



MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

The Governing Board Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 5:03 p.m. in the MHSA Administrative Office located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Leano called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

GOVERNING BOARD

PRESENT: Lorraine Canales, City of Pomona, Board Member
Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne, Board Member
Sandra Grajeda, City of Claremont, Board Member
Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Board Member
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)
Wendy Lau, City of La Verne, Vice-Chair
Jed Leano, City of Claremont, Chair

ABSENT: None.

STAFF

PRESENT: Ontson Placide, Executive Director
Steven Flower, General Counsel
Diana Acosta, Chief Financial Officer
Elizabeth Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer
Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer
Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

Board Member Lantz pulled Items Nos. 4 and 11 from the consent calendar for discussion.

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

There being no further comment, Vice-Chair Lau moved, and Board Member Canales seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar Items Nos. 1–3, and 5–10, with Board Member Lantz abstaining from approval of Item No. 1. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz; Vice-Chair Lau; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 19, 2025, GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025.”

2. ONTSON PLACIDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

3. DIANA ACOSTA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

5. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

6. DANA BARFORD, DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

7. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 775 APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO 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. 775 approving the Second Amendment to the Agreement with JS Risk Consulting; and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Amendment.”

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 776 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY’S REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NOS.: I.06, I.07, II.03, CL.III.04, CL.IV.03, CL.V.01, CL.V.02, AND CL.V.11, EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2025

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 776 establishing the revised Policy and Procedures Nos.: I.06, I.07, II.03, CL.III.04, CL.IV.03, CL.V.01, CL.V.02, and CL.V.11, effective April 16, 2025.”

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 777 ADOPTING A REVISED MASTER CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE AND REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SENIOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST CLASSIFICATION

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 777 to approve the revised Job Description for the Senior Behavioral Health Specialist classification and the Master Classification and Salary Schedule to reflect the change.”

NEW BUSINESS

4. LIZ RENTERIA, CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Board Member Lantz inquired if each therapist makes their own follow-up appointments after the initial appointment with clients. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria explained that the Centralized Scheduling makes the initial appointment and receives lists of clients to make follow-up appointments, and depending on availability therapists occasionally will do the follow-up, noting that therapists do not make their own appointments.

Board Member Lantz further inquired how many clients schedule and attend follow-up appointments. Chief Compliance Officer Majors-Stewart stated approximately 76%.

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

There being no further discussion, Board Member Lantz moved, and Vice-Chair Lau seconded to receive and file Chief Clinical Officer Renteria’s Monthly Report. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz; Vice-Chair Lau; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 778 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) VEHICLES FROM CROWN TOYOTA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,141.30 FOR THE MCC PROGRAM

Board Member Lantz inquired about the need to purchase two more vehicles if two had already been purchased, and the program was still in the pilot phase. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated the initial two vehicles were wheelchair accessible; however, since going on more calls staff have discovered that they need regular vehicles to accommodate families, for example being able to install a car seat if a child is also traveling with an adult, noting that the two current vehicles cannot accommodate additional traveling family members, and that there are funds available under the MCC program to use.

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

There being no further discussion, Board Member Lantz moved, and Vice-Chair Lau seconded, to approve Resolution No. 778 authorizing the Executive Director to purchase two vehicles for the Mobile Crisis Care Program in the total amount of \$110,141.30 from Crown Toyota. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz; Vice-Chair Lau; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole.

12. CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE ROUND 5 GRANT WITHDRAWAL

Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated due to the delay in contract negotiations and the distribution of funds, TCMHA cannot spend the grant funds in the designated time frame; therefore, it will be in the best interest to return to funds, noting that it will not affect TCMHA programming in any way. She also stated that other grantees are experiencing the same problems.

Vice-Chair Lau inquired if there will be a penalty for not using the funds. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria replied in the negative, noting that other grantees are in the same situation of returning funds. Vice-Chair Lau then asked if there was a way to prevent the same problem from happening in the future. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated the state used a third party administrator who wanted to have intellectual rights over TCMHA's work and also did not understand the grant timeline as they continued to delay their response to requests during negotiations. Vice-Chair Lau asked if there will be an opportunity to give feedback. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated TCMHA has been in contact with DHCS.

Chief Financial Officer Acosta stated that TCMHA had receive only a partial amount of the funds and they were maintained in a liability account, so the money was never utilized. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated that staff sought an extension period, but when it was granted, it was too short of a timeframe to use the funds.

Board Member Canales asked if it was a one-time grant or if TCMHA could reapply. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated a more sustainable way to fund the programs has been secured and there will be no need to reapply. Executive Director Placide stated the goal is to not jump through hoops for funding again. Board Member Canales stated if the process is changed in the future, it would be worth it to reapply.

At 5:15 p.m. Board Member Elizabeth Ontiveros Cole arrived at the meeting.

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

There being no further discussion, Board Member Canales moved, and Vice-Chair Lau seconded, to authorize the withdrawal from the CYBHI R5 grant program and reverts the \$750,000 award. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz; Vice-Chair Lau; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole. ABSENT: None.

13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 779 ADOPTING THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ANNUAL UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 MHSA Annual Update and indicated that it was being proposed to reallocate excess CSS funds to expand temporary supportive housing options, and also transferring \$3 million dollars of excess funds from CSS to WET and CFTN Plans, noting that the reallocation of funds is critical to the sustainability of the programs as well as addressing reversion concerns having a deadline to spend funds by June 30, 2027. She explained the \$3 million dollars would be split evenly between WET and CFTN and would sustain them through the BHSA transition. She then stated that the second proposal is to reallocate within CSS \$5.2 million to \$8 million dollars to expand temporary supportive housing within the three cities.

