



California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

Minutes for Friday April 22, 2016

Prior to the Association meeting, President, Larry Gasco, gave a report to the California Mental Health Planning Council at 9:00am

Gold Rush Ballroom

The meeting was called to order 1:05pm by President Larry Gasco and welcomed attendees

Roll was called by Secretary, Mae Sherman

Members Present: Larry Gasco, Julie Crouch, Mae Sherman, Beryl Nielsen, Carole Marasovic, Luvenia Jones, Terri Bohrer, Lyndal-Marie Armstrong, Debra Allen, Keng Cha, Steve Clavere, Janet O'Meara, Leslie Wilson, James Cavener, Merilla Scott, May Farr, Karyn Bates, Mohamed Asiad

County Mental Health Board Guests: Duane Chapman, Susie Martin, Kate Gaston, Maria Correira

Liaison: Danielle Daniels

Absent: Herman DeBose

Excused Absence: David Wood

Guests: Jane Adcock, Susan Wilson, Shoshana Zatz

Changes were made to the agenda and approval of the minutes was changed to Saturday, April 23, 2016

Jane Adcock, Executive Director of the Mental Health Planning Council, and Susan Wilson, CMHPC Liaison to the CALBHB/C, gave a report. This year the Planning Council's programs will focus on children and youth. The Data Notebook for this year will have sections for data on the homeless population, more on children and youth, and what schools are doing with Mental Health problems.

Shoshana Zatz, from CiBHS, talked about how many Mental Health Boards had been trained. More focus on outcomes of trainings. Larry asked about the racial/ethnic characteristics of the people trained.

Toby Ewing, Executive Director for the MHSOAC and Matt Lieberman, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, addressed the Directors and guests. He briefly referred to the April 1st meeting with Association Directors, David Wood, Steve Clavere, Terri Bohrer, Leslie Wilson, and Mae Sherman. At the April 1st meeting, Mr. Ewing shared some thoughts on growing our Association, including submission of a request to change our current contract and to expand our activities. Better collaboration with MHSOAC, DHCS, and other entities.

Mr. Ewing addressed the same thoughts at our April 22nd meeting. MHSOAC is looking at ways to better support County Mental Health Boards and seeing if all the services offered are effective. \$52,000,000 of unspent MHSA funds is being allocated to expand services of the Criminal Justice System, Mental Health in schools and especially Veterans and the underserved.

Mr. Ewing also shared that an RFP for renewed funding for CALBHB/C, would be out in the next three weeks and should be responded to by July 1st 2016. One of the questions asked was, "What is Prudent Reserve money?" The answer was, "It is a fiscal lock box set aside to spend when the economy drops". The County MHSA prudent will maintain its status Quo. Toby and Matt were receptive to questions of the Directors.

President, Larry Gasco thanked Matt for his assistance in having DHCS pay the invoice for our June 2012 annual meeting.

Break--- 3:30pm-3:45pm

From 3:45pm-4:45pm the Regional Coordinators met together and also attendees from each Region.

The scheduled Executive Committee meeting was rescheduled to 7:00am on Saturday at the request of some of the Directors.

We recessed at 5:00pm to prepare to have dinner at Terri Bohrer's home. A lot of planning went into this so once again, a big THANK YOU to Ms. Bohrer for the wonderful and elegant dinner.

Minutes for Saturday April 23, 2016

Reconvene

California/Washington Room

President Larry Gasco, called the meeting to order at 8:05am and welcomed attendees

Secretary, Mae Sherman called roll

Members Present: Larry Gasco, Julie Crouch, Mae Sherman, Beryl Nielsen, Carole Marasovic, Luvenia Jones, Terri Bohrer, Lyndal-Marie Armstrong, Debra Allen, Keng Cha, Steve Clavere, Janet O'Meara, Herman DeBose, Merilla Scott, May Farr, Karyn Bates, Mohamed Asiad, Leslie Wilson, James Cavener

Liaison: Danielle Daniels

Excused Absence: David Wood

County Mental Health Board Guests: Duane Chapman, Susie Martin, Kate Gaston, Maria Correira

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The January meeting minutes were approved with a **motion from Karyn Bates and second by Leslie Wilson**. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Cary Martin is not currently on his local board so on the recommendation of Steve Clavere, President Larry Gasco appointed Janet O'Meara be interim Regional Coordinator for the Central Region.

