



**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION**

Minutes of Meeting
May 28, 2015

MHSOAC
1325 J Street, Suite 1700
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Members Participating

Victor Carrion, M.D., Chair
John Buck, Vice Chair
Khatera Aslami-Tamplen
Senator John Beall
John Boyd, Psy.D.
Sheriff William Brown
David Gordon
Paul Keith, M.D.
Christopher Miller-Cole, Psy.D.
Ralph Nelson, Jr., M.D.
Larry Poaster, Ph.D.
Richard Van Horn

Members Absent

Assemblymember Tony Thurmond
Tina Wooton

Staff Present

Toby Ewing, Ph.D., Executive Director
Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Executive Director
Norma Pate, Deputy Executive Director
Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel
Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist
Jose Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations
Pete Best, Staff Services Manager
Kristal Carter, Staff Services Analyst
Cody Scott, Staff Services Analyst

CONVENE

Chair Victor Carrion called the meeting of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) to order at 9:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Kristal Carter, Staff Services Analyst, called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

RESOLUTION

Chair Carrion presented former Commissioner David Pating with a California State Resolution on behalf of the Commissioners, staff, and stakeholders thanking him for his years of service on the Commission.

ACTION

1A: Approve April 23, 2015, MHSOAC Meeting Minutes

Action: Commissioner Poaster made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Buck, that:
The MHSOAC approves the April 23, 2015, Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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INFORMATIONAL

1B: [April 23, 2015, Motions Summary](#)

1C: [Evaluation Dashboard](#)

1D: [Plan Review Dashboard](#)

1E: [Calendar](#)

ACTION

2A: [Prevention and Early Intervention Regulations: Commission Response to Public](#)

[Comments from the 15-Day Notice Published on April 24, 2015](#)

Presenters:

Filomena Yeroshek, MHSOAC Chief Counsel

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, provided a brief recap and next steps of the process of the Proposed Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Regulations. She clarified the intent of a sentence in the “Matrix of Public Comments with Staff’s Recommended Responses” regarding the application of the Lanterman–Petris–Short Act.

Action: Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Van Horn, that:

The Commission adopts Staff’s responses to public comments to the Proposed Prevention and Early Intervention Regulations as set forth in the, “Matrix of Public Comments with Staff’s Recommended Responses” and directs the Executive Director to resubmit the Rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law.

Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13. Commissioner Van Horn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Commissioner Wooton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION

3A: Innovative Project Regulations: Commission Response to Public Comment from the 15-Day Notice Published on April 24, 2015

Presenters:

Filomena Yeroshek, MHSOAC Chief Counsel
Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Filomena Yeroshek, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, provided a brief recap and next steps of the process of the Proposed Innovative Project (INN) Regulations.

Action: Commissioner Van Horn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keith, that:

The Commission adopts Staff's responses to public comments to the Proposed Innovative Project Regulations as set forth in the, "Matrix of Public Comments with Staff's Recommended Responses" and directs the Executive Director to resubmit the Rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law.

Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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[Note: Due to the availability of presenters, agenda items 6A and 5A were taken out of order and were heard prior to agenda item 4A.]

ACTION

6A: Los Angeles County Innovation Plan

Presenters:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Commissioner Van Horn recused himself from the agenda item.

Mr. Oseguera introduced Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Ph.D., MHSA Coordinator from Los Angeles County. He provided an overview, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed five-year, \$92 million, Los Angeles County INN program, titled "Health Neighborhoods."

Dr. Lee reviewed the notable aspects of the program and what it can teach about INN in the state of California.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Commissioner Keith asked how the health neighborhoods are defined. Dr. Lee stated they are defined geographically. Dr. Innes-Gomberg added that the lead agency in each district will define the locations of the neighborhoods and why they meet the criteria for INN.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen asked if there is an emphasis on primary care. Dr. Lee stated the focus is not on primary care, but it is an MHSA requirement that all services meet the general standards, one of which is integrated service delivery, which includes primary care.

Commissioner Gordon asked how the schools are involved. Dr. Innes-Gomberg stated training strategies that focus on education will enable teachers to coach children in the classroom and clubhouses within the community where screenings are done for children who are at risk.

Commissioner Brown asked how law enforcement and probation will be involved. Dr. Innes-Gomberg stated one of the strategies focuses on developing a collaborative that involves judges, local law enforcement, and other entities in the community. This will make the community more welcoming and create an environment where the individual will develop protective factors so they do not wind up back in jail.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen asked how consumers and family members from underserved communities will be involved. Dr. Lee answered that the underlying theme of the strategies is that the community will take a different kind of responsibility in partnering with the county.

Commissioner Nelson asked if there are programs that measure individuals who have trauma from the police or schools. Dr. Lee stated it is one of the ten strategies.

Commissioner Nelson asked if any of the programs can be utilized by small- or medium-sized counties. Dr. Lee stated they could because they are not based on a county; they are based on a neighborhood.

Chair Carrion asked if the program had the flexibility to replace current treatments over the next five years with advancements made to certain populations. Dr. Lee stated the program has an ongoing learning component.

Commissioner Poaster asked what is done with the lessons learned to promote best practices statewide. Chair Carrion asked about the assessment process of and how to generalize those lessons learned. Dr. Lee stated it must be prioritized and done as a collaborative effort, and a necessary step of assessment is to learn where counties are innovating and the quality of their evaluations. Staff is working on a project to gather this information.

Toby Ewing, Ph.D., Executive Director, stated staff is gathering the lessons learned statewide about INN. There are exciting strategic happenings in individual counties, but there are no tools to chart patterns and gaps across counties. Staff is beginning to speak with the Department of Finance (DOF) about fortifying the Commission's ability to lead on INN in ways that support the needs of the counties.

He stated he is considering asking the Commission to form a subcommittee to look deeper into INN plans and bring recommendations to the Commission. He suggested an annual INN event to showcase best practices and lessons learned.

Commissioner Nelson asked how to assist small- and medium-sized counties connect to universities and colleges that can help them in their evaluation efforts. Dr. Ewing stated staff is working on identifying models to help counties pool resources to address shared interests.

Chair Carrion stated the need to define what the Commission will do in terms of technical assistance for counties.

Commissioner Gordon stated another approach might be to sponsor academies where up and coming talent in the field can be identified and put through a year-long academy, which is centered around developing and implementing INN plans. These people can network when they return to their counties. It puts good talent out into the field.

Dr. Ewing stated there are many models to consider that support the ability of counties to succeed in this area. The Commission is not set up to move in that direction at the moment, but that is the area the Commission needs to move to be successful.

Action: Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown, that:

The MHSOAC approves Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health’s Innovation Project:

- *Name: Health Neighborhoods*
Amount: \$92,034,880
Program Length: 5 years

Motion carried: Commissioner Van Horn recused himself, 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Commissioner Beall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Commissioner Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13. Commissioner Van Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Commissioner Wooton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION

5A: Lassen County Innovation Plan

Presenters:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Mr. Oseguera introduced Tiffany Armstrong, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Coordinator with Lassen County. He provided an overview, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed four-

year, \$737,000 Lassen County INN program, titled “Integration with Primary Care via Virtual Coordinated Care Team.”

Dr. Lee reviewed the notable aspects of the program and what it can teach about INN in the state of California. This differs from other primary care integration INN programs in that it focuses on a telecommunications strategy. It is an INN that will improve the quality and outcome of services, and also an INN in collaboration because of the way that people will be working together.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Chair Carrion asked if the physician will communicate virtually with other caretakers. Ms. Armstrong answered affirmatively. Having all caretakers in the room makes it more cohesive and focused on comprehensive quality care.

Commissioner Keith asked about the telecommunications. Ms. Armstrong stated that Lassen will partner with GrandCare for their product used for patients with physical health conditions. The INN implements a behavioral health side to that product that is similar to an iPad with the capability of visual teleconferencing.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen asked about the cultural communities that were involved in developing the INN plan. Dr. Lee stated they had a consumer group take leadership in how they conducted their community planning.

Action: Commissioner Van Horn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that:

The MHSOAC approves Lassen County’s Innovation Project:

- *Name: Integration with Primary Care via Virtual Coordinated Care Team*
Amount: \$737,000
Program Length: 4 years

Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13. Commissioner Van Horn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Commissioner Wooton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION

4A: Plumas County Innovation Plan

Presenters:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist, summarized the review process prior to submission of county INN plans to the Commission for approval.

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations, introduced Mimi Hall, the Director of Public Health with Plumas County. Mr. Oseguera provided an overview, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed three-year, \$947,100 Plumas County INN program, titled "School-Based Response Team."

Dr. Lee pointed out that the School-Based Innovation Response Team is Plumas County's first INN project. She reviewed notable aspects of the project and how it can contribute to learning about effective ways a rural county can, through collaboration, respond to school-based mental health crises. Dr. Lee explained that Plumas County's project is almost identical to Glenn County's System-Wide Mental Assessment Response Team, an INN project that the MHSOAC approved on August 28, 2014. The two counties have committed to collaborate on evaluating their INN projects, thereby expanding the scope of the learning from one county to two.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Chair Carrion asked if Plumas County is working with Glenn County. Dr. Lee answered that they are working with the county at the services level, which is the focus of the evaluation. Another layer of collaboration will be in their learning process to look at their evaluation results.

Chair Carrion stated an important outcome for all counties is to show what worked in how those two counties were able to integrate their work together.

Commissioner Gordon asked if anything is being done to ensure there is consistency of commitment in school leadership for sustainability. Ms. Hall stated the revolving door syndrome happens perhaps more often in rural counties. Dr. Lee stated one of the things Plumas hopes to do with this project is to contribute to continuity.

Action: Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Keith, that:

The MHSOAC approves Plumas County's Innovation Project:

- *Name: School-Based Response Team*
Amount: \$947,100
Program Length: 3 years

Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14. Commissioner Wooton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION

7A: Santa Barbara County Innovation Plan

Presenters:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Commissioner Brown recused himself for this agenda item.

Mr. Oseguera introduced Cuco Rodriguez, the Division Chief for Santa Barbara County. Mr. Oseguera provided an overview, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed three-year, \$2,507,749 Santa Barbara County INN Program, titled “Girls Resiliency Restoration and Reintegration Alliance.”

Dr. Lee reviewed the notable aspects of the program and what it can teach about INN in the state of California.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Chair Carrion suggested that counties communicate through this type of program to learn from each other. He asked if there are other, earlier preventive efforts so it doesn't get to post traumatic stress disorder or depression. Mr. Rodriguez agreed that sharing information with other counties is important. This project has an education focus for early identification and for staff and providers to understand that these young women are victims.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen asked about the trauma-sensitive crisis intervention. Mr. Rodriguez stated it lacks cultural and subcultural dimensions because of the disproportionate Latinas and African Americans represented in this population, but it does have the clinical dimensions.

Action: Commissioner Poaster made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that:

The MHSOAC approves Santa Barbara County's Innovation Project:

- *Name: Girls Resiliency Restoration and Reintegration Alliance*
Amount: \$92,507,749
Program Length: 3 years

Motion carried: Commissioner Brown recused himself. 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14. Commissioner Wooton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION

8A: Santa Cruz County Innovation Plan

Presenters:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Mr. Oseguera stated that Santa Cruz County has two requests: 1) Approval of a new INN project and 2) approval of additional funding for the county's previously approved INN project.

Mr. Oseguera introduced Alicia Najera, the Senior Manager and MHSA Coordinator for Santa Cruz County. Mr. Oseguera provided an overview, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed five-year, \$2,992,961 Santa Cruz County Innovation Program, titled "Juntos Pedemos! Together We Can!"

Dr. Lee reviewed the notable aspects of the program and what it can teach about INN in the state of California. Ms. Najera provided an overview and background of the creation of the program.

Commissioner Questions:

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen asked if creating a welcoming environment will be part of the training for the team to work well together and to understand each other's roles. Ms. Najera stated staff is not on board yet, but will be in the next six months. She stated a welcoming environment is important in all areas and Santa Cruz will include trainings and models to help develop this.

Public Comment:

Eduardo Vega, President and CEO of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco and President of the California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO), stated there have been problems in counties where community organizations are funded to initially implement programs, but are later solicited out. Since the funding is time-limited, it puts a challenge on the employment aspect of the program. He suggested contracting with consumer-run organizations for an extended project to create long-term stability for the program and for job positions, as opposed to locking it in as part of county employment.

Stacie Hiramoto, Director of the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO), commended the counties, staff, and the Commission for the INN programs. She especially commended Santa Barbara for working with a population that is in need of services and support and

Santa Cruz for noticing who is not at the public forums and taking the extra step to outreach to them. She suggested all counties and the Commission notice who is not there and make the effort to reach those voices.

Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioner Van Horn stated the involvement with peers and the pay scale is getting critical notice around the country. On the longevity of employment through these programs, the understanding with INN programs is, if the INN is successful, it should be continued under the general funding of Community Support Services (CSS) rather than INN funding. There are a number of programs that have passed the three-year mark and concluded the INN period. He asked what has happened to those.

