

SUTTER-YUBA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2005
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Margery Hubbard at 5:35 p.m., and she welcomed everyone to the meeting including Joginder S. Paradesi Cheema, who had applied for appointment to the vacant "At-Large" seat on the Board representing Sutter County.

2. Roll Call

In the absence of Board Secretary Alma Amaya, the Executive Secretary called the roll and the following members were present:

Chairperson Margery Hubbard, Sutter County Supervisor Jim Whiteaker, Charles Clement, Laurie Dennis, and Teri Jackson. Board Member Nick Sohroff arrived subsequent to the roll call.

The following Board Members were absent:

Patrica Stutte, Keith Pinckney, and Jancie DiCola

The following Board Members were excused:

Yuba County Supervisor John Nicoletti and Board Secretary Alma Amaya

Also present were the Mental Health Director Joan Hoss and the Executive Secretary Jean Stump.

3. Action Items

a. Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2005 - Board Member Dennis moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2005 as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Whiteaker and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

b. Approve County Performance Contract - Sutter County Supervisor Whiteaker moved to approve the County Performance Contract for FY 05-06 as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dennis and was carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

c. Recommend Appointment of Joginder S. Paradesi Cheema to the Mental Health Board - Board Member Charles Clement moved to recommend that the Sutter County Board of Supervisors appoint Joginder S. Paradesi Cheema to the vacant "At-Large" seat on the Mental Health Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Whiteaker and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

4. Mental Health Director's Report

Adopting Culturally Competent Practices Project: Ms. Hoss said she and members of the Cultural Competence Committee had been involved in a series of discussions with the California Institute of Mental Health (CIMH) regarding evidenced based practices that have proven to be effective with various cultural groups. In the ensuing weeks, Ms. Hoss said, staff will be evaluating various new practices and will move forward to offer recommendations to get staff trained and prepared to work with the underserved ethnic populations in the bi-county community.

Personnel/Recruitment Update: Ms. Hoss reported that recruitment activities were underway to fill a number of therapist positions which included a vacant position in Adult Outpatient, a position in Utilization Review and another for Urgent Services (Youth Services). Following the retirement of Howard Mosely, Ms. Hoss said Linda Loos had been named to fill the vacant PES Prevention Services Coordinator position and would be joining staff on October 2, 2005.

Budget Information: Ms. Hoss said that although Mental Health had closed the books for the FY 04-05, the organization had experienced a budget shortfall. This was due in part to withholding of Medi-Cal funds due to a prior overpayment and also because FY 2004 funding had not yet been received. This taken into consideration, Ms. Hoss said Mental Health actually spent approximately \$600,000 less than projected during the year.

Ms. Hoss reported that Realignment funding is now capped and mental health programs will no longer receive any further Realignment Growth funding in the future. Without continued growth in this funding category and federal matching dollars, Ms. Hoss cautioned the Board that this will result, in time, to a reduction in core services.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

6. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Board.

7. New Business

Ms. Hoss announced that the MHSA Recommendations would be mailed out on October 7, 2005.

Board Member Dennis suggested and it was agreed that in recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week (the first week in October) that she would attempt to arrange for an interview between a representative from NAMI or Cooper Commons and the *Appeal Democrat* to do an article about recovery and the importance of integrating back into the community.

8. Announcements and Correspondence

Chairperson Hubbard announced that the annual Cultural Competence Mental Health Summit would be held in Fresno this year on November 2 and 3, 2005, and requested that Board Member wishing to attend to inform Admin staff. Chairperson Hubbard, Board Members Dennis and Jackson all expressed an interest in attending.

Chairperson Hubbard reported that the October 2005 Board Meeting would be last of the abbreviated Board meetings, citing the work of the MHSA Leadership Committee was nearly concluded.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Supervisor Whiteaker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dennis and at 6:02 p.m., Chairperson Hubbard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Stump
Executive Secretary