

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
**System Planning & Fiscal Committee Meeting**

March 2, 2011

Downtown Mental Health Department  
1075 E. Santa Clara Street-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor ► TR 3, San Jose, CA 95116

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Blitz, Co-Chair Brownley was present.
  - **Roundtable Introductions:** Introductions took place; reference sign-in sheet for meeting participants.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA: Motion:** Brownley, **Second:** O'Brien; to approve Agenda as submitted. **Vote:** Passed.
3. **ACCEPT MINUTES: Motion:** Brownley, **Second:** Wolfe; to accept the February 3, 2011 MHB-System Planning and Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes with no change. **Vote:** Passed.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was made.
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Ad-Hoc Committee of the MHB-Older Adult Committee will put together a Summit in June. There will be guest speakers; the plan is to have over 200 participants. Issues to be addressed include increasing awareness and developing an action plan which will help to integrate services available in the community. The intent is to get people to know each other and agencies to start working together.
6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** These meetings have been dedicated to learning the financial sector of Mental Health during the first quarter of this year; Co-Chairs Blitz and Brownley are committed to learning the budget and supporting MHD. This is a great opportunity for all MHB members and meeting participants to learn a lot more about revenues, expenses and looking at the budget throughout the year.
7. **MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT and PRESENTATION** Dr. Peña addressed the following topics:
  - *State Budget*, proposal for realignment (page 3 handout); EPSDT has a \$579 million estimated State match for FY12. State has been imposing management control and making sure that the new population is able to receive services. Medi-Cal Federal entitlement to adult Managed Care match is \$183.6 million; and match for AB3632 education entitlement (for Special Ed Students) is \$104 million. Between the three programs, almost \$1 billion are at risk to be swept into the new realignment program.
    - Realignment is a proposal adopted in 1991, by the legislature. With new realignment concept being looked at, expansion of realignment is being considered for the additional three programs. State does not want State General Fund supporting this funding; the funding stream would be totally dependant on the counties.
    - The intent is to give local areas the right to administrate their own programs. The state is trying to get rid of redundancies, and get waste out of CA System Structure. Advocates are afraid that local level policies might jeopardize certain entitlements. How can the programs be safeguarded, what firewalls will be in place? There is a concern with public and safety changes; what is the state's responsibility in the public and safety areas and what's the County's responsibility because there are no rules in placed.
    - County Executive, Jeffrey Smith, sent his directive, "Stop for Cash – Curtailing FY 2011 Expenditures," to all County departments. Martha Paine informed this committee that departments are required to report and inform where their department stands financially at different increments throughout the year. The worry ahead is that current budget situation could have a negative impact on the County Bonds rating. Consequently, costs in county departments have to be significantly curtailed.
    - Discussion continued on possible changes in funding and structure. It was asked if any existing open positions will be frozen; each request to hire into a position will be reviewed thoroughly in a case by case basis.
    - Chairs Blitz and Brownley will be reporting the budget information to the Mental Health Board.
    - Submission process to BOS will probably be different this year; it will need to go through the Unions and BOS. HHS met with CEO Jeffrey Smith; he knows what is in the plan, the strategy, and approaches; he is waiting for finalization of our budget proposal.
  - *Continue Review and Discussion of Revenue Streamline and Budget*; Dr. Peña reviewed and spoke about the funding to Mental Health Department, percentages were made available on page 8 of FY11 Current Modified

Budget – handout from 2/24/11 meeting and how the MH Issues grew and other functions are impacted. An example of waste of money is the ER visits by people that can't access other services.

- In reference to page one, there was discussion on paid funds for IMDs; out of \$66 million, \$13-\$15 million is IMD. Joint effort has been made to reduce IMD expense; due to our service efforts, stays have been lowered; we are still working with IMD providers to implement new models of care. If IMD patients are Medi-Cal, Medicare is not billed (Medicare is excluded); and 100% is paid local. If an individual is in an IMD and pregnant, the County will be billed for the whole care. If the individual is conserved, the conservator makes the choice to place the individual into an IMD; the public side does not go after an individual's assets. A state hospital bed is billed at \$450 per day.
- Dr. Peña was commended by Chair Blitz for her ongoing communication with staff and the community on what MHD is about.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

9. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

10. **FUTURE TOPICS:**

- MH Department Administrative Organizational Changes in Preparation of Healthcare Reform
- MH Department System Changes
- FY2012 Budget (all meeting dedicated) by Health and Hospital perspective.
- Expenses

11. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.; next meeting is on April 7, 2011. The next Meeting of the Mental Health Board is Monday, March 14, 2011 at 12:00 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:



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