Reports were given by the following Committees: Finance, Communications, Policies and Procedures, Bylaws, Legislation, Training, Treasurer, and Executive.

Executive Chair, Larry Gasco thanked the Directors who met early Saturday morning and worked on developing the language for the amendment to the Bylaws for consideration by the full board.

Finance Chair, Karyn Bates, reported that 46 Counties had paid their dues. January 14, 2016 – April 9, 2016, Checking Balance was \$102,498.00, with \$20,046.00 withdrawn for travel and hotels.

Communications and Policies & Procedure's Chair, Julie Crouch, reported the Web Site and Face Book was current and she is having Go To meetings once a month.

Bylaws Chair, Larry Gasco provided the Bylaws Committee report as the sole member of the Bylaws Committee present at its two April meetings and at the April quarterly meeting. Three recommended amendments were proposed and one was recommended for approval to be submitted to the Board at the April meeting for consideration. A recommendation to amend the Bylaws in the following manner was considered but not approved. Directors serving as officers on the CALBHB/C shall be allowed to fulfill term of office even if the term on their Local Board is over. Larry apologized to Janet for not acting on recommendations that she submitted. He did not see her recommendations until after the second Bylaws Committee meeting.

At the request of the Bylaws Committee, **a motion was made by Lyndal-Marie Armstrong with a second from Karyn Bates** to change the wording in the Bylaws Article XVI., Section 2. The amendment to the Bylaws is the following: "The Association may amend the Bylaws at any regularly scheduled meeting, excluding the Annual meeting. Any amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all Directors present". The motion passed with 16 ayes, no nays, and one abstention.

Legislation Chair, Terri Bohrer, reported that the Committee was looking at Mental Health Legislation on the Federal and State levels and how it affects Local Mental Health.

The proposal to place the CALBHB/C into California statute was briefly discussed. Directors voiced opinions for and against. **A motion was made by Terri Bohrer , seconded by Steve Clavere** for the Legislative Committee to draft legislative language and present this at the Annual Meeting in June. The motion passed with 14 ayes, 2 nays, and 3 abstentions.

Training Chair, Carole Marasovic, suggested that Local Boards in each Region should have training three times a year. The Committee will work on a curriculum for those kinds of trainings.

Treasurer Report, Beryl Nielsen, the Association bank accounts have been changed to reflect our name in our Articles of Incorporation. Beryl is attempting to find a CPA to do an audit and it may cost \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00, depending on the kind of audit needed. Her report also contained information about the D & O insurance pending signatures.

Newly formed Ethics and Recognition Committee Chair, Mohamed Asiad, reported that the committees will meet to decide what needs to be done. Mohamed passed out forms to nominate Counties for best services.

Discussion was held about collaborating with other Mental Health Organizations. **A motion was made by Debra Allen with a second from Terri Bohrer** that Dave Wood and Steve Clavere designated to be the Liaisons for MHSOAC and CBHDA and others. The motion passed with 10 ayes, no nays, and 3 abstentions

At the request of the President, **Terri Bohrer made a motion with a second from Janet O'Meara**, to send the draft Strategic Plans to all Directors so they could make recommendations on changes and send to President Larry Gasco before the Executive meeting. The motion passed with 16 ayes, no nays, and 1 abstention.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to respond to the upcoming RFP from the MHSOAC. The Committee members are: Larry Gasco, Terry Bohrer, Dave Wood, Carole Marasovic, Steve Clavere, and Leslie Wilson. Additional volunteers are welcome.

Senator Jim Beall was scheduled to speak at 1:30pm, but was unable to attend.

3:00pm-3:30pm----Completion of claims and reimbursements.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm with the consensus of the board.

Bay Area Regional meeting and elections

After adjournment, Bay area elections were held. The Directors elected: Carole Marasovic, Beryl Nielsen, Terri Bohrer, Luvenia Jones, and Lyndal-Marie Armstrong. Alternates elected: Marie Correira, Susie Martin, and Duane Chapman. The Directors chose Carole Marasovic as Regional Coordinator.

Next meeting is June 16, 17, 18 2016 in Ontario at the Ontario Airport Hotel.

Respectfully Submitted by Mae Sherman, Secretary