

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2011

Mental Health Board

Members in Attendance

Brown, Leonard
Buckman, Rick
Egli, Eric
Koehler, John
Meade, Pat
O'Meara, Janet

Absent Members

Behrens, Sharon
Holmes, Jim

Staff and Guests

Abrahamson, Twylla
Bauman, Maureen
Bellah, Amy
Davidson, Sue Ann
Jones, Janna
Moser, Katrina
Richter, Jonathan
Trenwith, Cheryl
Wesp, Dan

Welcome and Introductions

John Koehler, Vice Chair of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board (MHADB), called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members and guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

❖ Board Protocol (Non-Board Member Participation)

- This item is designed to clarify, for new attendees, the role of non-board members and their participation while attending the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board meetings.
- Provided information to the Board that the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board meeting time is from 6:15 to 8:00 but can be flexible.

❖ Guest Speaker: Jonathan Richter, Public Defender and Sue Ann Davidson, Supervising Attorney, and Amy Bellah – Those with Mental Health Illness: What's Working/Not Working

- Mr. Richter introduced Sue Ann Davidson and Amy Bellah to make the presentation.
- Ms. Davidson provided a history of how mental health court started (2000) – where it was at the start, where it is now and what she hopes it to become.
- Goals include providing mental health treatment for those entering the mental health court, stop the revolving door, help with the recidivism rate, jail overcrowding, and public safety.
- Ms. Davidson felt it was cost effective to not have individuals with mental health issues in jail and felt it better to treat people rather than incarcerate them when they commit a crime.
- Identified some rules/regulations with people coming over to the mental health court and identified that it must be voluntary.
- Mental health court is similar to a drug treatment court; it allows for a relationship with the judge and opportunity to ensure individual is taking medications, getting to appointments, housing, etc.
- Ms. Davidson identified some benefits, which vary based on different circumstances.
- Explained opinion and issues related to a post plea vs. pre plea mental health court.
- Placer County Mental Health Court --
 - Drug Court - first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Dept. 32)
 - LPS Conservatorship - second and fourth Fridays of the month at 2:00 p.m. (Dept 32)
 - Mental Health Court - every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. (Dept. 13).

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Approval of the March 28, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Approved minutes as distributed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – The current balance of \$708.69 is accepted as presented.

Standing Committee Reports

- ❖ Alcohol and Drug Committee – John Koehler and Leonard Brown
 - The committee identified some questions for Warren Daniels' attendance at the upcoming committee meeting, including separate discussions on Suboxone and detoxification.
 - Minor Consent form being set aside for now.
 - Federal dollars that backfilled Proposition 36 will be gone by the end of September.
- ❖ Quality Improvement Committee – Eric Egli
 - The committee reviewed the Performance Improvement Plan - formal federal requirements used to set up performance improvements.
 - Discussed improving the follow-up after the discharge from the PHF and identified that there have been improvements.
 - 3% of kids with out-of-home placement were consuming 25% of the dollars. Finding ways to better serve the kids, with success in identifying the certain subset of kids receiving the various services.
- ❖ Children's Committee – Janet O'Meara
 - Committee did not meet.
 - John Koehler identified that the committee will work with Richard Knecht in May to discuss services at the front door.
 - Janet reported on the visit to the Crisis Resolution Center (Koinina) and their conversation with staff.

BOS-Representative

- ❖ None

NAMI Placer County Report

- ❖ Janet O'Meara reported on the following:
 - The NAMI group did meet but Janet O'Meara was unable to attend.
 - Meetings take place on Thursday evenings at the Auburn Library.

Correspondence and Announcements

- ❖ None

Director's Report

- ❖ Maureen Bauman reported on the following:
 - Distributed California's Public Mental Health System: A Brief Overview Fact Sheet.
 - Announced that Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is soliciting input from client and family members (agenda was distributed) and those who were a part of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) planning and implementation process.
 - May is Mental Health Awareness Month: ASOC will submit a Resolution to the Board of Supervisors. To celebrate, the following activities are taking place:
 - Poster Contest.
 - Battle of the Bands (May 7th, 1:00 – 6:00 at Auburn Recreation District).
 - Reported on the Auburn Journal article regarding those from the Welcome Center – homeless going out to clean up the local area.
 - In FY 2011-12, some funds will be taken out of the MHSA funds (one time) to fund three programs: Departmental Health Managed Care, Early and Period Screening Assessment and Treatment for young people up to the age of 25, and a Special Education Program. This will be a 10% reduction in MHSA funds that we were expecting this year.

Unfinished Business

- ❖ Recruitment (*Standing Agenda Item*)
 - Maureen Bauman identified that Dr. Lazano has shared his interest in the MHADB.
- ❖ Board Recommendations and Feedback
 - MHADB Email Address: mhadb@placer.ca.gov
 - The above email address has been created so people can correspond directly with the Board.
 - Create an automatic response.

- Test Call Recommendations Related to the Welcome Center
 - Maureen Bauman provided an update on the follow-up to the QI Committee's test calls for the crisis lines. Our contractors in Nevada County, who handle the ASOC Adult Intake, missed an opportunity to recommend the Welcome Center to people who might have benefited from this resource.
 - The supervisor, who manages the contract, informed the many people who answer the crisis calls about the Welcome Center and other resources.
- ❖ July Retreat – Agenda and Location
 - Agenda Ideas
 - Healing the Addicted Brain
 - Web-based history of public health
 - Full Circle Treatment Center (adolescents) and Koinina
 - Advocacy vs. adversarial relationships
 - Review the charge and responsibilities of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board
 - Additional structure and orientation for new MHADB members and the building of some agreements.

New Business

- ❖ Begin FY 2010-11 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors
 - Prepare the committee reports and complete by the end of September.
- ❖ Appointment of Nominating Committee
 - Members needed to volunteer as the Nominating Committee to contact members and come up with the slate of officers.
 - If no volunteers, the current Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee, nominating themselves to serve as the officers for the next fiscal year.
- ❖ Contract
 - The below contracts were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.
 - Grant Agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Shelter Care Plus Program
 - Mental Health Contracts (Telecare, Sierra Family Services, Dr. Olga Ignatowicz, Dr. Rijappa, Anka Behavioral Health, Merced Behavioral Health, State Hospital

Leonard Brown made a motion to accept the contracts identified above, Janet O'Meara seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments

- ❖ Rick announced that the VA in Auburn hired an individual who has assisted in placing 14 homeless veterans into housing.
- ❖ Leonard Brown commented on the Public Defender's (PD) presentation. He addressed funding and identified that there is a need for programs for those in jail who have mental illness and alcohol and drug issues.

Public Input

- ❖ Dan Wesp appreciated that the Board is listening to all views related to mental health court. He believes there is a lack of understanding of others' motivation – DA, PD and Probation. Mr. Wesp inquired as to the follow-up on the Sierra College drug issue.
- ❖ Katrina Moser shared her comments related to hearing from Sue Ann Davidson and felt that people really need stability.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
- May 9, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. is next Executive Committee meeting (ASOC)
- May 23, 2011 is the next board meeting at HHS – Administration Conference Room (11533 C Avenue, Auburn)

Secretary/Treasurer, Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board