

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2011

Mental Health Board

Members in Attendance

Behrens, Sharon
Buckman, Rick
Koehler, John
Meade, Pat
O'Meara, Janet

Absent Members

Brown, Leonard
Egli, Eric
Holmes, Jim
Wesp, Daniel

Staff and Guests

Abrahamson, Twylla
Allinger, Tony
Ellis, Amy
Hopper, Marshall
Krohn, Nicole
Jones, Janna
Luchay, Dennis
Luchay, Carolyn
Maisch, Einai
Moser, Katrina
Pieper, Donna
Rohan, Susan
Schauer, Steve
Tarrant, Lynn
Williams, Jessica

Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Behrens, Chairperson 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 (MHADB) meetings.
- Provided information to the Board that the MHADB meeting time is from 6:15 to 8:00 but can be flexible.

Guest Speaker: Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer

- Provided some general information about the Probation Department and an overview of their operations and program realignment.
- Out of 156 positions, 22 are vacant.
- Probation officers go through an extensive peace officer background investigation, same background process of any police officer in the state of California.
- Probation services include the supervision of over 3,800 offenders in Placer County including adult and juvenile cases. They also provide supervision of over 1,000 offenders who participate in the alternative sentencing throughout any given year.
- The Juvenile Division work very hard to keep families in tact.
- One of the only departments in the state that operates the county food service program, which provides 680,000 meals per year to the inmates in the jail, juvenile, and various programs such as the Receiving Home in Placer County.
- Reviewed the key concepts related to Adult Court Unit and Adult Supervision Unit and the Alternative Sentencing Division.
- Alternative sentencing ensures that the offenders serve their sentence while providing them the tools to change their lives.
- In 2001 the Juvenile Hall was nearly full with at the maximum population of 78 beds; in 2002, with a few minor adjustments and early intervention and diversion programs, the maximum population was decreased down to 54.
- \$2.4 million per year cost savings to the county and tax payers by helping families take care of business up front, keeping families together.
- SB 678 (evidence-based practice) provided funding for probation departments throughout the state of California to incorporate evidence-based services and practices into probation supervision.

- AB 109 (parole realignment) defines that the non-violent, non-serious and non-sex offenders will remain local. AB 109

mandates a criminal corrections partnership (CCP), which is composed of the Chief Probation Officer, a Chief of Police, the Sheriff, County Supervisor or CEO, and the head of Social Services (Dr. Richard Burton). The group is to determine how parole realignment is to be handled – identify services, barriers, etc.

- One of the biggest barriers in the probation system is itself - law enforcement vs. those wanting folks to get help. Currently teaching their staff how to help folks, reviewing outpatient, counseling, etc.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Approval of the May 23, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Approved minutes as distributed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – The current balance of \$605.77 is accepted as presented.

Standing Committee Reports

- ❖ Alcohol and Drug Committee – John Koehler
 - Reviewing those individuals who have co-occurring (both mental health chemical dependency) and the concern for a better connectedness with corrections and the community.
- ❖ Quality Improvement Committee – Sharon Behrens
 - Due to new guests, it has been decided to create an alphabetical list of acronyms available at each meeting.
- ❖ Children's Committee – Janet O'Meara
 - Reviewed the outcome after intake calls made to ACCESS (CSOC Intake) and determined that changes needed to be made. Over the next six months, CSOC will provide supervisor training, learn to be better empathic listeners, review resource books utilized and teach people how to ask the good questions.
 - Revamping the resource book and improve the on-line information.
 - Plan to redo the intake calls in six months. The committee will need 6-8 other individuals to place the calls.

BOS-Representative - None

NAMI Placer County Report

- ❖ Janet O'Meara reported on the following:
 - NAMI stands for the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, with a NAMI Chapter in each state.
 - Ms. O'Meara provided an update on the meetings, which take place at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Auburn Library.

Correspondence and Announcements

- ❖ None

Assistant Director's Report

- ❖ Lynn Tarrant reported on the following on behalf of Maureen Bauman:
 - Provided a brief update on ASOC personnel – retirements, change in program management, temporary assignment of one of the managers to the Auburn Community Clinic, and few work out of class assignments.
 - Reviewed the funding through Telecare of a half-time position to help people get on Social Security and MediCal. 40% of inpatient admits are uninsured. Even if they don't qualify for MediCal, they will qualify for low income health.
 - Suicide Prevention Conference takes place October 27-28, 2011; flyers will be ready next week.
 - Announced the hire of the two new psychiatrists – one full-time position filled with two part-time doctors: Dr. Michael Lin and Dr. Sarah Altschuler.

Unfinished Business

- ❖ Recruitment (*Standing Agenda Item*)
 - Noted that there are a few new people in attendance
- ❖ Visibility of Services (*Standing Agenda Item*)
 - Continue to mention how the signs provide direction to guests.
 - Corrections have been made to the website along with the inclusion of the email address on the agenda.
- ❖ Vote on Slate of Officers

- Chairperson: Sharon Behrens
- Vice Chairperson: John Koehler
- Secretary/Treasurer: Janet O'Meara

Rick Buckman made a motion to accept the slate of officers identified above, Patricia Meade seconded. Motion carried.

- ❖ Recommendations for Visibility on the Placer Website
 - Seeking ideas from guests and members to assist in making the Placer County website more visible.

New Business

- ❖ Discussions on Expectations: Sac Bee Article – A Journey Into Darkness
 - John Koehler provided a brief overview of the article.

❖ Contract

- The below contract was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.
 - Mental Health (Sunbridge Braswell Enterprises Inc. dba Sierra Vista Rehabilitation Center)

Janet O'Meara made a motion to accept the contract identified above, John Koehler seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments

- ❖ Rick Buckman announced that on September 27-29, 2011 the first Placer County stand down (military term) will be held at the Roseville Fairgrounds. It's aimed at homeless veterans and will provide an array of services including medical and dental to get these folks back in the system.

Public Input

- ❖ Katrina Moser thanked Rick Buckman for his wonderful work related to her friend who received his benefits thanks to Rick.
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Luchay provided a brief update on their story and the invention of the Warm Line. The Maternal Depression Task Force meets the first Tuesday of each month and the Roseville Hospital, advocating and informing people on post partum depression. Distributed some flyers and additional information. They are seeking more volunteers and/or public input. The Luchays are focusing on reaching out to the Latino community.
- ❖ Mr. Steve Schauer is in attendance at his second meeting; he would like to be a part of this group. He provided detail on his organization, NARCONON, and his desire for community outreach.
- ❖ Katrina Moser, Mental Health America, wanted to know how she could get the program on the website.
- ❖ Jessica Williams inquired about the upcoming ACCESS test phone calls that will be placed and who can participate.
- ❖ Donna Pieper is in attendance at her second meeting and has turned in her application.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
- July 5, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. is next Executive Committee meeting (ASOC)
- July 15, 2011 is the next board meeting, following the Annual Retreat at the Auburn City Hall – Rose Room

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