

**Sacramento County
Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee**

**March 4, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

**Department of Behavioral Health Services
7001A East Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823
Conference Room 1**

Interested members of the public are invited to attend MHSA Steering Committee meetings and a period is set aside for public comment at each meeting. If you wish to attend and need to arrange for an interpreter or a reasonable accommodation, please contact Mary Drain one week prior to each meeting at (916) 875-4639 or DrainM@SacCounty.net.

Members: Michaele Beebe, Laurel Benhamida, Mary Ann Bennett, Caroline Caton, Lois Cunningham, Katherine Elliott, Jane Fowler, Angela Grey, Ben Jones, Joyce Wright (*alternate for David Gordon*), Stacy Hart, Edwina Browning Hayes, Marilyn Hillerman, Reina Kaslofski, Al Lipson, Hiep Ma, Marguerite Story-Baker (*alternate for Maria Morfin*), Stephanie Ramos, Dave Schroeder, Laura Heintz (*alternate for Sheila Self*), R.C. Smith, Frank Topping

Alternates: Dorian Kittrell

Facilitator: Eileen Jacobowitz

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1.	6:00 pm	Comfort Agreement Reina Kaslofski read the Comfort Agreement. No changes were suggested.
2.	6:03 pm	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes Minutes of January 21, 2010, meeting reviewed and approved.
3.	6:04 pm	Agenda Review The agenda was reviewed and approved.
4.	6:05 pm	Announcements Caroline Caton announced a NAMI Walk coming up on April 24, 2010. See Attachment A. Mary Ann Bennett said that DBHS is sponsoring a team, the Wellness Walkers, and anyone who wishes to join is welcome. Marilyn Hillerman invited anyone interested to a presentation on homeless issues on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:30 pm at the Sutter Center for Psychiatry, 7700 Folsom Blvd. Mary Ann Bennett acknowledged Kathleen Henry, former Mental Health Director, who was in the audience representing state Senator Darrell Steinberg's office.
5.	6:08 pm	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Update- <i>Mary Ann Bennett, Mental Health Director</i> Mary Ann Bennett gave a budget update. She stated that the Mental Health budget over the past three fiscal years (07-08 through 09-10) has been cut by \$47 million. The 2010/11 budget shortfall will be \$14 million, in part due to reductions in anticipated revenues, absorption of the cost of running a 12-bed psychiatric health

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		<p>facility (PHF), \$4 million in cost increases, and repayment of one-time prior years' budget fixes. To address the shortfall in the 2009/10 Fiscal Year and assist with the 2010/11 Fiscal Year, Mental Health deleted 16.1 positions, reduced pharmaceuticals, and cut a Napa State bed during midyear budget. Redesigning the system so that Mental Health can live within our constraints while providing the best services we can for the populations we serve will be difficult. This is especially true in light of the fact that the projected budget shortfall does not include any reductions from the State budget. The next step in the State budget process is the Governor's May revise and then the legislators work over the summer to determine the budget. The County will be going back before the Board of Supervisors in the fall to deal with any budget impacts due to the State shortfall. Mary Ann believes there is currently no political will in the Legislature to borrow from the Proposition 63 funds, but that means any cuts will likely come from elsewhere within the State Department of Mental Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Convening - <i>Mary Ann Bennett, Mental Health Director</i> The Community Convening meeting on Monday had good turnout and good representation across the stakeholder spectrum. Minutes will be coming out soon. Feedback received thus far indicates that attendees thought facilitator David Logan did a very good job. Additional feedback from attendees is welcome. • Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee - <i>Eileen Jacobowitz, Facilitator</i> The Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee made progress at its first meeting and will meet again Friday, March 5, 2010, at East Parkway at noon.
6.	6:17 pm	<p>Mental Health Funding 101 Presentation Mike Geiss, President, Geiss Consulting, gave a presentation on mental health funding in California. See Attachment B – Mental Health Funding 101</p> <p>Member Questions and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Legislative Analysts' Office (LAO), some of California's previous funding cuts, e.g., the Legislature's decision to defund AB3632 services, have put the state out of compliance with the state Constitution. • Concern was expressed that fiscal integration might cause a loss of the unique nature of MHSA services. Mike Geiss and Michelle Callejas responded by saying that it would be better to bring MHSA values to all programs and services rather than having siloed funding streams that make a small number of services better. • Sacramento County's mental health funding makeup is proportionately very similar to that of other California counties, although Sacramento has a larger EPSDT program. • A question was asked about measures the county could try to increase revenue, such as selling properties or imposing/increasing fees on services. Mary Ann Bennett responded that many county buildings are leased, e.g., East Parkway, and many of those owned are debt leveraged. Each agency is required to go to the Board of Supervisors annually with a fee update. From Mary Ann's County Executive Office experience, increasing fees typically brings in little revenue because those who need the services are often unable to pay. George McElroy, DHHS Accounting Manager, stated that mental health fees cannot exceed the sliding scale rate set by the state, which has not been updated in several years. • A member noted that that consumer owned and run programs are very cost effective and suggested the county should look into more partnerships with them.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good and detailed performance outcomes are critical to demonstrate the effectiveness of the MHSA program so that funding is not being attacked and taken away to potentially fund other bandaids--even if it's on a short-term basis until the economy improves. • The county should concentrate not only on providing access to services to consumers, but also on creating exit plans for consumers to leave those services when they are no longer needed.
7.	7:35 pm	<p>Annual Update 2010-11 Michelle Callejas, MHSA Program Manager, reported on the soon-to-be-submitted Annual Update. See Attachment C – FY2010/2011 MHSA Annual Update</p> <p>We are requesting 2010-11 CSS funding for existing programs. Michelle noted that the numbers on this handout will change as we will request more funding to get dollars to the local level. Additionally, given anticipated reductions to mental health, we may need to revisit how to serve individuals in need within these MHSA programs. Similar to last year, that may require a revision to this Annual Update. The Steering Committee and community will participate in those discussions should they be necessary. We have submitted our PEI Plan and were told to move ahead with planning as if the plan were already approved although most of its components are still under review. The Suicide Prevention Project piece of the PEI Plan <i>has</i> been officially approved.</p>
8.	7:50 pm	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Annual Update 2010-11 <p>Michelle Callejas indicated that the Annual Update is currently planned to be posted on March 9, 2010, for 30 day public review and comment and the date for the Public Hearing regarding the Annual Update is forthcoming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WET Update (April 1, 2010).
9.	7:52 pm	<p>Upcoming Meetings <i>(meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 18, 2010 <p>M.A. Bennett announced that the service of committee member R.C. Smith will be honored at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1, 2010.
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