



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 – 4:45 P.M.**

The Governing Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 4:46 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 1717 N. Indian Hill, Suite B, Claremont, California.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Lantz called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL A visual roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Chair
Chuck Leeb, Ph.D., City of Claremont, Vice-Chair
Robin Carder, City of La Verne, Board Member
Joseph M. Lyons, MA, Ph.D., City of Claremont, Board Member
Edina Martinez, Psy.D., City of Pomona, Board Member
John Nolte, City of Pomona, Board Member (arrived at 4:55 p.m.)
Bill Aguirre, City of La Verne, Alternate Board Member

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

STAFF: Toni Navarro, Executive Director
Darold Pieper, General Counsel
Diana Acosta, Chief Financial Officer
Elizabeth Owens, Director of Clinical Program Services
David Block, Medical Director
Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services
Trevor Bogle, Controller
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

There being no comment, Board Member Carder moved, and Vice-Chair Leeb seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, and Martinez; Vice-Chair Leeb; and Chair Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Members Cockrell and Nolte.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 20, 2016 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Recommendation: "A motion to approve the Governing Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2016."

NEW BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL TO RE-APPOINT ARNOLD (ARNY) BLOOM AS MEMBER TO THE TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Board Member Carder spoke in favor to re-appoint Arny Bloom as member to the Mental Health Commission, noting that Mr. Bloom is an asset to Tri-City and the Commission. The Board concurred with her comments.

There being no further comment, Vice Chair Leeb moved, and Board Member Lyons seconded, to re-appoint Arny Bloom for a 3-year term as member to the Mental Health Commission. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, and Martinez; Vice-Chair Leeb; and Chair Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Members Cockrell and Nolte.

3. GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR'S APPOINTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

There being no opposition, Chair Lantz appointed of Board Members Leeb and Martinez to serve in an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to interview potential candidates to serve as MHC members.

4. APPROVAL OF COSTS FOR TRAUMA-RESILIENCY/COMMUNITY RESILIENCY (TRM/CRM) TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM

Executive Director Navarro stated that in May, per the recommendation of the Stakeholders and approval of the Governing Board, the MHSA Workforce, Education and Training (WET) Plan funds were expanded in the amount of \$450,000 so that training and workforce development activities for Tri-City could continue; noting that included in that funding was the allocation in the amount of \$55,028 for Phases 2 and 3 of the TRM/CRM Train-the-Trainer Certification program. Therefore, staff should have asked the Governing Board, at its July meeting, for authorization to pay for the implementation of the program. Unfortunately, staff erroneously did not place this item on the July Board Agenda and was now asking to approve payment as Phase 2 started two weeks ago.

There being no further comment, Board Member Lyons moved, and Board Member Carder seconded, to approve payment in the amount of \$55,028 for the completion of Phases 2 and 3 of the TRM/CRM Train-the-Trainer Program. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, and Martinez; Vice-Chair Leeb; and Chair Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Members Cockrell and Nolte.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MHSA FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP (FSP) PROGRAM UPDATE

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Hundal reported that, as a result of the expansion of Medi-Cal under the Affordable Care Act, during last year Tri-City had experienced a significant increase in the numbers of individuals qualifying for FSP services, as well as a growing number of FSP clients who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Unfortunately, due to the existing FSP programming, some clients are being transferred out of FSP to outpatient treatment care although their housing situation remains uncertain; and placing FSP-qualified clients in outpatient treatment care as the FSP slots are full; therefore, the MHSA Stakeholders, the Tri-City Mental Health Commission and Tri-City staff recommend the approval of a 3-year expansion of the FSP program to implement a tiered system which will allow Tri-City to best meet the needs of those individuals who qualify for FSP-level services. She noted that the program will be only for 3 years since staff anticipates the decline of the need for intensive mental health services as housing becomes increasingly available in our communities as a result of initiatives and projects at the local, county, and state levels that will be addressing the issue of homelessness in the next few years.

At 4:55 p.m., Board Member John Nolte arrived at the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding current emergency housing available through Tri-City (hotels/motels); about the need for a housing coalition of public health agencies since the state continues to implement programs without the resources available; about the number of current clients in FSP that are currently homeless; about how through housing and innovations programming, Tri-City clients are being empowered to become self-sufficient in terms of housing and employment; and about how the Community Wellbeing Grants help empower communities and create resources to provide support within a community.

There being no further discussion, Vice Chair Leeb moved, and Board Member Carder seconded, to approve the MHSA FSP Program Update. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, Martinez, and Nolte; Vice-Chair Leeb; and Chair Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell.

