

SUTTER-YUBA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

Thursday, January 14, 2010
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Marc Myers at 5:35 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and subsequently called upon the Board Secretary to call the roll.

2. Roll Call

Board Secretary Margery Hubbard called the roll and the following members were present: Chairperson Marc Myers, Yuba County Supervisor Hal Stocker, Chair David Markland, Board Secretary Margery Hubbard, Board Members Nick Sohrakoff, Joginder Pardesi Cheema, Alma Amaya and Patricia Stutte. Sutter County Supervisor James Gallagher arrived after roll call.

Also present was the Mental Health Director Tom Sherry, Deputy Mental Health Director of Administrative Services Stephen Marshall, PEI Prevention Services Coordinator John Floe, Staff Analyst Patrick Larrigan, Staff Analyst Beverly Griffith and the Executive Secretary Jean Stump.

3. Action Items

a. Approve November 12, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes: *Board Secretary Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2009 as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Joginder Pardesi Cheema and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

b. Consider a Recommendation to Appoint a Mental Health Director. Mr. Sherry said with his recent appointment to the position of Human Services Director which became effective on 12/31/09, said a vacancy exists for the position of Assistance Director of Human Services for Mental Health (Mental Health Director).

Continuing, Mr. Sherry said Sutter County Personnel conducted a recruitment and interviews in late 2009. The applicants for the position were interviewed by Ms. Joan Hoss, the previous Director of Human Services and Tom Sherry in December 2009. As a result of these interviews Dr. Luz emerged as the top candidate. Dr. Luz is a Licensed Psychologist with the State of California. He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley; a Master's Degree in Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at San Francisco; a Ph.D from the California School of Professional Psychology at Berkeley; a Post-doctoral certification in neuro-psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at Berkeley; and he also completed a Masters Program in Public Administration (Health Services Focus) at Sonoma State University. Dr. Luz has also

worked in county mental health programs for over 25 years. This includes 7 years as a Clinical Psychologist at Alameda and Sonoma Counties; 10 years as Director of Children's Services for Alameda County; over 7 years as Behavioral Health Director/Drug and Alcohol Program Administrator for Butte County; and just under 1-1/2 years as Deputy Director of Mental Health for Clinical Services at Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services.

Mr. Sherry noted that there had been some controversy that arose during the last portion of Dr. Luz's tenure as the Behavioral Health Director/Drug and Alcohol Program Administrator for Butte County. Mr. Sherry said that he and Ms. Joan Hoss, the previous Director of Human Services became aware of controversy in July of 2008 when Dr. Luz first applied for his current position as Deputy Director of Mental Health for Clinical Services at Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services. At that time staff undertook a thorough background check of Dr. Luz and after weighing all the information received, Dr. Luz was offered his current position of Deputy Director of Mental Health for Clinical Services at Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services.

In conclusion, Mr. Sherry said that in considering Dr. Luz for the position of Mental Health Director and based upon staff's positive experience with him over the past 1 ½ years as well as his education, experience and background, it was believed Dr. Luz was clearly the most qualified applicant and suggested that the Mental Health Board recommend that the Board of Supervisors in Yuba and Sutter County appoint Dr. Luz to fill the vacant position of Assistant Director of Human Services for Mental Health at the earliest opportunity.

Following considerable review of the information presented and questions regarding the other candidates interviewed, *Board Member Sohrakoff moved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors of Sutter and Yuba Counties, appoint Dr. Brad Luz to the fill the vacant position of Assistant Director of Human Services for Mental Health (Mental Health Director). The motion was seconded by Joginder Pardesi Cheema and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

4. Background on the MHSA CSS Housing Plan and the Proposed Assignment of Housing Program Funding to the California Housing and Finance Agency – Tom Sherry, MFT - Human Services Director

- This MHSA Agreement allows counties to assign funding (\$2,365,900) to Department of Mental Health (DMH) housing reserved for county MHSA activities.
- Assignment of funding will allow Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services (SYMHS) to participate in the state-administered MHSA Housing Program funded from the Community Services and Support (CSS) Component of the MHSA.
- The MHSA Housing Program is authorized by regulation to make MHSA funds available to counties for the purpose of providing permanent supportive housing for clients. CalHFA will hold these funds in a county specific sub-account, invest the funds in an appropriate investment vehicle as determined by CalHFA, and credit the county sub-account with interest received on the investment.
- The County may access MHSA Housing Program funds only through a MHSA Housing Program Application approved by CalHFA and DMH.

- Sutter County must commit these funds to the CalHFA program by June 30, 2011 or have the funds be subject to reversion. The transfer of these funds from DMH to CalHFA constitutes an expenditure of funds for the purpose of funding housing development and therefore not subject to reversion.
- Without the assignment, the funds would be subject to reversion on June 30, 2011.

5. Open Public Hearing

Chairperson Myers opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. He said now was the time to hear testimony and input from the public regarding the MHSA CSS Housing Plan and the Proposed Assignment of Housing Program Funding to the California Housing and Finance Agency. He asked that any person wishing to address the Board on this subject to complete a “Speaker Card and give it to the Recording Secretary (Jean Stump) and asked that their comments be limited to three minutes. Further, he said there would be ample time on the agenda for any person wishing to speak on other issues if desired; however, the MHB could not take any action on an item not listed on the agenda.

