

Sacramento County Mental Health Board Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES – IN PERSON MEETING - HYBRID PARTICIPATION OPTION - - Monday November 27, 2023 - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Members Present: Patricia Wentzel, William Cho and Paul Wagstaffe (staff: Glenda Basina and County Counsel, Christopher Costa)
Members Absent: Corrine Sako

Agenda Item

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions
- [Acknowledgement of Conduct Agreement](#)
- Announcements by MHB Executive Committee Members

Vice-Chair Wagstaff commenced the meeting at 6:03pm. Introductions were made and Conduct Agreement acknowledged.

No announcements.

Vice-Chair acknowledged MHB Evan Minton's attendance via Zoom. Per County Counsel, possible violation of Brown Act. Welcome to attend but may not contribute to the meeting in any way. Evan opted to log out of the meeting.

II. Discussion/Action Item: Review & Approve Agenda for 1/20/24 MHB Annual Retreat

Member Wetzel mentioned she's aware of some members of the public wanting to have public comment early to be able to put in suggestions before voting. Vice-Chair Wagstaffe noted and went over retreat draft agenda. Asked Counsel if attending retreat. Per Counsel, plans to attend February meeting for overview on Brown Act. Member Wentzel inquired about the process of liaison and leadership assignments. Per Vice-Chair Wagstaffe, informally done; considering seniority and people expressing their interests. Vice-Chair Wagstaffe to look at bylaws. Member Wentzel commented that goals for 2024 should be done by subcommittees after selection of liaison/leadership assignments.

Secretary Cho asked about Adele James; who she is, her qualification, cost of her contract and who was the point of contact that facilitated her contract. Also asked where the document in item 6 is, it's not on the website. Vice-Chair Wagstaffe noted to see/post document before retreat and on questions about Adele James, he doesn't have the answers but can get. Shared that he experienced Adele presented at last year's retreat.

Public Comment 1: Important for board to have annual retreats. Ask on goals of committees and conversations around on strategy of accomplishing the goals. What steps are taken.

Really important to not just talk through the rules of Brown Act but also willing to discuss and follow Conduct Agreement. Should have conversations about it.

Member Wentzel asked if it's okay to suggest to members of public to request for written comments ahead of meeting in January and added that there's no dialogue at public meetings. County Counsel commented that members are unable to comment on public comments regarding items not on the agenda.

Public Comment 2: Have knowledge of Brown Act, rules with addressing the public that does not preclude answering questions. Does not recall this in the Brown Act. Per County Counsel, there's nothing in Brown Act to prohibit written comments. It becomes part of the record of meeting and can speak at public meetings as well. Any written comments should be allowed on agenda items. Vice-Chair Wagstaffe mentioned Ms. Hopper and Ms. Burdick's written public comments for the retreat agenda. Vice-Chair Wagstaffe motioned to amend agenda consistent with items relating to incoming statutes at retreat or at board meeting. Member Wentzel recommends area of focus on implementation of Care Act/Care Court. On SB 43. if Board of Supervisors fails/delays implementation at time of meeting, may not be something to discuss. If implemented, then it may be a board discussion.

Vice-Chair Wagstaffe noted the identified topics of focus. Doesn't need to change agenda. Will talk to Corrine on how they went about obtaining Adele James and with help of County Counsel, will prepare email to explain and if necessary, will call on a special meeting. Vice Chair Wagstaffe motioned to approve agenda for retreat. Seconded by Member Wentzel. Passed unanimously. Secretary Cho clarified his request is to where document is stored.

III. Discussion/Action Item: Review & Approve Agenda for 2/07/24 MHB General Meeting

Vice-Chair went over the agenda and asked for a motion to approve. Member Wentzel motioned and seconded by Vice-Chair. Member Wentzel asked if bylaw amendment is already available. Suggests it be disseminated to board soon. Vice-Chair to add as part of his notes and should not affect placement of topic on agenda. Secretary Cho suggests for item 8 to introduce and provide background of the individual for those on the subcommittee to know.

Public Comment 3: Thinks there are members that haven't seen the bylaws and questions the items that have been discussed. Asked if there's a way to get the packet for both in ample time. Noticed that county/city provides packets at the last minute. It could help to have them out sooner. Suggests to consider having education presentation as well as cultural education lessons; mental illness of members of public varies in ethnicity, sex, gender, age, etc. Important for advisory bodies to make sure everyone is on the same page/understanding. A suggestion for future retreats. Vice-Chair Wagstaffe noted and asked for roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comments Relating to Matters Not on the Posted Agenda

Public Comment 4: Appreciates the board/committee and their importance in the county right now. Has friends and loved ones with mental illness. Appreciates the dedication of

members. Important to think about why we're here doing this work, our motivations and how to conduct/interact with each other. Need to hold each other accountable and keep a certain standard of respect. A serious change in attitude by some members of the body. Encourages to treat all on how they want to be treated.

Vice-Chair Wagstaffe thankful for the comment.

V. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Wagstaffe adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.