



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 11, 2016 – 3:30 P.M.**

The Mental Health Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 3:37 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1717 N. Indian Hill Blvd. # B, Claremont, California.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** A visual roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Toni L. Watson, Chair  
Donald R. Perez, Vice-Chair  
Cheryl Berezny  
Chuck Leeb, Ph.D.  
Twila L. Stephens  
Davetta Williams

**ABSENT:** Arny Bloom  
Michael Olivieri

**STAFF:** Toni Navarro, Executive Director  
Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services  
Gamaliel Polanco, Wellness Center Manager  
Dana Barford, MHSA Projects Manager  
Jamie Ritchey, Community Capacity Organizer  
Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager  
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

There being no comment, Governing Board Liaison Leeb moved, and Commissioner Stephens seconded, to approve the Minutes of the Mental Health Commission Meeting of September 13, 2016. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners Berezny, Leeb, Stephens, and Williams; and Chair Watson. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Vice-Chair Perez. ABSENT: Commissioners Bloom and Olivieri.

**II. PRESENTATION**

**A. COMMUNITY EVENT INFORMATION AND UPDATES —MHSA STAKEHOLDERS' PROCESS FOR FY 2016-17 AND THE POMONA CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Dana Barford, MHSA Projects Manager, talked about the Stakeholders Process, indicating that it involves working into workgroups. She explained that this upcoming year the workgroups are going to focus on reviewing projects and programs under the Community Support Services (CSS) Plan, as well as the PEI Plan, with Tri-City's community members and staff, to find out the successes, challenges, and if there are any gaps in services, to be able to make recommendations to the stakeholders in February; thereafter, to the Mental Health Commission and then the Governing Board. She also indicated that this year it will be different because the No Place Like Home (NPLH) legislation added a new category under the Innovations Plan; noting that in the past, Innovation projects had the following requirements: 1) to increase access to underserved groups (CET met this criteria); 2) to increase the quality of services and including better outcomes (CET, CRT, integrated care); 3) to promote interagency collaboration (ICP); and now it has new requirement 4) to increase access to services including, but not limited to, permanent supportive housing, which will be also included for discussion as part of the workgroup sessions. Lastly, she reported that a survey was conducted regarding the Stakeholders process experience; that its results should be available in November; and that next year's Stakeholders' process will begin in November; and that the workgroups will meet as needed.

Gamaliel Polanco, Wellness Center Manager, talked about Tri-City's collaboration with NAMI Pomona Valley such as supporting its annual NAMI 5K Walk by having Tri-City staff volunteer and provide support as crossing guards; as well as the staff's fundraising efforts leading up to the Walk.

Executive Director Navarro added that staff fundraises for NAMI in conjunction with 'Christmas in July' fundraiser which provides food and Christmas gifts for Tri-City clients, noting that this year staff raised \$2,000 and half will be given to each project.

Jamie Ritchey, Community Capacity Organizer, talked about Tri-City's participation in the Pomona Holiday Parade, noting that last year staff organized a drill team and won 1st place. She reported that this year's theme is California Christmas and distributed information about the event.

#### **B. AN UPDATE OF AB 1618 -'NO PLACE LIKE HOME' LEGISLATION**

Executive Director Navarro reported that Tri-City's Chief Financial Officer conducted a fiscal analysis and beginning next July, Tri-City will see a reduction of MHSA funding in the amount of approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000 annually for the next five years as a result of NPLH legislation; therefore, staff will be planning accordingly with this year's Three Year MHSA Plan and will ask the Stakeholders and community partners to take this reduction of funds into consideration during the planning process. She also stated that NPLH changed legislation and included language indicated that projects addressing access to, the maintenance of, programming in permanent supportive housing are going to be considered as innovations projects. She also said that, at this time, she does not have specific information of NPLH Applications for housing projects which will begin in July 2017, but will find out when she attends the next CBHDA meeting in Sacramento. She then reported that at this point staff will seek Governing Board direction and approval to be ready for the application process when July comes around by planning ahead and considering allocating Community Support Services (CSS) Plan unspent funds for permanent supportive housing to place Tri-City in a competitive position under the AB 1618 competitive grant process.

Commission Chair Watson stated that Tri-City is located in an urban area with limited land to build permanent supportive housing in comparison to other counties, and inquired how staff will address this issue. Executive Director Navarro stated that the grant is also to support scattered housing, such as the renovation and rehabilitation of existing buildings, not necessarily only new developments.

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager, Cedar Springs project is finished and an Open House has been scheduled on October 28th at 11:00 a.m.; that the Holt Family Apartments by Clifford Beers Housing will be completed in June 2016; that the Baseline Project in Claremont has been completed and is now fully occupied; that Tri-City has 38 units occupied, one getting ready for occupancy, and 25 being constructed, noting that when completed Tri-City will have 64 units designated for permanent supportive housing; that the easement issue still not resolved due to not having a title report of the property as the City could not locate the Deed of Trust for the property, pointing out that the purchase of the land will be delayed at least another 6 weeks.

Discussion ensued regarding the history of the property, how the easement issue developed, as well as the legal requirements that have delayed the purchase of the property.

### **COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commission Chair Watson announced she would not attend the Commission Meeting in November as she is a poll worker working on Election Day.

Executive Director Navarro reported that two Governing Board Members will be conducting interviews for Mental Health Commission Membership on October 20th; that she will be attending the CDBH Governing Board Strategic Planning in November, thus, she will not be able to attend the Commission Meeting in November; and that Tri-City is actively recruiting to fill the Medical Director position as Dr. Block's has resigned to accept a position with another agency.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:12 p.m., on consensus of the Mental Health Commission its meeting of October 11, 2016 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on **Tuesday, November 08, 2016, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard, Suite B, Claremont, California.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk