

# **SUTTER-YUBA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

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## ***MINUTES***

Thursday, May 19, 2005  
5:30 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laurie Dennis at 5:32 p.m. and she welcomed everyone to the meeting including Mr. Wang Soung, a member of the MHSA Leadership Committee representing the Hmong Community and Paul Moua, an Intervention Counselor for the Community Support Services (CSS) program.

### **2. Roll Call**

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

Sutter County Supervisor Jim Whiteaker, Yuba County Supervisor John Nicoletti, Chairperson Laurie Dennis, Dr. Charles Clement, Teri Jackson Keith Pinckney, and Terry Single. (Board Members Margery Hubbard and Patricia Stutte arrived subsequent to the roll call and self introductions were offered).

The following Board Members were absent:

Alma Amaya and Janice DiCola

Also present was the Mental Health Director Joan Hoss, the Program Chief Lynn Tarrant and the Executive Secretary Jean Stump

### **3. Action Items**

#### **Approve Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2005 and April 21, 2005**

*Supervisor John Nicoletti moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 24, 2005 as presented. The motion was seconded by Keith Pinckney and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

*Supervisor John Nicoletti also moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2005 as presented. The motion was seconded Terry Single and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

### **4. Mental Health Director's Report**

**NAMI Salad Luncheon** - The Mental Health Director Joan Hoss reported that NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) had held their annual Spring Salad Luncheon earlier in the day.

Recruitment Activities - Ms. Hoss reported that it had been decided not to fill the position vacated by Dr. Canty at Children's System of Care (CSOC), but rather use Youth Services Psychiatrists to back fill this position as necessary, at least for the time being. She also said that staff was aggressively recruiting Mental Health Therapists for a variety of positions that were vacant.

EQRO Audit - Due to new federal requirements, Ms. Hoss reported that the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) had recently performed an audit of SYMHS' Quality Improvement processes. Although the reviewers were positive and favorable about the organization, they identified some areas that were weak, specifically in the quality management activities. As a result, she said there is consideration to hire an individual to perform quality management and utilization review (chart review) activities and processes.

EPSDT Audit - In advance of the EPSDT audit (held the week of May 9, 2005), Ms. Hoss said staff reviewed approximately 800 charts and backed out billings due to an internal quality assurance review. As a result of this activity, the EPSDT Auditors found no deficiencies in the approximately 140 charts they reviewed.

In response to a question posed by Supervisor Nicoletti, Ms. Hoss said the cost to hire a full-time person to perform utilization review activities would more than pay for itself by identifying billable services not previously captured.

Children's Area - In other business, Ms. Hoss said staff was looking at rolling out an intense case management team composed of therapists, physicians and rehab/recreation support to provide specialty concerted services for children identified as being seriously acute. Although not all of the details of this pilot project were worked out as yet, the project called for offering this urgent service after school at a SYMHS site.

In other business, Ms. Hoss said she had begun conversations with both counties asking for consideration to discontinue the integrated Day Treatment program and opting for school-based services that would allow for more mental health intervention.

## **5. Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

## **6. Old Business**

No old business was brought before the Board.

## **7. New Business**

The Chair appointed Terri Jackson, Supervisor Nicoletti and Supervisor Whiteaker to the Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers for FY 05-06.

## **9. Information & Correspondence**

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Chair announced that Adult Day Treatment staff will present their annual Fashion Show on Friday, May 20, 2005 at SYMHS.

The Chair also reported that she and Board Member Alma Amaya had attended the Fourth Annual Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Conference held in Marina Del Rey on May 12-13, 2005. The purpose of the conference was to gain knowledge for development of evidenced based practices to improve the mental health of older adults in the community.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Stump  
Executive Secretary