6. NAMI PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Executive Director Navarro reported that in the morning, Tri-City staff met with the leadership of NAMI to discuss programming funded by Tri-City and pointed out that Tri-City and NAMI agreed to sign an MOU that outlines specifics regarding the Interfaith Collaborative on Mental Health (ICMH), the Parents and Teachers As Allies (PTAA), and the allocated NAMI funding under the MHSA-CSS funds from Tri-City under its Wellness Center operations budget; noting that it is expected to be in place by October 1st; and that Tri-City is looking forward to continue collaborating with NAMI.

Board Member Lyons spoke in support of Tri-City's partnership with NAMI and thanked NAMI's former leadership for the outstanding service and established programming, pointing out that he looks forward to the continued support for NAMI under its new leadership.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Lyons moved, and Board Member Carder seconded, to receive and file the NAMI programming update report. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Carder, Lyons, Martinez, and Nolte; Vice-Chair Leeb; and Chair Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Navarro stated that staff is currently strategizing the increase of permanent supportive housing under NPHL, as this legislature provides language that allows for the increase for housing and stigma reduction under an innovations project; that no money will be taken under AB2017 as MHSA is off the table which originally called to reduce counties MHSA funding by 1%, but, the 7% reduction under NPLH still stands. She then announced the upcoming Creative Minds Gallery, a community Art Gallery for local artist to share their work; which will also promote the artist's economic wellbeing since the art work will be for sale; therefore, the artist contact information will be available so that interested persons can contact the artist directly. Board Member Leeb encouraged everyone to attend as the art work is awesome and inspiring when you see the artists' ability to express themselves.

Executive Director Navarro then reported that two moms had moved in at the Baseline property; that Tri-City's eight units at Cedar Springs are fully occupied, noting that there was a delay in occupancy as some of the applications had lapsed under federal standards and the applications had to be redone; that the maps for the clinic easement will be done by the end of the week and will be taken to the City of Pomona to obtain a deed.

Chair Lantz inquired the reason another Title Report was required to simply conduct a new lot survey as it was her understanding that a survey does not change the original title report. Executive Director Navarro indicated she would research detailed information about the need for a title report.

Board Member Lyons inquired if there were any legal restrictions that will prohibit Tri-City collaborating with other public agencies, and private companies, to increase the pool of funds to match the funding under innovation projects and be able address housing needs. Counsel Pieper stated that might be possible under another power authority, noting that any restrictions will be tied to the money itself.

8. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Chief Financial Acosta reported that Tri-City's audit is almost finalized and it will be presented to the Board at its meeting in October.

9. CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT

There was no comment.

10. DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL PROGRAM SERVICES REPORT

Governing Board Lyons inquired if Tri-City buildings can accommodate new clients under the expansion of the FSP programming. Director of Clinical Program Services Owens replied in the affirmative; noting that staff did a walk through as part of the planning process of the FSP expansion program.

11. MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Governing Board Leeb inquired if Dementia is considered a mental health illness. Medical Director Block replied in the negative, noting that brain diseases are specifically excluded because they impair the person's judgment or ability to make medical decisions, noting that staff was seeking direction from the Board regarding the extent of involvement of Tri-City psychiatrist/psychologists should have under the law, and that staff was recommending establishing a policy for Tri-City of not to participate or facilitate use of the End of Life Option Act at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns about the law; about several of the counties and hospital systems "watch and wait" approach; about concerns of how psychiatric/psychological consultation conducted under the law would be reimbursed by insurance payors, including Medi-Cal.

12. DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES REPORT

There was no comment.

13. MANAGER OF BEST PRACTICES REPORT

There was no comment.

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

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

There was no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Estrada, former President of NAMI Pomona Valley, thanked the Tri-City Governing Board and staff for the many years of support, partnership, and friendship.

Dick Bunce, former member of NAMI Pomona Valley, affirmed staff's report about NAMI, and spoke of his and his wife's resignation from NAMI.

James Curtis, Interim President of NAMI-PV, thanked Mr. David Estrada and Mr. Dick Bunce for their many years of leadership and stated that he is looking forward in moving ahead in collaboration with Tri-City.

Linda Wright-Lee, NAMI-PV Board Member, concurred with James Curtis' comments, noting that both Mr. Estrada and Mr. Bunce had done a tremendous job for NAMI and that the NAMI Board is looking forward to continuing to work with Tri-City.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board its Regular Meeting of September 21, 2016 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard #B, Claremont, California.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Micaela P. Olmos", written over a horizontal line.

Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk