



**MENDOCINO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
ACTION MINUTES – JULY 21, 2010**

**MENDOCINO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

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**OPEN SEATS**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT-1SEATS
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT- FILLED
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT –1 SEAT
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**NEXT MEETING** (AGENDAS ARE  
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**BEFORE THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO • STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Mental Health Board of Mendocino County met for a regular meeting on July 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Mendocino County Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1–OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, ROLL CALL, AGENDA CHANGES AND QUORUM NOTICE. (10:10 A.M.)**

**Present:** Vonna Kindred Myers, Sandra Smith-O'Connor, Jane Berry, Perry Tripp, Glen Brown, Joseph Mortz, Jim Moore, Valerie Williamson, Chair Grenny presiding

**Absent:** Eliste Reeves, (excused), Elizabeth Crawford, (excused), John McCowen

**Staff Present:** Susan Era HHSIA Interim Assistant Director; Jill Singleton, MHSA PEI Coordinator; Diana Chambers, ASOC Mental Health Deputy Director; Karen Rizzolo, Administrative Secretary

**Also Present:** Wynd Novotny, Client Empowerment Coordinator; Laurel Bleess, Patient Rights Advocate ; Kate Howe, Mental Health professional; Roy Cannon, Client Participant; Lynda Kaufmann, Psynergy Programs, Government and Public Relations

***Vice Chair Berry noted that a quorum was present.***

*Vice Chair Berry read a statement from Member Reeves requesting an extended leave of absence due to health issues.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DISCUSSION & ACTION**

**Presenter/s:** Chair Grenny

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Moore, seconded by Member Smith-O'Connor, and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Board approves the June 16, 2010 Mental Health Board meeting minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3– TREASURER'S AND SECRETARY'S REPORT: DISCUSSION & ACTION**

**Presenter/s:** Sandra O'Connor, Treasurer

Report provided within the published Mental Health Board packet.

Treasurer O'Connor anticipates that a budget of \$4,000 to cover expenses for travel in FY10/11 will be adequate.

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Smith- O'Connor, seconded by Member Mortz, and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that a request be made to the Mental Health Branch for a budget to cover travel and other incidental expenses of up to \$4,000 or as needed in FY 10/11.

**Presenter/s:** Vonna Kindred Myers, Secretary

Introductory letter and application for Law Enforcement Ride Along is included in MHB packet.

**AGENDA ITEM No.4- PATIENT RIGHTS ADVOCATE- LAUREL BLEESS**

**Presenter:** Laurel Bleess, PRA

**AGENDA ITEM No. 5– HHSA INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – SUSAN ERA**

**Presenter:** Susan Era

- ✓ Housing project progress update
- ✓ Data requests, services by age/geographic region
- ✓ MHSA housing funds, one time funding for housing vouchers - \$9,000 balance
- ✓ CMHDA – current issues- consolidation of reporting requirements, cash flow to counties, Healthcare Reform/ Partnering with FQHCs for Mental Health Parity
- ✓ Follow up report from MH forums, strategic plan with measurable outcomes – to be presented when finalized.
- ✓ Finalizing contract with Consultant to develop plan for successful model – additional information forthcoming.

**Presenter:** Diana Chambers

- ✓ Success story from Step Down program

**Presenter:** Jill Singleton

- ✓ Joint Powers Authority/MHSA

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Smith- O'Connor, seconded by Member Berry, and carried with abstention by Member Mortz; IT IS ORDERED that the Mendocino County Mental Health Board supports the Mental Health Branch efforts to join the Joint Powers Authority for MHSA Statewide PEI funds.

**AGENDA ITEM No.6- COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**Standing Committees:**

- Adult Committttee
  - Stigma Busters- Sandra Smith-O'Connor will provide information to NAMI
- Business Services Committee- Valerie Williamson
- Children's Services Committee-Jane Berry
  - The June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held to review services that are provided, who is providing them and the role of education. Review of ideas to develop a focus for the year ahead.
  - Sandra Smith-O'Connor no longer on the Children's committee
  - Joe Mortz to be added to the Children's committee

*Meeting Break 11:45 AM-11:52 AM*

- MHSA Committee – Joe Mortz
  - Summary of programs and budget from Jennifer Kennedy, MHSA Coordinator presented at the July 8<sup>th</sup> combined meeting.

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Smith-O'Connor, seconded by Member Berry, and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the Mendocino County Mental Health Board confirms the recommendation of the Mental Health Board Committee of the Whole approving the MHSA 10/11 CSS plan update with comments as noted during the July 8, 2010 Mental Health Board, MHSA stakeholder combined meeting.

- Review of workgroup meetings, MHSA Regulations
- Consumer involvement

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

- Jail/First Responder Committee – Perry Tripp
  - 5150 Partners Meeting, development of resource cards, ride along letters

- Crisis Residential program – Jane Berry
  - Different models with key points, who would be served, locations
- Quality Assessment / Data Committee – Jim Moore
  - Obtaining current data

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7- OLD BUSINESS**

- AODP Advisory Board/ Behavioral Health Board – Sandra Smith-O’Connor
  - Joe Mortz will be on this Ad Hoc committee which will plan to bring a report or recommendation to the next meeting
- MediCal Waiver provisions – Joe Mortz

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Grenny, seconded by Member Mortz, and carried 4 approving 1 opposed 4 abstaining; IT IS ORDERED that the Mendocino County Mental Health Board request the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to write the Governor and legislators to support 1115 Medicaid (called Medi-Cal) Waiver provisions that:

- 1) Permits billing by Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services, who are employed by licensed public provider agencies.
- 2) Support waiver provisions that permit the billings of separate services for substance abuse treatment, primary medical care services, dental care services and mental health care services on the same day.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8- NEW BUSINESS**

1. Remembrance Day - Board members will contact Supervisor McCowen to convey support for recognition of this event.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9-PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kate Howe, Mental Health Professional

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 –ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ADJOURNED AT 1:35 P.M.

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Guy Grenny, Chair

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Attest: Karen Rizzolo

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