

ANNOUNCEMENT – TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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Present: Ann Arneill, Viva Asmelash, Loran Sheley, Laura Bemis, Maria Padilla-Castro, Theresa Riviera, Jason Richards, Dan Niccum

Absent: Bradley Lueth

Agenda

Adult System of Care Committee

April 28, 2020 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Call-in: 916-876-4100, Conference ID: 4580149

4:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction
Ann Arneill, Chairperson

- *Chair Arneill called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and introductions were made.*

4:05 p.m. Elect Chairperson

- *Chair Arneill reviewed the duties of the Chairperson of the Adult System of Care Committee and called for nominations/volunteers and a vote on this position.*
- *Viva Asmelash was voted in as Chairperson by the Committee.*

4:15 p.m. Develop Law Enforcement Goal

- *Chair Arneill reviewed the status of the Law Enforcement goal from the Annual Retreat. Two goals were proposed:*
 - *“Advise and collaborate with law enforcement first responder programs leading to better outcomes, particularly for at risk communities.”*
 - *“Educate and collaborate with all Police Departments and the County Sheriff Department and First Responders in Sacramento County in order to ensure the optimal well-being for mental health of constituents, especially those at risk and marginalized individuals and communities.”*
- *Chair Arneill recommended and explained the re-worded goal, as follows: “Advise and collaborate with law enforcement first responder programs leading to better outcomes, particularly for at risk communities and marginalized individuals.”*
- *Committee members clarified the focus of creating a goal in this meeting, then following up with objectives and action items in subsequent meetings.*
- *The Committee voted to approve the recommended goal, for consideration by the full MHB at a future General Meeting.*

4:30 p.m. Homelessness Statistics

- *Chair Arneill reviewed a list of data categories that have been presented on at past MHB General Meetings regarding homelessness.*
- *Viva Asmelash suggested that the Committee request homelessness data after the COVID-19 pandemic has abated, for the purpose of allowing BHS, the Whole Person Care Project, and County Homeless Programs to focus on providing care during this time.*
- *Maria Padilla-Castro reiterated the importance of having homelessness data in order to understand the needs of homeless individuals during this time.*
- *Chair Arneill suggested that the Committee request monthly updates on Project Roomkey from BHS Director Ryan Quist to provide homelessness data to monitor the effects of homeless initiatives at the current time.*
- *Committee members discussed short-term and long-term plans to request homelessness data and decided to request Project Roomkey information at this time.*

4:45 p.m. Long-range Planning

- Update of DBHS Priorities every 6 months
- Presentations on DBHS Priorities
 - ✓ Homelessness
 - What presentations do you want?
 - ✓ Crisis Continuum
 - Administrative Days at MHTC
 - TNP Current Design
 - ISU Operation
 - Urgent Care Clinics Operation
 - Role of Subacute Beds in Crisis Continuum and the Intensive Placement Team
 - Augmented Board and Care Program
 - Adult Residential Treatment Program
 - ✓ Criminal Justice
 - MHSA Innovation Project
 - Public Defender Mental Health Unit
 - Collaborative Courts
- *Chair Arneill described the role of the Adult System of Care Committee in updating the MHB on progress on BHS Adult System of Care priorities every 6 months. The next update would occur in June 2020.*
- *Chair Arneill reviewed the current BHS Adult System of Care priorities as well as MHB goals and suggested corresponding presentations as listed on the agenda.*
- *Members of the Committee provided suggestions regarding presentations and goals for the Committee moving forward, remaining mindful of challenges during the COVID-19 situation.*
- *Maria Padilla-Castro suggested that the Public Defender Mental Health Unit topic be broadened to the Jail more generally. The Committee adopted this change.*
- *Members of the Committee highlighted the importance of presentations and data on homelessness moving forward.*
- *The committee requested that homeless advocates be invited to the June General Meeting to comment on the effectiveness of county homeless services.*

Maria Padilla Castro volunteered to contact Council Member Katie Valenzuela to obtain names of homeless advocates to invite.

Public Comment

- *Public Comment 1: Community member highlighted how the COVID-19 situation has reinforced and expanded best practices as well as how funding challenges may result from the current situation.*
- *Public Comment 2: Community member suggested consultation with Dr. Xiong, regarding telehealth efforts at the Mental Health Treatment Center.*

5:45 p.m. Adjourn

- *Chair Arneill adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.*
- *Next Meeting: 5/26/20 at 4:00 pm*

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