

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2011

### **Mental Health Board**

#### **Members in Attendance**

Behrens, Sharon  
Brown, Leonard  
Egli, Eric  
Meade, Pat  
Wesp, Daniel

#### **Absent Members**

Buckman, Rick  
Holmes, Jim  
Koehler, John  
O'Meara, Janet

### **Staff and Guests**

Abrahamson, Twylla  
Bauman, Maureen  
Cowen, Jeff  
Ellis, Amy  
Jones, Janna  
Miller, Jennifer  
Moser, Katrina  
Pieper, Donna  
Schauer, Steve  
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.

#### **❖ Special Topic: Review of Criminal Justice System; Advocacy Discussion; Determination of Actions Regarding Criminal Justice**

- Reviewed Criminal Justice System and disagreement with the post plea court model and feel there should be further discussion by this Board.
  - Consensus to track three – four cases through the entire processes.
- The document titled, "What is Advocacy?" was distributed. Sharon Behrens reviewed advocacy and what our specific role is and how advocacy fits in our charge as the Board.
- Advocacy is the active promotion of a cause or principle.
- Reviewed the process and steps in which complaints/issues are processed.
- System issues go through the Executive Committee to Maureen Bauman who gives to the appropriate supervisor; a written response will be received by this Board as to what occurred.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of the August 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** – Approved minutes as distributed.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report** – The current balance of \$1,324.96 is accepted as presented.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- ❖ Alcohol and Drug Committee
  - Leonard Brown and Steve Schauer both provided a brief report on the meeting with Sierra College.
    - Plan to set up a series of questions and a meeting with some of the students; a follow-up meeting will take place the end of October for further discussion.
    - Discussed the need to provide information on alcohol and drug abuse on campus.
  - Dan Wesp updated the full Board on information received by the committee from Amy Ellis.
    - NNA funds – Federal monies for specific alcohol and drug programs.
    - Reviewed information on the Placer County Screening Clinic, which runs two days a week.
- ❖ Quality Improvement Committee – Eric Egli

- Provided an overview and identified some of the problems with the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system, which begins a pilot next month.
  - Reviewed trainings for staff related to the need for proper documentation in charts.
  - Maureen Bauman assisted in explaining the change regarding working with schools to provide mental health services through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process – AB 3632 (federal law).
  - Working on better ways to assess how staff answer the crisis line and their ability to answer questions and direct callers to appropriate resources.
- ❖ Children's Committee – Sharon Behrens
- Richard Knecht and Sharon Behrens discussed the progress of revamping the ACCESS crisis line; reviewed staff trainings and update of the resource book.

**BOS-Representative** - None

**NAMI Placer County Report** - None

**Correspondence and Announcements**

- ❖ Sharon Behrens reported on the receipt of the following:
- Met as an Executive Committee and produced a portion of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors – distributed a draft of the Chair's report for review.
  - Requesting members to review and provide feedback to Sharon Behrens.

**Director's Report**

- ❖ Maureen Bauman reported on the following:
- Provided an update on AB 109 and an overview of the change in law.
    - Previously, individuals who are sentenced to over a 365-day sentence would go to prison; individuals will now be released to the County.
    - Not related to length of time in prison but rather the type of crime committed.
  - Addressed the article in the Sacramento Bee regarding issues related to AB 109 and what makes people safe.
  - Placer County will receive approximately \$3 million with AB 109.
  - 17 people have been identified to come out in the month of October, five of those with mental health issues.
  - Distributed Indicators of Alcohol and Other Drug Risk and Consequences for California Counties (2010) and reviewed key findings specific to Placer County.

**Unfinished Business**

- ❖ Recruitment (*Standing Agenda Item*)
- One application to move forward.
- ❖ Visibility of Services (*Standing Agenda Item*)
- Nothing to report at this time.
- ❖ Recovery Happens – Report Out
- John Koehler, Leonard Brown, Steve Schauer, Sharon Behrens, and Maureen Bauman attended the event.
  - Steve Schauer, Leonard Brown, and Sharon Behrens all reported on their experience with Recovery Happens.
- ❖ Sierra College Meeting– Report Out
- Discussed under the Alcohol and Drug Committee.
- ❖ New Board Members' Appointment Status: Steve Schauer, Donna Pieper, Jessica Williams and Reappointment of Rick Buckman
- The group will be official members prior to the next meeting.

**New Business**

- ❖ Campaign for Community Wellness (CCW)
- Sharon Behrens reported that Janet O'Meara, Steve Schauer and Sharon Behrens attended the CCW meeting. Ms. Behrens appreciated the face-to-face with community partners.

- ❖ Network of Care Update
  - Maureen Bauman provided an update on the Network of Care, which is located on Placer County's website; it's a web-based resource directory.
  - Working with the First 5 Commission and Placer County Office of Education to spread the word regarding these resources and ensuring the resources are up-to-date.
- ❖ Contracts
  - The below contract was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.
    - Amended Umbrella Contract for Hearing Officer

*Leonard Brown made a motion to accept the contract identified above, Eric Egli seconded. Motion carried.*

### Board Member Comments

- ❖ Daniel Wesp reported on the success of one of his goals and will be meeting with the Placer County Judges to discuss the lack of information/communication between what he does for the District Attorney's Office and what the MHADB does. The information he plans to provide will assist in educating all those involved in the various services.

### Public Input

- ❖ Jeff Cowen shared his opinion that the issue of having to plead guilty or no contest before being offered mental health court needs to be revisited. He also shared his concern and feelings that it takes individuals who are really dealing with mental health issues and makes them into criminals rather than individuals dealing with a mental health issue.
- ❖ Katrina Moser shared some ideas:
  - 1) Sierra College to train college teachers to be able to spot alcohol/drug use problems. There's a computer-based interactive trainer where teachers can go through a specific training lesson with a pseudo student.
    - Ms. Moser will provide Sharon Behrens with this training information.
  - 2) Outlet for information, like perinatal to be disseminated. The Family Advocates (Katrina Moser and Rebecca Huntley) plan to hold a family support night for the Psychiatric Health Facility. This will take place at the Cirby Hills Facility one night a week to support family members - Tuesday night, beginning in two weeks from 4:30 – 6:00. This is designed to get the word out about the various things available for families and loved ones that have psychiatric issues.
    - Give information to Katrina Moser for dissemination.
  - 3) The Stand Down is happening this week – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville.

### Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, [October 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.](#)** is next Executive Committee meeting (ASOC)
- October 24, 2011 is the next board meeting in the at HHS – Cirby Hills Cafeteria (101 Cirby Hills Dr., Roseville)

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