



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD
FEBRUARY 21, 2018 – 4:45 P.M.**

The Governing Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 4:52 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 1717 N. Indian Hill, Suite B, Claremont, California.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Carder called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL A visual roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Robin Carder, City of La Verne, Chair
Ronald T. Vera, City of Claremont, Vice-Chair
Rubio R. Gonzalez, City of Pomona, Board Member
Joseph M. Lyons, MA, PhD, City of Claremont, Board Member
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member
Mona Sparks Johnson, City of Pomona, Board Member
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
Nancy Gill, Chief Operations Officer
Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director
Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Manager of Best Practices
Trevor Bogle, Controller
Jesse Duff, Special Projects Consultant
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

There being no comment, Board Member Lyons moved, and Board Member Ontiveros-Cole seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Gonzalez, Lyons, Ontiveros-Cole, and Sparks Johnson; Vice-Chair Vera; and Chair Carder. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Alternate Board Member Aguirre. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 17, 2018 REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Recommendation: "A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Regular Meeting of January 17, 2018."

2. APPROVAL FOR THE DONATION OR DESTRUCTION OF SURPLUS FURNITURE

Recommendation: “Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve both the donation and destruction of the items determined to be surplus as described on the *Surplus Furniture List for Disposal or Donation.*”

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS

3. TONI NAVARRO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Navarro announced that on March 20-21, 2018, Tri-City will be hosting, for the second year in a row, the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRIP) conference which will focus on working with difficult population, noting that the conference was funded with MHSA Workforce Education and Training (WET) funds; and discussed the various presentations and workshops that will be part of the conference. She then reported that the parking lot expansion project plans are completed and the project's bid process is underway; that the Pomona Shelter opening date has been postponed to June 2018, consequently Pomona staff has not finalized the Memorandum Of Understanding for the beds that Tri-City will pay for to assist with its operation; once completed, the MOU will be presented to the Governing Board for its approval. She then announced that she will meet in March with the three City managers to discuss Tri-City system of care; and announced that next week is Green Ribbon Week and discussed the various activities taking place to reduce stigma.

Chair Carder commented that there is a lot of discussion in the radio and television about Measure H funding for permanent supportive housing and that there is a concern in the Los Angeles area about overbuilding housing for the homeless population because they might not want to be relocated there.

Board Member Lyons commented that he does not believe we can overbuild in the next 10 years and discussed current statistics amongst the homeless population and the current need for permanent supportive housing, noting that there might be some homeless persons who do not wish to be given permanent supportive housing; however, they do not represent the majority.

Board Member Sparks Johnson commented that after her many trips to the VA, she concurred that you cannot overbuild, that she is aware that there are those that do not want to be sheltered; however, there are families who are in great need and do want permanent supportive housing.

Executive Director Navarro stated that it is a great point for discussion that Chair Carder pointed out and indicated that it will be part of the discussion when developing the Homeless Strategic Plan for Tri-City by working with the three cities and bringing the concerns of both sides of the issue to the table and determine what is best for the three cities. She explained that often times, a system is created with rules and regulations that do not take into consideration the needs of the homeless, which result in a misunderstanding of the issues and the humanity of the homeless. She also discussed the symptoms of psychotic disorders that homeless individuals might suffer with and, thus, they have no awareness that they are acting outside the norm; therefore, it is up to the professionals to get the training necessary to understand the homeless issues and how to reach out to them.

Board Member Gonzalez stated that the City of Pomona homeless shelter will not be of mortar and brick, rather a giant tent and most of its funding will be used for services; then discussed the current homeless situation in the City of Pomona and explained that due to their lawsuit against the City of Pomona, they will have no choice but to relocate to the shelter after is built since it was a direct result of their lawsuit.

Board Member Ontiveros-Cole commented that she is hopeful that the Pomona's shelter is welcomed by the community; discussed the various services that will be available at the shelter; that she is looking forward to its opening; and that other cities should have homeless shelters by law.

Executive Director Navarro stated that homeless shelters are temporary and homeless individuals can only use them for up to 90 days; therefore, services providers and all supports in the cities will have to have a place for those needing a home; otherwise, at the end of 90-days they will be back on the street.

4. DIANA ACOSTA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Acosta provided an update of the IBHIS transition, the new IT system that the LA County will transition Tri-City into, will "go-live" on March 30, 2018. She then provided an update on MHSA funding, noting that there has been a lot of discussion on the subject of reversion of unspent dollars; and explained that over the last 10 years the State had provided guidance on calculating amounts subject to reversion; however, after AB 114 became effective in 2017, it superseded all previous guidelines; as a result, the State indicated that Tri-City has \$799,187 for INN and \$235,009 for PEI at-risk for reversion, pointing out that staff have had the opportunity to review and reconcile these amounts and agrees with these amounts; and that Tri-City has created a plan to spend these dollars that are at-risk of reversion by June 30, 2020. She then talked about MHSA funding and how its budget is operated, committed, and allocated to fund already identified programming through the rest of the Fiscal Year.

Discussion ensued regarding reversion funding, actual cash on hand, allowed funding in reserves to allow for continued operations in the event of any delays in payment from the State; and the future goal project to set money aside for investments.

