



Services Committee Meeting Minutes
 April 8, 2015
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 1325 J Street, Suite 1700
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Committee Members:	Staff:	Other Attendees:
Commissioner Gordon Jacques Alexander Stephen Anyaka Maria Perez Jill Phillips Hector Ramirez Kenneth White Corby Tushla Patricia Wentzel	Toby Ewing Kevin Hoffman Jose Oseguera Wendy Desormeaux Angela Brand Deborah Lee Filomena Yiroshek	Ruben Cantu, CPEN Sandra Naylor-Goodwin, CIBHS Steve Leoni

***Participation by Phone**

Commissioner Tina Wooton, Karen Todoroff, Chaise Rasheed, Gwendolyn Wilson, Raja Mitri, Pete LaFollette, Jim Gilmer, Sam Woolf
 Absent: Matthew Gallager, Jenny Qian

Agenda Item 1: Welcome/Introductions and Adoption of February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

All meeting participants introduced themselves.

Approval of the February 11, 2015 minutes:

Motion #: 1

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: Approximately 1:10



Text of Motion: Accept the minutes as written

Committee member making motion: Jill Phillips

Committee member seconding motion: Ken White

Roll Call Vote

Motion Passed

15 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
1. Co-Chair Commissioner Miller Cole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Co-Chair Commissioner Wooton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Vice Chair Commissioner Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Jacques Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Stephen Anyaka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Matthew Gallagher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. James Gilmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Erynne Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Maria Perez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Jill Phillips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Jenny Qian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Hector Ramirez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Chaise Rasheed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Karen Todoroff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Corby Tushla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Patricia Wentzel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Kenneth White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Gwen Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Sam Woolf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Agenda Item 2: Little Hoover Commission Taskforce: Chair will announce Appointments for Service Committee Representatives

It was announced that the names which had been put forth for participation in the Little Hoover Commission Taskforce by Commissioner Miller-Cole and accepted by the Commission Chair were Jenny Qian and James Gilmer.

A committee member requested to be added to the committee.

Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 3: Report Back from Evaluation Project: Recovery Orientation Evaluation Advisory Group

Ken White gave a detailed report on his participation in the Recovery Orientation Evaluation Advisory Group. The researchers are basing their work on the Australian National Recovery Model. At the first advisory group meeting, they evaluated the model in terms of how effective it was and identified elements that were important for mental health recovery. The group made some recommendations to modify or add to the model. The advisory group also began discussing some existing tools and their appropriateness for measuring recovery.

Agenda Item 4: Presentations to provide General Background Information on Partner Agency Technical Assistance Activities to Counties Regarding the MHSA Program Implementation and Policy Development:

California Reducing Disparities Project Strategic Plan (See attached power point)

Committee Member Comments:

- The effects of this work are being seen at the county level.
- The work that has been done is the beginning and not the end. There were a lot of areas that were not covered and it would be desirable if MHSOAC will find some resources to compliment the work of the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP).



- It is important to involve the leaders in the local communities, for example, the gang leaders in order to effectively create change. Changing a mindset of a community, takes at least a generation and if you do not involve the leaders in the community the chances of success are greatly decreased.
- Appreciation was expressed for the impact that the work has had in the local community and the emphasis in the report that any nonprofit that serves the communities, reach out and be connected to that community.
- The importance of bi directional learning on both sides when talking to counties about utilizing data collection tools that capture the health seeking preference in various communities was stressed.
- Moving forward, we need to focus on how to partner with others so that we can get the practices out to the people who need to get them and prioritize how to collaborate with everyone who has a contribution to make.
- The lack of the words “mental illness” in either of today’s presentations materials was noted. PEI dollars are specifically directed at preventing mental illness from becoming severely disabling. The need for a bi-directional conversation about the both the strength and the consequences of not using the term mental illness in this work.

Department of Health Care Services

- Presenters were unable to attend

California Institute of Behavioral Health Solutions (See attached power point)

Committee Member Comments/questions:

- The point was made that MHSA was meant to transform the system and this was independent of medical reimbursement.
- A committee member inquired about an accreditation program in California for peer workers. Dr. Naylor Goodwin shared that Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMSA) has an accreditation process and that several organizations are working on this across the state. There is a bill in the legislature sponsored by the California Mental Health Directors Association to set up a certification process for peers and another piece of legislation that would make services provided by peers reimbursable, but at this time no statewide accreditation process exists.



- The use of multifamily psycho educational programs, which enable family members to support loved ones was encouraged.
- Does California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS) have anything planned in the future involving social media? Dr. Naylor Goodwin stated that she has staff that are always talking to her about that and that they do need to do something with it.

General Public Comment

No public Comment. However the Committee Vice Chair took this opportunity to introduce the new Executive Director Toby Ewing.

Toby shared his desire to look for opportunities to better integrate some of the work across division so that the commission can be more focused and outcome oriented.

Toby also mentioned that all of the projects that we work on should have all of the kinds of talents represented by the various sub-committees. He would like to do a pilot project, possibly with the Training and Technical Assistance, to better align all of the talents we have, staff, commissioners, advisors and contractors.

Toby asked committee members what they felt was working well in the Services Committee and what could be improved. A summary of the responses are as follows:

- More clarity on the function of the services committee.
- The various sub-committees need to function in an integrated way.
- Many groups are independently working on creating data programs with little apparent coordination resulting in wasted resources.
- A member of the public stressed the need to utilize a cross- sectorial approach and expressed frustration at past experiences in dealing with the Commission and the committee structure.
- The desire for more discussions around equity, cultural competence, cultural humility and advocacy. There should be less focus on the bio- medical model.
- The need to embed cultural competency in every contract, conversation, activity and provider that comes before the Commission was stressed.



- In order to integrate the medical, social worker and the community support approach, what is needed is a common understanding and common language, the approaches might not actually be all that different.
- The desire for more interaction with the Commissioners and Committee members was expressed.
- Committee members were asked to remember the historical piece and the reason why people from diverse communities feel the way they do about the medical model.
- It would be helpful for new committee members to have the perspective of what was done in the past as well as what we are looking at now so we can tell where we are headed.
- A disconnect between the legislation, the law and the commissions responsibility without the accompanying authority was noted.
- A member of the public noted that if we focus on quality of living and well-being versus a focus on what is the matter, we will be able to generate outcomes that are meaningful to people.
- Appreciation of the MHSOAC's willingness to have consumers and family members be a part of the process was expressed.

Toby thanked everyone for their comments. An item on the April agenda is to discuss how to integrate our work and fit all the pieces together in a way that is more focused and outcome oriented, while maintaining the strength and involvement of diverse perspectives.

Agenda Item 5: Initial Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup Structure Discussion

The committee discussed as a whole whether or not we should move forward on this agenda item, given the focus Toby would like to bring to the Commission's work. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that we would move forward with a two pronged approach. One prong being that we would ask the commission to come back to the committee with some notion of prioritization and a project management approach that utilizes cross- committee collaboration. At the same time, we will move forward with soliciting committee member volunteers who would address the questions provided on the first and second page of the Item 5 write-up.

There was discussion on whether or not a motion was needed to form a workgroup. Counsel has advised no motion is needed.

Public Comment:

A member of the public expressed interest in being part of the workgroup.



Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.