Dr. Lee stated three points about sustainability:

- California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS) did the first part of that evaluation; there is a preliminary sense of which INN programs are completed and, of those, which ones were continued. It needs to be updated.
- The proposed INN Regulations require the INN plan to include a preliminary idea of how the county will make the decision about sustainability and what the process will be.
- Technical assistance needs to occur earlier because the planning process is quite different from the planning process for all the other components; different questions are asked about what is not known rather than what is known, and what issue they want to address and what it will contribute to the field.

Dr. Lee stated the issue of sustainability needs to begin at the community planning stage. Having that awareness from the beginning is crucial.

Motion 1

Action: Commissioner Van Horn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen, that:

The MHSOAC approves Santa Cruz County’s Innovation Project:

- *Name: Juntos Pedemos! Together We Can!*
Amount: \$2,992,961
Program Length: 5 years

Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Oseguera provided an overview of a previously-approved INN program, by way of a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the Commission, in 2010, approved one year of funding for Santa Cruz's five-year INN program, titled "Work First for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders". The county is requesting approval for additional funds to complete the program and the evaluation.

Dr. Lee reviewed the notable aspects of the program and what it can teach about INN in the state of California. She stated the county is requesting \$650,000 for the fifth year of the project that was initially approved in 2010, and the county is asking for an additional \$461,054 to complete the evaluation, for a total of \$1,111,054.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Chair Carrion asked why the county board of supervisors did not pick up the fifth year of this project. Dr. Lee stated the board of supervisors approved, on an annual basis through the approval of the Annual Update of the Three-Year Expenditure Plan. With the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1467, there became another process requiring the Commission's approval.

Vice Chair Buck stated this population historically has some of the worst outcomes for continued employment. He stated he is excited that Santa Cruz County is willing to take this on. He asked if there are measurable outcomes four years into this project. Dr. Lee stated she was unable to get enough details to share in today's meeting. Interim evaluations indicate a significant drop in admissions into the psychiatric unit and jail incidents for Work First participants.

Ms. Najera stated it is also a question the county has. This program is contracted out; the preliminary data looks positive. She agreed with the importance of getting more data about the benefits of this program.

Chair Carrion asked if part of the funds they are requesting will be used to hire a consultant to help with the evaluation process. Ms. Najera stated they will.

Vice Chair Buck requested a report on the results of this program. If this is a successful model, it needs to be shared with other counties. Dr. Lee agreed and stated the need to ensure there is a valid point of comparison in this study.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen stated there are untapped resources available. She suggested that Santa Cruz County collaborate with Alameda County focusing on the 1915(i) option. Consumers want employment; employment equals recovery.

Motion 2

Action: Commissioner Van Horn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Buck, that:

The MHSOAC approves Santa Cruz County's final year of funding for their previously approved Innovation program and request for additional funds to complete the evaluation.

- *Name: Work First for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders*
- *Amount: \$1,111,054*
- *Program Length: 5 years (2011-2016)*

Motion carried 10 yes, 1 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Commissioner Boyd explained that he voted no because there was not adequate information to justify the evaluation expense. He assured it was not personal to Santa Cruz County but was more of a process question. He stated he was unsure how the evaluations are used, where they go, how people make meaningful use of the information, and how they are shared.

Dr. Ewing stated the law changed twice in the middle of Santa Cruz County's project. The law was vague about whether or not approval they got in the past through their local approval process would have applied to the fifth year after the law changed to requiring Commission approval. So, out of an abundance of caution, the county was asked to seek Commission approval. In addition, the policies of the Commission authorize the executive director to grant permission for an extension of a program, but, given that the county was already before the Commission, Dr. Ewing felt there was no reason to exercise his delegated authority.

Dr. Ewing stated staff decided the threshold was not as high for this project as for other projects, because it has been running for four years and they originally got permission from the Commission and the board of supervisors. This does not require the level of engagement that a new project would have.

Dr. Ewing agreed that staff did not do their best job in clarifying how to engage the counties in terms of lessons learned through evaluation. He stated staff will work on that in the future.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Mendoza stated her son's housing situation, which she reported on last month, has not changed and that she initiated a formal complaint with HUD. She asked the MHSOAC not to affiliate with the Shasta Hotel or to house mentally ill people in Shasta.

