



MINUTES

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OCTOBER 23, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.

The Governing Board Adjourned Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the MHSA Administration Building located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Leano called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken by JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos.

GOVERNING BOARD

PRESENT: Jed Leano, City of Claremont, Chair
John Nolte, City of Pomona, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne, Board Member
Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Board Member (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)
Wendy Lau, City of La Verne, Board Member
Ronald T. Vera, City of Claremont, Board Member

ABSENT: Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Diana Acosta, Interim Executive Director
Steven L. Flower, General Counsel
Trevor Bogle, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer
Kitha Torregano, Director of Human Resources
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Leano opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no comment, Board Member Lau moved, and Vice-Chair Nolte seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Cockrell, Lau, and Vera; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Lantz and Ontiveros-Cole.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Special Meeting of September 18, 2024.”

2. CONSIDERATION TO RE-APPOINT CLARENCE CERNAL AS MEMBER TO THE TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Recommendation: “A motion to reappoint Clarence as member to the Mental Health Commission for a three-year term expiring in September 2027.”

3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 759 APPROVING THE MULTICOUNTY COLLABORATIVE PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES (PADs) PHASE II PROJECT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029; AND ALLOCATING MHSA INNOVATION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.00 FOR FY 2025-26 THROUGH FY 2028-29, AS RECOMMENDED BY TCMHA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 759 approving the Multi-County Psychiatric Advance Directives (PDAs) Phase II Project effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, and allocating MHSA Innovations Funds in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29 for the project, as recommended by the Mental Health Commission.”

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 760 APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH JS RISK CONSULTING FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 760 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with JS Risk Consulting for Risk Management Consulting Services.”

NEW BUSINESS

5. APPROVAL OF TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY’S MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (CBHDA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Interim Chief Financial Officer Bogle reported that the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) is a non-profit organization that advocates for all behavioral health directors statewide and are instrumental in educational and training materials for staff, and pointed out that looking at the future of BHS (Behavioral Health Services Act) it is important to continue to participate with CBHDA and maintain their advocacy.

Chair Leano opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no further comment, Board Member Cockrell moved, and Board Member Lau seconded, to approve the Tri-City Mental Health Authority's membership in California Behavioral Health Director's Association for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Cockrell, Lau, Vera; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Members Lantz and Ontiveros-Cole.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS

6. DIANA ACOSTA, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Interim Executive Director Acosta reported that two weeks ago the Grand Re-Opening of the Therapeutic Community Garden took place, noting that it was a nice event, had great turnout, and it was mentioned in the local newspaper. She then acknowledged the Governing Board members and Mental Health Commission members that attended the event.

Chair Leano thanked Vice-Chair Nolte and Board Members Lantz and Cockrell for attending, and apologized for not being able to attend the event due to his work schedule.

Interim Executive Director Acosta continued with her report and stated there is no update regarding Proposition 1, the Behavioral Health Services Act; however, the TCMHA executive team continue to participate in the multiple meetings held weekly by CBHDA, which provides updates received from the DHCS (Department of Healthcare Services).

Chair Leano inquired if DHCS is a state agency. Interim Executive Director Acosta replied in the affirmative.

7. TREVOR BOGLE, INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Interim Chief Financial Officer Bogle stated there will be revenue recognition based on the approved plan, and that the current numbers are similar to those reflected this time last year. He then discussed reversion, stating the tables presented monthly are updated based on reversion schedules from the state.

At 5:08 p.m., Board Member Paula Lantz arrived at the meeting.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Bogle reported that the 2024 RER will not be submitted until February 2025 and tables will not be received until March/April 2025; that based on unaudited statements through 2023/2024, it looks as though reversion is not an issue for 2021/22 or 2022/23; however, because in August 2023 a large payment was received, staff will continue to monitor reversion for 2023/24 and updates will be provided.

