

**Approved July 15, 2010**

Santa Cruz County  
**Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 17, 2010**

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Facilitator: John Laue, Substitute Chairperson  
Recorder: Linda Betts  
Staff Ex-Officio: Leslie Tremaine – Director of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services  
Meeting Location: 1400 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz

**Regular Business**

**Meeting Began:** John Laue called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Ann Andrews, Bill Lewis, Denise Ostlund, John Laue, Jose Bernabe, and Maria Corriea

**Members Absent**

**Excused:** Barbara Bentley, Ginny Gomez, Joan McVay, and Supervisor Neal Coonerty

**Members Absent**

**Unexcused:** Guy Grant

**Guests:** Stephen DuBose and Davi Schell (Patient Advocate)

**Minute Review:** A quorum was present and a vote was taken to approve the May minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment**

- Jose Bernabe, representing the 4<sup>th</sup> District is our newest member of the board.

**Standing Reports**

- Mental Health Director Report, Leslie Tremaine
  - o Report on State & County Budget status – We are in the last stages of public review for the 2010-2011 County Budget. HSA presented on Monday.
  - o Potential for State Budget cuts biggest challenge with County Budget: Possible reduction of 60% of realignment dollars, proposal to suspend mandate for AB 3632 services helping children in special education with serious emotional disturbance, end CalWorks, and end Drug Medi-Cal.
  - o Public Health Facility planning process continues. No change in intentions working with freestanding 16-bed facility to meet needs. Have an overflow arrangement with Natividad in Monterey County and Fremont. Expect to have support for medical needs of patients.

**Presentation**

- Adult Mental Health, Yana Jacobs
  - o In the process of staff reorganization due to budget cuts. Working towards a “generalist” approach with services and move away from specialty teams.
    - Transition team will join with PEI (prevention & early intervention). The goal will be to stabilize a situation and not bring the individual into the system.

- Older Adults team added a new Occupational Therapist to train and educate clients. Have started with Senior Network and Senior Companions.
- Caseloads are being reorganized and trainings to be held to get everyone measuring success in the same way.
- Innovative Projects funding for "Work First" program opening in September and anticipate hiring in July/August (anyone in the community is eligible if diagnosed with co-occurring disorder).
- Housing team specialist has forty people on his caseload (will move one Recovery clinician to help one day a week with medications).

### **Preparation for Electing New Officers**

- Nominating Committee will be Joan McVay, Barbara Bentley, and Ann Andrews; will bring recommendations for Chair and Co-Chair to July meeting.
- MHSA Steering Committee has completed their work. Propose oversight capacity and evaluation move back to the Mental Health Board.
- Frequency of meetings. The Board of Supervisors and CAO asked that all Boards and Commissions consider reducing the number of meetings due to staffing shortage and cuts. This Board will meet in July, cancel the August meeting, and discuss in September if continued feasibility of bi-monthly meetings and reduce from two hours to one and a half.

### **New Business**

- Upcoming Agenda items
  - Budget update
  - MHSA "101"
  - Nomination of officers and vote

### **Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.**

- Motion to adjourn by Ann Andrews, seconded by Bill Lewis. Motion passed.