PLACER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND DRUG BOARD

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2012

Mental Health Board Members in Attendance

Behrens, Sharon Holmes, Jim Meade, Pat O'Meara, Janet Williams, Jessica

Absent Members

Buckman, Rick Koehler, John Schauer, Steve Wesp, Daniel

Staff and Guests Abrahamson, Twylla

Bauman, Maureen Denton, Kathie Cleveland, Cheryl Dugan, Beth Ellis, Amy Huber, Ingrid Jones, Janna Knecht, Richard Neal, Sharon Osborne, Marie Sutter, Kara Taylor, Will Thickens, Theresa

PUBLIC HEARING - Placer County, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 2012-13 Annual Plan Update

Sharon Behrens, Chair of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board called the Public Hearing to order at 6:04 p.m. Members and guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

- The Chair of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board (MHADB) outlined the Board's role with respect to the public hearing processes, next steps and the ground rules.
- The MHADB's role is to hear input from the public on the MHSA 2012-13 Annual Plan Update.
- Maureen Bauman provided a brief overview of the plan.
- County will only respond to written substantive comments.
- Public Hearing concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Public comment period opened at 6:18 pm.

- Sharon Neal: Plan is no longer handling/helping the severally mentally ill. Family members are going into legal system because of the lack of services. Concern with lack of access to review other individuals' comments related to the plan. Plan didn't provide address of public hearing. Too many acronyms without meanings being identified. NAMI asking for more involvement in public plan discussions. Feels the county has lost insight on where the monies are being spent.
- Will Taylor: Shared how he, as a consumer with a grave and persistent mental illness, was helped as a direct beneficiary of the MHSA monies. He also shared how the system and services helped him not only as a gravely disabled individual but also in securing a position representing the voice of individuals with mental illness, to county staff, supervisors, managers and clinicians. Due to this plan, things have happened and he is now able to step forward and represent the people who have no voice. Housing is a persistent issue for those with mental illness, as well as transportation.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.
- Monday, December 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. is next Executive Committee meeting (ASOC)
- Monday, December 17, 2012 is the next board meeting taking place in the HHS Adult System of Care Large Conference Room, 11533 C Avenue (Dewitt), Auburn