Ms. Hiramoto requested that the Commission hear AB 253 on the next in-person meeting agenda with the possibility of taking a position on the bill.

Mr. Vega stated the Commission has rightfully taken many steps through regulations and other things to clarify expectations for stakeholder participation in MHSA planning; however, there is an increasing concern of a lack of transparency and stakeholder involvement in the stakeholder process. He asked the Commission to review the stakeholder planning process.

Commissioner Nelson stated the Commission had a contract with PEERS to evaluate what counties were doing for stakeholder planning processes. He asked if there was a report on the findings. Commissioner Van Horn stated there was a report from the Evaluation Committee.

Mr. Vega stated that evaluation was about client participation in the stakeholder process, but he was speaking more generally across California of all stakeholders' involvement.

Commissioner Gordon asked, if that item comes back, that it come back with some judgment from staff naming the three counties that are excelling at this so those practices can be disseminated, rather than lamenting what counties are not doing.

INFORMATIONAL

9A: Governor's May Revise

Presenters:

Karen Baylor, Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services
Carla Castañeda, Principal Program Budget Analyst III, Department of Finance

Karen Baylor, the Deputy Director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), provided an overview of the May Revision to the governor's budget.

Medi-Cal:

- Increased Medi-Cal enrollment due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Increased caseload estimate for both the mandatory and optional expansions

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services:

The DHCS submitted a Budget Change Proposal (BCP) requesting positions for the performance outcome system, which is focused on children first.

- Ten positions to monitor and provide oversight to the Drug Medi-Cal program with counties and providers
- Two positions to report to the DHCS on licensed residential treatment facilities as mandated by AB 2374
- Six positions for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System waiver implementation

Miscellaneous:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval for the Drug Medi-Cal waiver is expected by early June.

DHCS is collaborating via webinars with CMS and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on the Excellence in Mental Health Grant. The grant will go through a planning process. The planning grant submission deadline is August 5, 2015.

The Medi-Cal 2020 1115 waiver, formerly known as Bridge to Reform, expires this year. A 5-year waiver renewal has been submitted to the CMS for approval.

CMS sent questions back on the 1915(b) waiver, specialty mental health. DHCS is working on the responses and will resubmit it to CMS for approval.

Carla Castañeda:

Carla Castañeda, Principal Program Budget Analyst III of Department of Finance (DOF), presented the overall revenue update for the May Revision to the governor's budget.

MHSA Fund Revenues for the 3-year period 2013-14 through 2015-16:

- The MHSA fund revenues are down from governor's budget, primarily in the year 2013-14, as a result of the reconciliation of the Franchise Tax Board and taxpayer behavior in reaction to the changing tax laws.
- Overall, the MHSA fund revenues are largely unchanged and they are relatively flat for 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- DOF estimates approximately \$2 million of unappropriated funds within the 5 percent cap over the 3-year period.

- A portion of the triage grants that were reappropriated from 2013-14 and a portion of the University of California grant that was appropriated in 2014-15 are on hold per the administration's recommendation for future appropriations to wait until March, when the 2014-15 dollars are finalized because the fund is close to the cap.
- The state continues to reserve the amounts that are appropriated in the Budget Acts. The controller allocates the unreserved balance in the fund on a monthly basis to counties. The projection for 2015-16 is approximately \$1.3 billion.

Public Comment:

Mary Ann Bernard stated she wanted to ensure DOF is aware of WIC 5813.5(f), mandating funds for mentally ill people getting out of jail, which was not mentioned in DOF's recent 1468 Report. It is best implemented within MHSA through PEI funding pursuant to a clause in the PEI provisions.

ACTION

10A: Financial Report

Presenter:

Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Executive Director

Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Executive Director, stated the numbers have not changed much since the January report. He provided a summary, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the financial charts and graphs, titled, "Mental Health Funding at the Local Level," "Total MHSA Revenue," "Mental Health Services Funds Distributed to Counties," "MHSA Housing Program," and "MHSA Administration Funds by Department," noting the trends and projections for 2015-16.

Dr. Ewing stated staff has been working with DOF, the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees, DHCS, and counties to make the complicated fiscal documents more accessible to a variety of users.

Vice Chair Buck stated there is a discrepancy between DOF's forecasts and what was presented to the Financial Oversight Committee. The discrepancy lies in the projected federal financial participation, which is a financial match from the federal side. He cautioned that the fiscal documents will always have this discrepancy due to the forecasting.

Action: Commissioner Van Horn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown, that:

The MHSOAC accepts the May 2015 Financial Report as presented by the MHSOAC Financial Oversight Committee.

Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Vice-Chair Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ACTION

11A: Solano County Innovation Plan

Presenters:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

Mr. Oseguera introduced Halsey Simmons, the Mental Health Director for Solano County. Mr. Oseguera provided an overview, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, of the proposed five-year, \$6 million Solano County INN Program, titled “Mental Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Cultural Transformation Model.”

Dr. Lee reviewed the notable aspects of the program and what it can teach about INN in the state of California.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Chair Carrion asked if another group can be added to this plan if identified later, specifically transition-aged youth (TAY). Dr. Lee stated one of the flexibilities that is allowed in INN projects is to adapt based on what is learned.

Commissioner Boyd asked about the most significant part of this INN. Dr. Lee stated, once they have the education and training and are oriented to the National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards and the needs of the groups in Solano County, this will collaboratively create quality improvement plans that look at the application and implementation of those CLAS Standards with goals of improving access and utilization of mental health services, and assessing the impact of services delivery. The training is just the preliminary stage to do the work.

Commissioner Boyd asked if the training will include public or private providers. Mr. Simmons stated it will include CBOs, partners, county staff, community members, and people with lived experience. It is tailored to the community.

Commissioner Boyd asked if the program will include the schools and law enforcement as key components. Mr. Simmons stated the schools are ongoing partners and, although law enforcement has not been specifically called out, the county partners with law enforcement in a number of other areas, so it would be logical.

Action: Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Poaster, that:

The MHSOAC approves Solano County’s Innovation Program.

- *Name: Mental Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Cultural Transformation Model*
Amount: \$6 million
Program Length: 5 years

Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14. Commissioner Wooton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACTION

12A: Recommendation from the Client and Family Leadership Committee Regarding the Stakeholder Orientation

Presenter:

José Oseguera, Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations

Mr. Oseguera, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the background and Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) recommendations for the proposed stakeholder orientation.

Commissioner Questions and Discussion:

Commissioner Van Horn referenced the third recommendation and asked if the website posting will be an announcement of upcoming stakeholder orientations. Mr. Oseguera stated the content of the stakeholder orientation will be posted on the website.

Action: Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, that:

The Executive Director is to make the Stakeholder Orientation available consistent with the Client and Family Leadership Committee recommendations.

Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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INFORMATIONAL

13A: Committee Chair Report Out

Presenters:

Khatera Aslami-Tamplen, Chair, Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee

Ralph Nelson, Jr., MD., Chair, Client and Family Leadership Committee

Richard Van Horn, Chair, Evaluation Committee

John Boyd, PsyD., Chair, Financial Oversight Committee

Christopher Miller-Cole, Co-Chair, Services Committee

Khatera Aslami-Tamplen, Chair of the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC), provided a summary of the CLCC's completed, ongoing, and upcoming tasks for 2015. She stated the CLCC has worked for two years on an organizational self-assessment of the Commission in regards to the CLAS Standards that is expected to be completed within the next three months.

Ralph Nelson, Jr., MD., Chair of the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC), provided a summary of the CFLC's completed, ongoing, and upcoming tasks for 2015. He announced the schedule for the next Community Forums:

- July 16, 2015 - Jackson in Amador County
- August 13, 2015 - Temecula in Riverside County
- November 5, 2015 - Fresno County

Commissioner Boyd asked that the CFLC email the dates to Commissioners.

Commissioner Beall suggested inviting Senator Jeff Stone to the Temecula Community Forum.

Richard Van Horn, Chair of the Evaluation Committee (EC), provided a summary of the EC's completed, ongoing, and upcoming tasks for 2015. He stated the EC is focusing on three areas:

- The data strengthening process and working toward a new data system for the DHCS
- The California Reducing Disparities Project and the need for data strengthening in order to measure outcomes on increased demographics
- The overall stakeholder process

Chair Carrion asked about the timeline for the statewide data collection system.

Renay Bradley, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evaluation, stated there are two steps to request funds from the state and federal governments in order to go into the planning process, which is the

next big piece: the Stage One Business Analysis to request state-level funding, and the Implementation Advanced Planning Document to request federal-level funding, which is due tomorrow.

John Boyd, PsyD., Chair of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC), provided a summary of the FOC's completed, ongoing, and upcoming tasks for 2015. He stated the Committee has been focusing on making the financial information meaningful and clearly understood.

Christopher Miller-Cole, Co-Chair of the Services Committee (SC), provided a summary of the SC's completed, ongoing, and upcoming tasks for 2015. He stated the Committee continues to work on defining the role and scope of a training and technical assistance work group.

Public Comment:

Ms. Bernard stated the concern that the financial report was taken out of order and voted on without being produced for the public. She stated it is a Brown Act violation. She spoke in support of Laura's Law and asked for the Commission's support.

ACTION

14A: Client Stakeholder Contract

Presenters:

Toby Ewing, Ph.D., Executive Director Operations

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen recused herself from this agenda item.

Dr. Ewing, by way of a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the background, process, and purpose of the Client Stakeholder Contract.

Commissioner Questions:

Commissioner Van Horn stated the contract three years ago was in the name of Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS), because CAMHPRO was not yet organized as a 501(c)(3). He questioned the intent of the PEERS letter that was presented at today's meeting.

Dr. Ewing stated the letter asked the Commission to engage PEERS on the lessons learned in a fair selection process. Both the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees have recommended augmenting the MHSOAC budget for stakeholder advocacy contracts on behalf of youth, organizations working on racial and ethnic disparities, and veterans and that the Commission does so in a competitive process. The Commission's intention is to do what is outlined in the letter.

Public Comment:

Haydée Cuza, Ed.D., Executive Director of PEERS, stated it is awkward that PEERS held the contract three years ago but the proposal does not mention them. PEERS understood that the contract would be extended to them. She asked what steps to take to ensure that the relationship between PEERS and MHSOAC stays strong. Chair Carrion stated what the Commission is voting on today is not the end of the conversion but is part of the process.

Michael Helmick, of REMHDCO, asked that all contracts by the Commission be done via a competitive bid process.

Mr. Vega stated a statewide consumer advocacy organization is necessary. It is not a new step forward, but is getting back to where it has needed to be for many years.

Sally Zinman, Executive Director of CAMHPRO, thanked PEERS and Mental Health America San Francisco for their support during the last three years in helping CAMHPRO to grow. She stated there is a need for statewide organization. There has been a gap in consumer involvement and voice. The behavioral health care system is about consumers and there must be an organized state voice in the decision making.

Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioner Gordon asked if the contract will require CAMHPRO to evolve a new delivery system for this service, which would then be procured in the next RFP, and if they would be eligible to bid despite having been part of the design.

Dr. Ewing stated that is not the intent. Today’s vote will authorize entering into a contract. There needs to be many more organizations in the competitive process so the Commission becomes better at allocating limited funds with opportunity for alternative funding sources. Part of the reason the Department of Mental Health had a sole-source contract was because there was only one organization at that time.

Dr. Ewing stated the goal is to apply lessons learned and to create synergy across contracts that is currently not in place. The contracts will not be awarded for a year to give time for a competitive process. Lessons learned will be documented for the next 60 to 90 days.

Commissioner Van Horn asked where the competition will come from when there are only three statewide agencies. Dr. Ewing stated there is a presumption that only one organization would qualify for each type of contract. This will be a good market test. In addition to the Legislature’s direction to the Commission, it will create an incentive for more organizations to be formed, which is consistent with the stakeholder contracts and the MHSA. The establishment of a competitive process is in anticipation of that.

Action: Commissioner Boyd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Van Horn, that:

The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a one-year contract with California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations for an amount not to exceed \$547,950 to ensure consumer advocacy and representation on relevant mental health issues and concerns.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen recused herself; motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain per roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Chair Carrion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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INFORMATIONAL

15A: Executive Director Report

Presenter:

Toby Ewing, Ph.D., Executive Director

Budget:

Dr. Ewing state that the legislative subcommittees are considering a \$1 million augmentation to the Commission’s budget for stakeholder contracts.

There is an effort underway to provide funding to support suicide hotlines statewide. Funds left over from triage grants may be available to fund the hotlines, if there is room in the cap.

Chair Carrion asked if the funds were to maintain the existing hotline. Dr. Ewing stated the funds are to sustain the existing hotlines for one year, but the Legislature has directed DHCS to submit a report that outlines a strategy to ensure that there is a sustainable way to keep the hotlines in place.

