

SUTTER-YUBA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2006
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, Sutter County Supervisor Whiteaker called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Noting the lack of a quorum, Supervisor Whiteaker suggested and it was agreed by the members present to defer the program presentation to the November meeting.

2. Roll Call

The following Board Members were present:

Sutter County Supervisor Jim Whiteaker, Yuba County Supervisor John Nicoletti and Marc Myers. Chairperson Nick Sohrakoff and Keith Pinckney subsequently arrived.

The following Board Members were excused:

Vice Chair Margery Hubbard, Board Secretary Alma Amaya, Charles Clement, Patricia Stutte, David Markland, Joginder Pardesi Cheema and Ardythe Price

Also present was Joan Hoss, Director of Mental Health, Thomas Sherry, Deputy Mental Health Director and Jean Stump, Executive Secretary

3. Action Items

Because there was not a quorum present, approval of the County Performance Contract and the September 21, 2006 meeting minutes could not be approved.

4. Program Presentation

The program presentation was deferred to the November meeting.

5. Mental Health Director's Report

Document Imaging System: Ms. Hoss reported that the Deputy Mental Health Director was investigating various imaging systems that would be capable of coping older medical records. This was being done in an effort to reduce the amount of storage space required to retain this type of information.

Data Management System: Ms. Hoss said that the Deputy Mental Health Director along with other staff were looking at a variety of new data management systems to replace the AS400 used for scheduling and billing. It was hoped to have a new system in place and operational by the end of 2007.

Recruiting Issues: It was reported SYMHS was very busy hiring staff for the new MHSA programs. The problem at hand was where to house these new programs noting lack of available space in the Mental Health facility. To alleviate this problem, Ms. Hoss said staff was exploring other locations to provide these services. The Adult and Older Adult Program as well as the Elderly Adult Outreach Program will probably be housed at Salvation Army office in Marysville that will integrate with the current homeless mentally ill program provided at that location. Another location being considered was space at Holly Oak Plaza on Garden Highway to house the MHSA 0-5 Youth Program.

In other business, Ms. Hoss said she recently hired a new employee psychiatrist who would work half-time in Inpatient and half-time in Adult Outpatient. The new psychiatrist, Dr. Kazi Rahman, was expected to start on October 25, 2006. The remaining vacant outpatient psychiatrist position was being covered by a Locum Tenan.

Following the successful Methamphetamine Conference held on October 13, 2006, Ms. Hoss said there has been discussion to ask Dr. Stalcup to do an encore presentation at some future date that would include some planning around the action items. Supervisor Nicoletti asked that he be notified if and when an encore presentation is scheduled so invitations to key personnel at Beale AFB could be included.

MIOCR (Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction) Grant: Ms Hoss briefly noted that a grant was being developed that would, if awarded, fund services to inmates who have a mental illness, following release from incarceration.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

7. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Board.

8. New Business

There was no new business brought before the Board.

9. Announcements/Correspondence

Reference was directed to the response to the Grand Jury Report by the Board of Supervisors which was provided as an informational item only.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Stump
Executive Secretary