6. Close Public Hearing

Hearing no testimony or other comments on this subject, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Larrigan said that the MHSA CSS Housing Plan and the Proposed Assignment of Housing Program Funding to the California Housing and Finance Agency was made available for public review for 30 days at Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services, the libraries in Sutter and Yuba Counties, County Administrative Offices and was posted on the Counties’ website. No comments during the review period were received.

7. Reconvene Board Meeting

Action Item - Approval to Assign Housing Program Funding to the California Housing and Finance Agency: *Sutter County Supervisor Gallagher moved to approve assigning House Program Funding to the California Housing and Finance Agency as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Joginder Pardesi Cheema and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

8. Background on the Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form (Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Project) -Tom Sherry, MFT – Human Services Director

- The primary goal of the Statewide Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Project is to improve the capacity of local partners outside the mental health system (i.e., education, primary health care, law enforcement, older adult services) as well as County staff and partners who work on the development, implementation and evaluation of prevention and early intervention work plans and programs that will be funded through the PEI component of the County’s Plan.
- These funds are to pay for training, technical assistance and capacity building activities that meet the following two criteria:

1. Ability to develop and provide statewide training, technical assistance and capacity building services and programs, and
 2. Ability to partner with local and community partners via subcontracts or other arrangements to assure the appropriate provision of community-based prevention and early intervention activities.
- In order to more efficiently develop and fund regional and statewide PEI mental health services and education programs under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the California Counties' Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), which allows for each participating member County the opportunity to collaborate with all other members for the administration of these projects.
 - The first statewide project area identified for joint implementation by counties is the Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building project. This project consists of development and implementation of training and technical assistance resources, workforce skill-building, and strategies to increase the capacity of contractors for service delivery.
 - Sutter Yuba Mental Health Services intends to contribute the 2008/09 allocation of \$22,700 to the CalMHSA to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs as determined on a regional, statewide basis. Such programs may include, but are not limited to the following: Addressing suicide prevention, ethnic/cultural outreach, stigma/discrimination reduction related to mental illness, student mental health/workforce training and education, training, technical Assistance, and capacity building, and provision of necessary administrative services.
 - The 2009/10 allocation of \$22,700 shall be used for Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services' staff training and related expense on the aforementioned education programs.

9. Open Public Hearing

Chairperson Myers opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. He said now was the time to hear testimony and input from the public regarding Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form (Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Project). He asked that any person wishing to address the Board on this subject to complete a "Speaker Card and give it to the Recording Secretary (Jean Stump) and asked that their comments be limited to three minutes. Further, he said there would be ample time on the agenda for any person wishing to speak on other issues if desired; however, the MHB could not take any action on an item not listed on the agenda.

10. Close Public Hearing

Hearing no testimony or other comments on this subject, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Larrigan said that the Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form (Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Project) was made available for public review for 30 days at Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services, the libraries in Sutter and Yuba Counties, County Administrative Offices and was posted on the Counties' website. No comments during the review period were received he said.

11. Action Item - Consider Approval of Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form (PEI Statewide Project). *Board Secretary Hubbard moved to approve Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form (PEI Statewide Project). The motion was seconded by Board Member Amaya and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

12. Background Information on the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Annual Update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2009-10 – Tom Sherry, Human Services Director

- In order to access the PEI funds for fiscal year 2009-10, Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services must submit an Annual Update to the Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan. This program and expenditure plan must be updated annually to allow for changes in programming that may become necessary.
- The original five concepts are:
 1. Community Prevention Team
 2. Expand Mentoring Program
 3. Strengthening Families
 4. Recreational Opportunities
 5. First Onset Team
- SYMHS consolidated these concepts into two programs which are the First Onset program and the Community Prevention program which includes the Mentoring Program, Strengthening Families, and Recreational Opportunities.
- SYMHS allocated \$1,272,600 in Fiscal Year 2009-10. Of this amount, \$721,104 will be used on personnel expenditures, \$389,227 will be used on operating and support costs, \$51,236 will be used on administrative costs, and \$111,033 will be designated for an operating reserve.
- SYMHS authorized \$1,350,300 (2007-08 and 2008-09 allocations) in August 2009. Of this amount, \$492,743 was allocated for personnel expenditures, \$689,802 for operating and support costs, \$45,000 for administrative costs, and \$122,755 for an operating reserve.

13. Open Public Hearing to Consider the PEI Annual Update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2009-10 – Chairperson Myers.

Chairperson Myers opened the Public Hearing at 6:45p.m. He said now was the time to hear testimony and input from the public regarding the PEI Annual Update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2009-10. He asked that any person wishing to address the Board on this subject to complete a “Speaker Card and give it to the Recording Secretary (Jean Stump) and asked that their comments be limited to three minutes. Further, he said there would be ample time on the agenda for any person wishing to speak on other issues if desired; however, the MHB could not take any action on an item not listed on the agenda.

14. Close Public Hearing

Hearing no testimony or other comments on this subject, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Larrigan said that the PEI Annual Update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2009-10 was made available for public review for 30 days at Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services, the libraries in Sutter and Yuba Counties, County Administrative Offices and was posted on the Counties' website. No comments during the review period were received he said.

15. Action Item - Consider a Recommendation to Approve the MHSA PEI Plan Update for FY 2009-10. *Vice Chair Markland moved to approve the MHSA PEI Annual Update to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2009-10 as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Myers and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

16. Adjournment

There being no further business brought forward, Chairperson Myers thanked everyone for their participation and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Stump
Executive Secretary