Board Member Vera inquired if the amount if the table reflected on Page 4 of the report is in danger of reversion. Interim Chief Financial Officer Bogle stated the number reflected is outdated and the current number is closer to \$9.8 million, noting that the 2021/22 and 2022/23 are fully expended, and the 2024/25 bucket is expected to be fully expended; and that the focus is on the 2023/24 bucket to expend it by June 30, 2026. Board Member Vera inquired how long does

TCMHA have to spend the money. Interim Chief Financial Officer Bogle stated it is three years from when the money is received.

Board Member Vera inquired if how to best to allocate the MHSA funding within our jurisdiction are first vetted by Mental Health Commission, and if all MHSA funding go through the public process. Interim Chief Financial Officer Bogle responded in the affirmative.

8. LIZ RENTERIA, CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER REPORT

Chief Clinical Officer Renteria was not present; and Interim Executive Director Acosta stated she was available for questions. There were no questions.

9. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Medical Director Teimoori reported that staff is working on trying to prevent and treat medical comorbidities, which are very prevalent in our population, through different methods and following medical guidelines; and that he was available to answer any questions on his report.

Board Member Vera commented that he noticed there is a new drug available for persons diagnosed with Schizophrenia, which have less side effects, and inquired if Dr. Teimoori was familiar with it and if it was available to TCMHA clients. Medical Director Teimoori stated he was familiar with it, noting that pharmaceuticals present the medication and provide samples; and explained that not all clients can switch to the new medication since it might have side effects for clients that are taking medications that are working for them. Board Member Vera further inquired if it would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Medical Director Teimoori replied in the affirmative.

10. DANA BARFORD, DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES REPORT

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford announced that TCMHA would be hosting on Friday, October 25th its 10th Annual Job Fair at the Wellness Center and that over twenty employers will be present, noting that some of them will offer on-site interviews; that staff will participate in a Health and Wellness Fair at Western University on Saturday, October 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., pointing out that there will be free medical services such as dental and vision screenings, immunizations, vaccinations, medical exams, resources and workshops, and giveaways.

Board Member Cockrell inquired if the Job Fair at the Wellness Center is open to the general public. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford responded in the affirmative.

11. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT

Chief Compliance Officer Majors-Stewart reported that Best Practices department is evaluating TCMHA's protocols and offering enhancements where needed, and pointed out that the focus will be on providing date-driven feedback, strengthen and streamline workflow efficiently, review and update existing protocols, and be sure the agency is aligned with current needs, trends, and regulations. She stated the department is enhancing training and brainstorming new ways to reach service providers and disseminating information, along with new projects and program monitoring.

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

Board Member Vera stated he received inquiry from an individual interested in applying for the Mental Health Commission and inquired how many vacancies the MHC currently has. JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos stated there are no current vacancies; however, the individual is welcome to apply and when there is a vacancy, she can contact them and invite them to participate in the recruitment process.

Board Member Vera asked if Commissioners serve three-year terms. JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos responded in the affirmative. Board Member Vera further inquired if there will be any vacancies next year. JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos stated that the positions are staggered, and vacancies occur when members do not renew their membership.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board recessed to a Closed Session pursuant to: (1) Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9), Patricia Kears v. Tri-City Mental Health Authority, et al., LA Superior Ct. Case No. 21PSCV00953; (2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(3), one case; (3) Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code § 54956.8), Property: 956 West Baseline Road, Claremont, CA 91711 (APN 8669-019-029), Agency Negotiators: Diana Acosta, Trevor Bogle, Negotiating Party: RNLA – Restore Neighborhoods LA, Inc., Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment; and (4) Public Employee Appointment (Gov't Code § 54957), Position to be Filled: Executive Director.

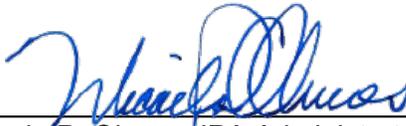
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:00 p.m., the Governing Board reconvene to the Open Session.

Chair Leano reported that there was no reportable action on Closed Session Item Nos. 1, 2, and 4; and that regarding Closes Session Item No. 3, the Governing Board authorized staff and a subcommittee, consisting of Chair Leano and Board Member Vera, to negotiate with the Negotiating Party.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:01 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board, its Adjourned Meeting of October 23, 2024, was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the MHSA Administration Building, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk