



MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION DECEMBER 21, 2016 – 4:45 P.M.

The Governing Board and the Mental Health Commission met in a Joint Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 4:59 p.m. in the MHSA Office located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair Leeb called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL Visual Roll was taken.

GOVERNING BOARD

PRESENT: Chuck Leeb, Ph.D., City of Claremont, Vice Chair
Robin Carder, City of La Verne, Board Member
Joseph M. Lyons, Ph.D., City of Claremont, Board Member
Edina Martinez, Psy.D., City of Pomona, Board Member
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member

ABSENT: Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne, Board Member
Vacant, City of Pomona, Board Member

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

PRESENT: Toni L. Watson, Chair
Donald R. Perez, Vice Chair
Cheryl Berezny
Arny Bloom
Anne Henderson
Twila L. Stephens
Elmer Vidaña
Alfonso "Al" Villanueva

ABSENT: Davetta Williams

STAFF: Diana Acosta, Chief Financial Officer
Darold Pieper, General Counsel
Nancy Gill, Chief Operations Officer
Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Acting Manager of Best Practices
Trevor Bogle, Controller
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE

1. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed Mental Health Commission Members Anne Henderson, Elmer Vidaña, and Alfonso "Al" Villanueva; and to newly appointed Governing Board Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, by Tri-City's Counsel Darold Pieper.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016

There being no comment, Commissioner Berezny moved, and Commissioner Stephens seconded, to approve the Mental Health Commission Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2016. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners Berezny, Bloom, and Stephens, and Vice-Chair Perez. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Commissioners Henderson, Vidaña, and Villanueva; and Chair Watson. ABSENT: Commissioner Williams.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016

There being no further discussion, Board Member Martinez moved, and Board Member Lyons seconded, to approve the Governing Board Minutes of its Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, and Martinez; and Vice-Chair Leeb. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Acosta announced that Executive Director Toni Navarro is unable to be in attendance at today's meeting since she is attending a meeting with LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, LACDMH Chief Deputy Director, and Pomona Unified School District Administrators to discuss services for kids and youth in Pomona; and that the meeting was being held at the LACDMH office in Los Angeles making it impossible to return on time to Pomona to be at this meeting. She also read a message from Executive Director Navarro wherein she apologized for not being in attendance, provided a welcoming message for newly appointed Mental Health Commission Members and newly appointed Governing Board Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, representing the City of Pomona, noting that Executive Director Navarro appreciates their willingness to serve Tri-City and is looking forward to their contributions and guidance moving forward, and wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Chief Financial Officer Acosta then stated that the City of Pomona had recently conducted a City Council election and Paula Lantz was not re-elected. In addition, John Nolte decided not to seek re-election. Consequently, Mrs. Lantz and Mr. Nolte will no longer be members of Tri-City's Governing Board.

She then talked about John Nolte noting that he was elected to the Pomona City Council in 2012 and served on Tri-City's Board since 2013. She also stated that Mrs. Paula Lantz was elected to the Pomona City Council in 1991 and member of Tri-City's Governing Board since June 1991, since then, she had contributed invaluable support and dedication to Tri-City. Under Mrs. Lantz's leadership, Tri-City had grown from a smaller outpatient clinic employing 50 staff into a complete system of care employing over 160 staff and providing services to the community through various venues; most notably: Tri-City's emergence from Bankruptcy and its financial growth through the establishment of the MHSA Plans and programs; her support for the implementation of a Medi-Cal provider contract with LA County Department of Mental Health; her support for the re-organization of the Agency's Governing Board and Mental Health Commission; her support of a comprehensive budget that provides the Governing Board and Executive Team organizational structure, background, as well as budgeting assumptions and explanations; the establishment of a robust Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Delegate and Stakeholder process to ensure involvement of the community in identifying new mental health programs needed in the three cities to reach unserved and underserved residents in need of mental health services; her support for the approval of new MHSA programs under all MHSA components (including Community Services and Supports, Prevention and Early Intervention, Workforce and Education, Innovations and Capital Facilities and Technology Needs); her dedication to wellness, community involvement and the mentally ill homeless resulted in Tri-City establishment of an innovative Wellness Center that serves the community, the completion of Tri-City's permanent supportive housing projects, the purchase of MSHA building, and has supported moving forward on various other projects throughout the years which continue to make Tri-City a great place to receive services; and that most importantly, was the development of trust and respect amongst members of the Governing Board and the Tri-City Executive team. Although, Tri-City is sad by Mrs. Lantz's departure, Tri-City will continue the legacy that she leaves behind and Tri-City is looking forward to the future under new leadership, and stated that Tri-City thank Mrs. Lantz and Mr. Nolte for all their hard work and dedication.

Chief Financial Officer Acosta then announced that Dr. Seeyam Teimoori had been appointed as Tri-City's new Medical Director, who has been with Tri-City for over 3 years; that has extensive experience in community mental health; that maintains Board Certification and practices as an adult psychiatrist and as a family physician; that his dual-specialization has significantly enhanced the quality of services Tri-City provides to its clients by keeping the issues related to integrated in our sights and on client treatment plans; and that the Executive Team looks forward to his contributions and leadership.

Board Member Lyons inquired if it was confirmed that Tri-City would receive \$500,000 funding under the NPLH legislation. Chief Financial Officer Acosta stated that funding will be distributed to all counties based on each counties proportion of homeless population relative to the statewide homeless population, but that no county will receive less than \$500,000; therefore, it is guaranteed that Tri-City will receive at a minimum \$500,000 funding for housing, noting that in anticipation of this event stakeholders had approved the transfer of \$500,000 of CSS unrestricted funds to the housing budget which is currently under a 30-day public review process.

Board Member Lyons then inquired about the ongoing housing development considerations for the property located on Baseline Road in Claremont. Chief Financial Officer Acosta indicated that she would refer this question to Executive Director Navarro since she will have up-to-day information on this matter.

5. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Board Member Lyons inquired if there were any figures in the report which are of concern. Chief Financial Officer Acosta replied in the negative.

6. CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT

Board Member Lyons inquired about the status of personnel turn-over rate. Chief Operations Officer Gill replied that it has continued to stay steady.

7. DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL PROGRAM SERVICES REPORT

There was no comment.

8. DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES REPORT

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Hundal stated that the stakeholders unanimously endorsed and had recommended the transfer of \$1.2 million in unspent CSS funds to the Permanent Supportive Housing budget which was posted for a 30-day public comment period on December 8, 2016; thereafter, the amended plan will be presented to the Mental Health Commission for its recommendation and then to the Governing Board for final approval.

9. MANAGER OF BEST PRACTICES REPORT

There was no comment.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Lyons moved, and Board Member Carder seconded, to receive and file the month of December staff reports. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, Martinez, and Ontiveros-Cole; and Vice-Chair Leeb. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell.

GOVERNING BOARD / MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION COMMENTS

There was no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:17 p.m., there being no further discussion, Vice-Chair Perez moved, and Commissioner Stephens seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners Berezny, Bloom, Henderson, Stephens, Vidaña, and Villanueva; Vice-Chair Perez; and Chair Watson. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Williams. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard #B, Claremont, California.

At 5:17 p.m., there being no further discussion, Board Member Lyons moved, and Board Member Carder seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, Martinez, and Ontiveros-Cole; and Vice-Chair Leeb. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 4:45 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard #B, Claremont, California.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk