

Sacramento County Mental Health Board (MHB) Executive Meeting

MHB Executive Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2015

Sacramento County Administration Building

700 H Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Hearing Room 1

Meeting Attendees: Tom Campbell – Chair; Len Marowitz – Vice Chair; Courtney Hedges, Elizabeth Emken, Laura Bemis.

Other attendees: John Reed – Deputy County Counsel; Brian Brereton

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<p>I. Call to Order Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Tom Campbell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. The Executive Committee approved the May 6, 2015 agenda by voice vote.</p>
<p>II. Discussion Action</p>	<p>A. Public comment recap</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that the MHB’s general policy should be to give no response to public comment, other than to direct the commenter to appropriate county staff as necessary. The Executive Committee agreed that the chair retains discretion to make exceptions to this policy.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that time allotment can be transferred between speakers at the discretion of the chair. Tom Campbell stated his personal approach is not to allow such transfers. County Counsel advised that Robert’s Rules does not discuss this issue.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that when two or members of the public come forward to speak as a team, they are given the same time to speak as if they came forward as one person, pending an exception from the chair.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that the chair retains discretion on whether to allow board members to make comments as members of the public.</p> <p>B. Public inquiries.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed that public inquiries regarding current or former patients within the county mental health system should be referred to the DBHS Director. Given privacy laws, there shall be no expectation that the DBHS Director provide any update on actions taken as a result of the referral. The MHB should only expect responses from the</p>

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	<p>DBHS Director that highlight aggregate data, policy trends, or management trends that relate to an inquiry's general subject matter without any identification of the current or former patient.</p> <p>The MHB will schedule this policy for discussion and possible action in July, 2015. Tom Campbell volunteered to put a proposed policy in writing.</p> <p>C. Laura's Law research timeline.</p> <p>County Counsel advised that extending the timeline for researching and developing a recommendation on AOT requires action by the full MHB. Tom Campbell agreed to schedule this action item for June, 2015.</p> <p>D. Planning Calendar</p> <p>The Executive Committee reviewed the 2015 MHB presentation calendar proposed by the chair. The Executive Committee decided that a presentation by the Patient Rights Advocate deserves inclusion in the 2015 calendar. Len Marowitz volunteered to contact the appropriate county staff to arrange this presentation.</p> <p>E. Other Items</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed to include a MHB recruitment discussion to all future general meeting agenda.</p> <p>Tom Campbell agreed to discuss with the DBHS Director the feasibility of budgeting a specific dollar amount for MHB education and research activities.</p>
III. Public Comment	None
IV. Next Meeting and Adjournment	<p>A. Next meeting to be determined</p> <p>B. Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.</p>