Stakeholder Contracts:

Staff will put together a process over the next four to five months to align the contracts to Commission goals and move toward a competitive process that will create the opportunity for organizations to work together toward shared goals.

Legislation:

There is a two-year Assembly bill to add a Commissioner with expertise in supportive housing.

An Assembly bill passed today to leverage Proposition 63 dollars with Proposition 41 and to add two Commissioners, one representing a veteran and the other with expertise in racial and ethnic disparities.

Staff Changes/Vacancies:

Staff has a 20 percent vacancy rate and some current positions have been shuffled. Staff will send a list of the vacancies to Commissioners.

The Little Hoover Task Force Project:

The completion date is moved back to July.

Crisis Stabilization Services Project:

The proposed Project Framework handed out at today's meeting provides a sense of staff capacity and the amount of time involved to create and norm expectations. Commissioners are to give feedback on the Project Framework format for future projects.

Staff is forming a work group, doing site visits, and having a panel presentation in July that will culminate in a report that lays out the challenges, opportunities, and strategies so recommendations can be adopted that have implications for the work of the Commission and the Legislature.

Chair Carrion spoke in support of the Project Framework format. It is a structured method of approaching issues that can be used as a model for future discussions and research.

Commissioner Gordon suggested calling out the counties that are doing this well or that had turnarounds to encourage other counties to emulate them. It is important to understand what created the turnaround in the availability of these services.

Commissioner Nelson encouraged the Commission to consider small- and medium-sized counties that sometimes have more difficulty than the larger counties and do not fit the larger models.

Commissioner Beall stated he has begun work on the interaction of the law enforcement and the mental health communities. He stated he has two bills that focus on the training of police personnel relative to mental health issues. When discussing crisis stabilization, there is a need to discuss three areas: interaction with law enforcement, what kind of emergency transportation is available, and where they take people.

Commissioner Beall stated the 5150 laws have been on the books for a long time and should be updated so people are not just funneled into expensive treatment and law enforcement systems. He offered to work with the Commission on this issue. Law enforcement, ambulance systems, and emergency hospital trauma centers are especially important.

Commissioner Brown agreed and added that alternative housing options to the jail for people who are mentally ill and committed criminal offenses is also important. There is a model in Florida that looks promising that has secure facilities that are not jails with a focus on stabilization and returning the person to the community. The biggest problem law enforcement faces is that there are no alternative

places in most counties for individuals to be taken, so they often end up in the jails, which is not a good place for them.

Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen stated an important part of crisis stabilization services is peer respite in a home-like facility. She stated the need to think outside the box. When a family is in crisis, the most appropriate care is where they are safe and comfortable, which is in their home or a place that is home-like, not in an institution.

Regulations:

Dr. Ewing asked the Commission to undertake a project, in partnership with DHCS, the counties, and others, to operationalize the regulations. The Commission adopted the regulations knowing that there was some work to do in the state and counties in order for them to comply with the reporting requirements.

Chair Carrion agreed with the project.

Going Paperless:

Staff is looking into the affordability of moving towards electronic tablets instead of photocopies of documents and mailings. Photocopies would still be available for members of the public who do not have tablets.

Commissioner Gordon stated the school board bought iPads for board members that paid for itself in eight months.

Security Assessment:

The Commission is undergoing an information technology (IT) security vulnerability assessment by the California Military Department to assess the IT setup. The assessment is to ensure privacy and security as the Commission begins to receive data from DHCS protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Innovation Showcase:

Staff is putting together a showcase of INN plans in September on data and technology tools.

Communication Strategy:

Staff is working to bring in a communications consultant who has helped several state agencies put together an integrated communications strategic plan.

Website Redesign:

Staff is working with the Statistical Analysis System Institute (SAS) and Informatix to determine the IT needs, high value data sets, and document workforce outcomes to leverage the data from DHCS.

Calendar:

The June meeting will be a teleconference meeting.

The meeting in Santa Barbara will be rescheduled for the off-season.

Staff will try to locate an alternate venue outside Sacramento for the July meeting to focus on the crisis stabilization project.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hiramoto asked, when looking at crisis stabilization services, to include racial and ethnic data breakdown. She requested that the Commission's answers to the questions posed in the PEERS letter be sent to REMHDCO. She stated the hope that the stakeholder contract process will be fair and transparent and that the people making the awards do not have conflicts of interest.

Dr. Ewing asked Ms. Hiramoto to help the Commission form that process.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.