

August 2015 Meeting and Program Site Visit Report to MHB

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Liaison to Human Services Coordinating Council: Attended monthly meeting. Special presentation on Transient Enforcement Detail of Sacramento Sheriff focusing on Sacramento County north of the American River. Of Note: (1) 90% of county homeless remain the same. 10% are in county for a few days, jumping off rail cars and then back on. (2) About 20 phone calls and 80 patrol call per day = about 100 total homeless-related events per day for North Area. (3) About half of calls involving homeless are in the morning (6-11 a.m.). (4) First deal with law enforcement issues, then housing, mental health and related issues. Meeting also attended by Tom Campbell.

Liaison to Quality Improvement Committee: (1) Federal guidelines for Mental Health peer certificate coming soon. Now 33 states have such guidelines. (2) New Evaluation Committee being formed which will focus on outcomes. (3) Concerns raised in recent 2015 EQRO visit were timeliness, access to services and Medi-Cal billing. (4) Navigators have started. Going well with Sheriff. By late September will be in most hospitals and in jails. Found that transportation is important. (4) County has begun process to develop a Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic, maybe two. (5) Commercially exploited children problem being addressed by county with expanded services. (6) Drug Medi-Cal waiver approved for California by Federal government. Means that in participating counties including Sacramento Medi-Cal beneficiaries with substance use disorders will have access to a broader range of services, including residential care, medical treatments, case management and recovery support services. This is the most significant change in Drug Medi-Cal since its creation 35 years ago.

Liaison to Mental Health Partners Facility Siting Committee: I am continuing to participate on the siting committee for the three 15-bed crisis residential facilities to be funded by a \$5.7 million SB 82 grant. I am giving my input as requested on behalf of the MHB. The issue is very sensitive. Meetings with individual supervisors or their chiefs of staff will occur soon.

Monthly MHB Program Site visit to Stanford Youth Solutions: This is a very impressive, professional, well-organized, well-run, thoughtful and caring program. Services range from outpatient to intensive care. No group homes; services mainly provided with families in their homes. Youth are referred by CPS, behavior health services, Probation and schools. Ultimate goals for each youth served, including those in Foster Care, are reuniting with family and permanency. Other MHB members at visit were Ann Arniell-Py, Brian Brereton, Elizabeth Emken, Michael Hansen and Sarah Jain.