

MHB Emergency Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2015

Sacramento County Administration Building

7001A East Parkway

Sacramento, CA 95823

Conference Room 1

Meeting Attendees: Tom Campbell – Chair; Len Marowitz – Vice Chair; Laura Bemis; Brian Brereton; Elizabeth Emkin; Sarah Jain; and Supervisor Patrick Kennedy

Absent: Michael Hansen; and Courtney Hedges

Other attendees: Billee Willson, Staff, Division of Behavioral Health Services – Mental Health

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I. Call to Order Welcome and Introductions	Tom Campbell - Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. A. Approval of March 11, 2015 Agenda: Laura Bemis moved to approve the agenda and Patrick Kennedy seconded: Ayes, Unanimous, Motion Passed. B. Approval of the March 4, 2015 General Meeting Minutes was moved to the April 1, 2015 General Meeting. C. Laura Bemis read the Comfort Agreement.
II. Announcements	None
III. Discussion/Action	A. Approval of Letter of Support for Crisis Service Continuum (Action) Tom Campbell - Chair, asked if there were Department updates to the recommendations. Dr. Sheri Heller recommended the four-pronged language be removed and specifically name the four recommendations. Patrick Kennedy provided edits and suggestions to the draft letter. Page 2, add, “acknowledge other counties and jurisdictions face unique circumstances” and add “where appropriate” regarding evidence based practices. Len Marowitz made specific recommendations that he would rather not put in the letter but deliver to the Division to see if any is valuable. Len is happy with

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	<p>the letter.</p> <p>Sheri Heller, four points are the same, the fifth is purely technical. Changes to the Board Letter included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 1: Wording change made to clarify specifically identified “step-wise” plan. • Recommendation 2: Wording added that characterizes the nature of the crisis service. <p>Change of word “framework” to “recommendations”.</p> <p>If more recommendations are developed, allow the MHB to review.</p> <p>Patrick Kennedy stated if it happens the staff report and the letter do not line up, he or other MHB members will be able to make a public comment.</p> <p>Tom Campbell will be at the Board Meeting and others were invited.</p> <p>What we should think about is the care given not the money.</p> <p>Elizabeth Emkin, ACA reference questioned. The fiscal matter came to the Board asking for additional funding, due to changes in Medi-Cal and ACA.</p> <p>Questions she has are separate from this letter. The MHB needs to know about ACA funding and how to access it.</p> <p>Make the sentence strong by eliminating “are comfortable with” to “MHB supports the framework.”</p> <p>Tom Campbell opened the floor to public comment about the specific drafting of the letter.</p> <p>He stated he is okay with the sentiment of the letter. There are no policy concerns.</p> <p><u>Changes being proposed:</u></p> <p>Change “Framework” to “Recommendation” throughout the letter and “Are comfortable supporting” to “support.”</p> <p>Add “Recognizing unique circumstances of other jurisdiction” in relation to EBP and “apply where appropriate” to third full paragraph on third page.</p>

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	<p>Change any typographical errors.</p> <p>Take out the four-pronged language.</p> <p>Brian Brereton suggested keeping it short by eliminating background information on Affordable Care Act and Medi-Cal. Tom Campbell and Len Marowitz supported retaining the language.</p> <p>Laura Bemis suggested removing “generally” from “generally enthusiastic.”</p> <p>Elizabeth Emkin expressed concern about the tracking in the Framework document. If we clarify the reference, then we will know we are looking for relief from some of the new ACA Behavioral Health treatment requirement. This comment is related the Framework document not to the letter.</p> <p>Tom Campbell closed discussion, and asked for a motion.</p> <p>Patrick Kennedy moved to approve the letter with changes made and sent to membership for proofreading, Len Marowitz seconded: Ayes, Unanimous, Motion Passed.</p> <p>The MHB receive a letter from Susan Gallagher; it will be entered into the record (Attachment A).</p>
<p>IV. Public Comment (2 minutes presentations concerning county mental health programs)</p>	<p>Frank Topping points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make this a non-siloed operation. • Sacramento Steps Forward’s main outreach is to population of homeless that suffers from mental health issues. • Sacramento Steps Forward and an Officer from East Area are amenable to paying attention and cooperating with the Respite Partnership and possibly attending as members. • MHB should encourage that outreach. • Respite programs are averting the crises and helping the current fiscal situation. <p>Patrick Kennedy, in follow up to Frank’s public comment, stated he participated in a ride along. He recommended the MHB try to get a police officer and a sheriff officer to attend the meetings regularly.</p>

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	They need to be at the meetings to hear the issues.
V. Next Meeting/Adjournment	A. Next Meeting: April 1, 2015 B. Adjournment: 6:54 pm