Executive Director Placide stated stakeholders decided that the three highest housing priorities were purchasing an existing property and renovating if needed, partnering with local landlords

and property managers for scatter-site housing, and increasing the number of reserved beds with Hope for Home. He stated that he met with representatives from each city and compiled a list of priorities, stating the list is seventeen projects total, eleven distinct services, and five shared goals. He then showed the potential projects in order of stakeholder's priority.

Chair Leano inquired if the conversations held with stakeholders were held individually. Executive Director Placide stated the priority list was not city specific, but he spoke with City Managers, Police, and representatives. Board Member Canales asked if each city agreed to the list. Executive Director Placide responded in the affirmative.

Board Member Ontiveros-Cole stated Beverly Johnson had discussed an abandoned motel, she asked if it was for women only or if it would be co-ed. Executive Director Placide stated details on the projects will be revisited, currently he was only presenting framework and seeking initial approval, thereafter further discussion would take place. He then stated he was confident all items will fit into funding but the highest priority was being sought first, and explained the next steps were identifying how to proceed and returning to the cities with plans and financial strategies.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to place outreach as a high priority to build trust. However, the biggest issue that TCMHA is facing was reversion and to avoid it, it was necessary to identify the highest priority that can be completed within the timeframe and using the funds subject to reversion. Accordingly, the discussion was tailored to obtain direction and authorization from the Board to begin spending the funds subject to reversion in July.

Chair Leano sought clarification for TCMHA conferring with local city staff for fiscal impacts. Executive Director Placide stated it was to place a dollar amount to the plans. Vice-Chair Leano reminded staff and board to be mindful of external factors like the A-Line and LA28 and how that will affect crowd management, transportation, and security; and stated stakeholder engagement is an imperfect science and speaking with each city is not appropriate as there might be pushback and cautioned about political divide, noting that TCMHA does not require discretionary permission from the cities. Vice-Chair Lau agreed but stated that buying housing without city and community input could also lead to problems and it was best not to pursue the "right to use." Board Member Lantz added that there may not be discretionary issues if commercial buildings are purchased. Board Member Lantz commented that it was important to know local permits required before building acquisition. Executive Director Placide stated in the spirit of collaboration, TCMHA planned to work with the three cities but will do what TCMHA is charged to do and stay true to the MHSA stakeholder process.

Chair Leano stated it would be counted as a failure if beds were only in Pomona, noting that they needed to be in all three cities. Vice-Chair Lau stated the next step was acquisition and that it would be best to prepare for contingency of what labor and materials would look like.

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

There being no further discussion, Vice-Chair Lau moved, and Board Member Ontiveros-Cole seconded, to approve Resolution No. 779 approving the Authority's MHSA Annual Update For Fiscal Year 2025-26, as recommended by the TCMHA Mental Health Commission. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, Lantz, and Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Lau; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 780 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO DAMAGE TO AUTHORITY’S PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO REHABILITATE THE PROPERTY ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS AND WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE FOR BIDS TO LET CONTRACTS

Chief Financial Officer Acosta stated property owned by TCMHA was in need of repair and to expedite repairs, asked to proceed with awarding a contract under an emergency basis without issuing a Request For Proposals, and stated a contractor had been identified and proposals had been received but it was not a formal bid and was therefore asking for authorization to proceed.

General Counsel Flower stated due to the purchasing policy previously adopted by the Board and state law, the Board would need to vote on recognizing this as an emergency and authorize the executive director to proceed. Vice-Chair Lau asked if it needed to be two separate votes. General Counsel Flower responded the motion would adopt both but would need a 4/5 votes, that is an approval from at least six members.

Board Member Lantz asked if there was a spending limit. General Counsel responded in the affirmative, noting that there was a difference between regular upkeep or repair and reconstruction, and in this case involves the rehabilitation of the property which is public works project.

Vice-Chair Lau sought clarification on the purchasing policy and if items could be repaired without having to obtain Board approval. General Counsel Flower stated the purchasing policy will be revisited in the future and explained that the executive director does have authority to declare an emergency and approve the rehabilitation of the property if there was a limit on time; however, because there was ample time allotted to obtain authorization from the Board, staff approached the before instead of after.

Executive Director Placide stated a vendor system is being developed where a list of preapproved contractors can be used for future projects.

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

There being no further discussion, Board Member Lantz moved, and Board Member Canales seconded, to approve Resolution No. 780 approving the Emergency Declaration and Authorize the Executive Director to award a contract to rehabilitate the Authority’s Property due to damage, without giving notice to bids. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, Lantz, and Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Lau; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

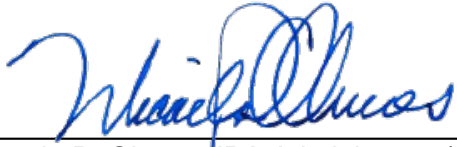
Vice-Chair Lau thanked MHSa and Ethnic Services Director Barford and team for their work at the upcoming Community Fair and advised everyone to follow OCCULV (Office of Civic and Community Engagement at the University of La Verne) for further updates and information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:58 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board its Regular Meeting of April 16, 2025, was adjourned. The Governing Board will meet next in a Regular Joint Meeting with the Mental Health Commission to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk