

# **SUTTER-YUBA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

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## ***MINUTES***

Thursday, June 10, 2010  
5:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Marc Myers at 5:36 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: Sutter County Supervisor James Gallagher, Yuba County Supervisor Hal Stocker, Chairperson Marc Myers, Vice Chair David Markland, Board Secretary Margery Hubbard, Board Members Nick Sohrakoff, Joginder Pardesi Cheema, Ardythe Price, Patricia Stutte and newly appointed Board Member Jaclyn Bain.

The following Board Member was excused: Alma Amaya.

Also present was the Mental Health Director Brad Luz, Staff Analyst Patrick Larrigan and the Executive Secretary Jean Stump.

### **3. Action Items**

a. Approve May 13, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes: Board Member Price moved to approve the *minutes of May 13, 2010 as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Markland and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

b. Report of Ad Hoc Committee and approval of Year-End Report for FY 2009-10 – Committee Members Hubbard, Amaya and Markland. Board Secretary Hubbard presented an overview of the FY 2009-10 Year-End Report as developed on behalf of the Mental Health Board for the Board of Supervisors (copies provided). *Board Member Stutte moved to approve the results of the FY 2009-10 Annual Year End Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Myers and carried by a unanimous voice of the members present.*

c. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers for FY 2010-11. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chairperson Myers noted that after discussing this subject with other members of the Board, said it was proposed to keep the current officers in their positions for an additional year, namely: For Chair: Marc Myers; for Vice Chair: David Markland; and for Secretary, Margery Hubbard. *Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Supervisor Gallagher moved to accept the slate of officers for FY 2010-11 as presented, namely to elect Marc Myers as Chair, David Markland as Vice Chair, and Margery Hubbard as Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stutte and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

#### **4. Background on the MHSa Capital Facilities and Technology (Cap/IT) Needs Information Program and Expenditure Plan Brad Luz, Ph.D., Mental Health Director**

Utilizing a series of PowerPoint slides, (copies provided the Board), the Mental Health Director provided an overview of each slide, namely:

- ✦ Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services (SYMHS) planning estimate that can be split between Capital Facilities and IT to best suit needs of SYMHS consumers. It was noted that Cap/IT directives from the State are the most restrictive directive, noting that SYMHS must institute a new Electronic Health Record (EIR) by year 2013
- ✦ Capital Funding will be spent on MHSa services
- ✦ The SYMHS Plan will increase IT infrastructure for the Wellness and Recovery structure and the EIR will require training and meeting facilities
- ✦ Review of the chronic history of under-utilization of IT in healthcare and the study findings that strongly suggested the use of Health Information Exchange (HIE) as a serious component for improvement
- ✦ HIE is the secure/private exchange of medical information across multiple treatment locations using standardized methods which are private and secure
- ✦ HIE increases communications by providing easy access
- ✦ The plan proposal supports projects that build and maintain the infrastructure needed to move to the use of HIE
- ✦ Common project components will foster technical understanding; funding staff to manage the HIE; provide training to ensure the components are utilized; upgrade the capabilities of SYMHS to allow a smooth transition to full HIE use.
- ✦ The infrastructure being proposed will ensure the viability of the hardware, workstations and laptops; ensure the viability of the network; upgrades to the networking hardware; ensure the viability of the software; install a new HIE and make way for future components including State ARRA funded items; and ensure use of installing training facilities in the Wellness and Recovery program
- ✦ In summary, the plan moves the capabilities of SYMHS forward to support quality care via HIE that meets federal and state mandates; projects to prepare the County for integration with State ARRA (stimulus) plan; projects will be inclusive to 2012 and beyond; and project requested funds of \$1,765,300.

#### **5. Open Public Hearing**

Chairperson Myers thanked Dr. Luz for the overview and subsequently opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. He said now was the time to hear testimony and input from the public regarding the MHSa Capital Facilities and Technology (Cap/IT) Needs Information Program and Expenditure Plan. 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 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.

Subsequently, the Board raised a number of questions and Dr. Luz responded by saying that full funding for the project is being requested and staff will draw down as needed. Vice Chair Markland said staff should be cautious when hiring a vendor.

In response to another question posed, Dr. Luz said approximately \$175,000 will be used to remodel the building out front known as the “White House” which will become the new Wellness & Recovery Center; and approximately \$1,4 million will be used to purchase the hardware, software and training.

Mr. Larrigan said that the MHS Capital Facilities and Technology (Cap/IT) Needs Information Program and Expenditure Plan 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.

## **6. Close Public Hearing**

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

## **7. Reconvene Board Meeting**

*Action Item – Consider a Recommendation to Approve the MHS Capital Facilities and Technology (Cap/IT) Needs Information Program and Expenditure Plan Vice Chair Markland moved to approve the MHS Capital Facilities and Technology (Cap/IT) Needs Information Program and Expenditure Plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gallagher and carried by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.*

## **8. Background on the MHS Community Services & Supports (CSS) and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Prudent Reserve Funding Request for FY 2009-10 - Brad Luz, Ph.D., Mental Health Director**

Dr. Luz said currently, SYMHS receives funding for MHS Community Services and Supports and Prevention and Early Intervention. The funding for these programs reverts back to the State if they are not spent within 3 years. The PEI plan was originally approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on August 28, 2009. In this plan SYMHS received the FY 2007-08 allocation of \$447,900 and the 2008-09 allocation of \$903,300. Implementation of these two programs within the PEI Plan (Community Prevention Team and First Onset) has been slow.

As of June 2, 2010, the agency has spent \$333,640 in Community Prevention and \$1,897 in First Onset for a total of \$335,537. In order to provide SYMHS with the greatest amount of flexibility it is proposed to fund the Prudent Reserve with the maximum allowable of 50% of the FY 2007-08 allocation or \$223,950. These funds can be drawn on when needed and used for either Community Supports and Services or Prevention and Early Intervention.

In order to comply with Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 3300 regarding the Community Planning Process and Section 3315(b) regarding the local review process, the Mental Health Board is required to hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Mental Health Services Act FY 2009/10 Prudent Reserve Funding Request.

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#### **12. Mental Health Director’s Report – Brad Luz, Ph.D.**

Dr. Luz reported that as Mental Health Director for Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Services he is a voting and principle member of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the administration of state-wide projects called the California Mental Health Services Authority Strategic Planning Committee (CalMHSA). CalMHSA meets monthly on the second Thursday in Sacramento which now conflicts with the meeting of the Mental Health Board. For this reason, Dr. Luz suggested consideration to amend the Board Meeting schedule from the second Thursday to the Third Thursday effective July 2010.

In response to Supervisor Gallagher’s earlier remarks on this subject, Chairperson Myers asked for suggestions for alternative meeting dates. *Following considerable discussion, Board Member Sohrakoff moved that the Board Meeting revert back to its previous meeting schedule of the third Thursday effect July15, 2010. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stutte and was unanimously approved by the members present. The Bylaws will be amended to reflect this change.*

#### **13. Public Comment** – No public comment was received

#### **14. Old Business** – There was no old business brought forward.

**15. New Business.**

Referencing the handout provided, Vice Chair Markland urged the Board to consider participating if possible in the upcoming California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMH&B) Annual meeting to be held on June 17-18, 2010 at the Hilton Oakland Airport in Oakland.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairperson Myers thanked everyone for their participation and wished all the fathers in attendance a Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 20, 2010. Subsequently he adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Stump  
Executive Secretary