u> <u>(LU)</u> | |
| 5. | <u>Miguel Valencia</u> | <u>Gardner</u> |
| 6. | <u>Mary Kaye Gerold</u> | <u>RES</u> |
| 7. | <u>Allyson Gennette</u> | <u>Highrise Kids</u> |
| 8. | <u>Sparky Baker</u> | <u>Bill Wilson/CAH</u> |
| 9. | <u>Melody H...</u> | <u>ECCAC - AHU/HOR</u> |
| 10. | <u>Bob Ables</u> | <u>KEVIN Ables</u> |
| 11. | <u>Laura Champion</u> | <u>EMQ FamiliesFirst</u> |
| 12. | <u>Lana McIntyre</u> | <u>MH B.M.</u> |
| 13. | <u>Karen Flores</u> | <u>Kidango</u> |
| 14. | <u>Terry Boyle</u> | <u>UNITY CARE</u> |
| 15. | <u>Hussain Rahim</u> | <u>Consumer Affairs</u> |
| 16. | <u>Hylent Wagner</u> | <u>M.H. Bd.</u> |
| 17. | <u>Laura Luna</u> | <u>MHD</u> |
| 18. | <u>Alison Brunner</u> | <u>MHAP</u> |
| 19. | <u>Paul Moran</u> | <u>MH B</u> |
| 20. | <u>MARICEL YANIZ</u> | <u>GARDNER</u> |

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| 24. | Patricia Chappellone | ABCC |
| 25. | Ray Field | NFOE-ECCAL |
| 26. | Harold Legere | FCS |
| 27. | MR | MWA |
| 28. | GEORGEY MANGERS | |
| 29. | Ruth White | SULC |
| 30. | MAYLEN VALON | MHD |
| 31. | Mohamed Ali ECCAE | ECCAE African (migrant) |
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