## Sacramento County Mental Health Board Executive Committee

## Special Meeting ANNOUNCEMENT – TELECONFERENCE MEETING Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Members Present: Loran Sheley, Corinne McIntosh-Sako, Laura Bemis, Ann Arneill and William Cho (staff: Glenda Basina) Members Absent: None.

Agenda Item Welcome and Introductions, Chair Sheley Ι. • Chair convened the meeting at 4:01pm and introductions were made. П. Presentation/Discussion Item - The Role of County Counsel and the Advice Given by County Counsel on a Possible Member Removal Policy, Rob Parrish, County Counsel Rob Parrish introduced himself and provided background on his legal experience. Began representing this board in January this year. Clarified his role, duties of confidentiality and loyalty to the BOS and at their behest, and to each and every member of MHB. No confidentiality to one member, advice is to be shared among members. Also encourages everyone to go to him with any questions or any advice. He's a neutral party and advice is confidential. Legal advice is not to go out to public. Advice to one board member is advice to another or the board as a whole. There is no duty of confidentiality between him and another board member. Hopes to be more transparent. Email communication is to be avoided to the outside. He is neutral, represents the board and no one individual. Does not have any notion whether or not the board should adopt, only prepared language that would work should the board decide to adopt. His door is open for any concerns. Member Arneill thanked him for his openness and clarity for his description. Chair Sheley spoke about the topic not being brought yet to the full board and will have time for public comments. Chair clarified that the language is still in the drafting process and no approval by the sub-committee yet. Member Bemis thanked Robert as well. Member Cho thanked Robert for his presentation. Thinks counsel should be aware of the dynamics; belief based on actions by a particular board member. Received only a one-sided statement. For better judgment of counsel, should be aware of totality of situation, not just based on statements/actions of those who requested this to be done. Makes it a double standard and weaponized for those with unpopular opinions. It should have been something he was to be made aware of. **III. Public Comment**, Members of the Public Public comment 1: A lawyer also. Is there anything in writing to be able to share with the entire board? Where the source of the bylaw amendment came from. Are there any other boards that report to BOS that has a removal procedures. Robert responded he is not aware of the 3<sup>rd</sup> question. Yes to the first question and will share with the board. For the second question, he took from a variety of sources and his imagination as well as to what he thought would be best. Public comment 2: Ask for Robert's opinion in implementing the WIK code as demonstrated by the state when there's a conflict with the 2 (BOS and

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subcommittee) and what should be done. Also asked when board/committee would be required to seek outside counsel?

- IV. Adjournment, Chair
  - Chair Sheley adjourned the meeting at 4:42pm.