5. NANCY GILL, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operations Officer Gill reported that that Kitha Torregano had been hired as the new HR Manager, provided information about her background and qualifications; and announced that next month she will present to the Governing Board for its approval the updated Personnel Rules and Regulations manual.

6. ELIZABETH OWENS, DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL PROGRAM SERVICES REPORT

In the absence of Director of Clinical Program Services Elizabeth Owens, Executive Director Navarro reported that Tri-City is proud of the training that staff received regarding Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth (CSECY) with Los Angeles County, noting that the City of Pomona has been identified in the Los Angeles County as has having higher than average CSECY cases.

She added that having this training will help staff identify when there is youth at-risk; that Tri-City hosted the Los Angeles County CSECY quarterly roundtable meeting which gives Tri-City visibility in the community; that Tri-City's partnerships with the schools are going well and provided an update regarding current connections and referrals; that the leadership training from Chris Amenson and the clinical department has benefited and is preparing in making some changes.

Board Member Lyons inquired if there are community links in place that will help in the recovery of those children that have been identified as CSECY, since these children are on their own and often times homeless. Executive Director Navarro replied in the affirmative, noting that Tri-City has recently connected with a group of service agencies in the City of Pomona and Tri-City wants be a resource and know where to refer services.

7. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

Medical Director Teimoori reported that Tri-City's Intensive Outreach and Engagement (IOE) team will help their colleagues in the Full Service Partnership (FSP) program and Officer of the Day (OD) to have easier and more feasible access to mental health services in the community, to ensure that help is available to those who needs it the most, and to prevent clients from leaving the outpatient program. He then stated that the psychiatrist hired on a temporary basis through the locum company, declined Tri-City 's offer of full-time employment citing that Tri-City's benefit package was not as competitive as other behavioral agencies; therefore, the accounting department, after Board feedback during its last meeting, increased the salary ranges for Tri-City's current psychiatrists and is currently working in creating a better benefits package for psychiatrists which will help retain existing ones and recruit new hires.

Vice-Chair Vera commented about the Pomona Valley Hospital recruitment efforts.

8. RIMMI HUNDAL, DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES REPORT

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Hundal invited the Board to attend the upcoming stakeholders meeting to discuss programs that will prevent MHSA funding to fall into reversion. In addition, the new Innovation project proposal, featuring a technology suite, will be introduced to the stakeholders for review and approval; and indicated that Innovations plan is the only plan that requires approval by the OAC before implementation; therefore, it will be posted as a separate plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the stakeholder process which began in September 2017.

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Hundal then announced that April 30th is the deadline to apply for Tri-City's Community Wellbeing Grants and that all information is available on Tri-City's website.

9. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, MANAGER OF BEST PRACTICES REPORT

Manager of Best Practices Majors-Stewart reported a new feature is included in her report wherein data is provided; that will continue to be provided on a quarterly basis; that shows the number of clients served in Tri-City Programs; and that the data fields will continue to expand, will be broken down more, and trends will be highlighted.

Executive Director announced that her annual performance review by the Board was in December; therefore, she will place this item on the agenda at next Board's meeting.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Lyons moved, and Board Member Sparks Johnson seconded, to receive and file the month of February 2018 staff reports. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Board Members Gonzalez, Lyons, Ontiveros-Cole, and Sparks Johnson; Vice-Chair Vera; and Chair Carder. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Alternate Board Member Aguirre. ABSENT: Board Member Cockrell.

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Vera asked for feedback received from the school districts about Tri-City's services after Tri-City reached out to them for support after the Parkland School shooting in Florida. Executive Director Navarro indicated that she will ask the Director of Clinical Services to provide this information to the Board at its next Board Meeting.

Chair Carder commented that the schools would benefit from providing counseling when they hear that a student suffers from a loss.

Executive Director Navarro stated that the schools are discipline focused and it should be a discussion amongst all the institutions, including legislators and law enforcement, how to best deal with children with behavioral problems; and noted that Tri-City is trying to help our schools to understand that zero tolerance is counter to the needs of children that are isolated.

Board Member Sparks Johnson stated that Tri-City can make more effort to have schools work more closely with Tri-City.

Alternate Board Member Aguirre concurred that there should be collaboration between law enforcement, the schools and Tri-City, in order to be able to deal with situations before they arise. He then stated that there are already resource officers available at the schools but more needs to be done to establish more cooperation.

Board Member Lyons stated that this is the opportunity to introduce sensitivity towards individuals to the relationship between public safety and mental health organizations to expand the idea of what is good public health and good mental health.

Executive Director Navarro commended the City of Pomona for their forward thinking and using their Measure H funds wisely by having former homeless persons speak on panels to the community about what services can help homelessness.

Board Member Ontiveros-Cole commented that she heard that some of the Pomona students are afraid to go to school and inquired what the Board can do to help.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darold Pieper met with former Board Member Edina Martinez; that she asked to say hello to everyone; and that she is very happy in San Diego.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board its Regular Meeting of February 21, 2018 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 4:45 p.m., in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard #B, Claremont, California.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk