



MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

The Governing Board Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 5:00 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 5:00 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
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
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer
Sara Azzam, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director
Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

At 5:03 p.m., Chair Leano called for a recess of the meeting.

Board Member Lantz arrived to the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

At 5:06 p.m., Chair Leano reconvened the meeting

There being no further comment, Vice-Chair Lau moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-16. 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 OF THE MAY 21, 2025, REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board and the Mental Health Commission Regular Joint Meeting of May 21, 2025.”

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Special Meeting of May 21, 2025.”

3. ONTSON PLACIDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

4. DIANA ACOSTA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

5. LIZ RENTERIA, CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

6. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

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

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

8. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 786 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY’S REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NOS.: CL.V.01 AND CL.V.02, EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 786 establishing the revised Policy and Procedures Nos.: CL.V.01 and CL.V.02, effective June 18, 2025.”

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 787 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS) ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (AOD) CERTIFICATION AND THE SAPC (SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL) CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025

Recommendation: "A motion to adopt Resolution No. 787 establishing the required Policies and Procedures to obtain AOD Certification from the DHCS and the SAPC Contract with the LAC Dept. of Public Health, effective June 18, 2025."

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 788 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY'S REVISED POLICY AND PROCEDURES NOS.: II.02; AND ADOPTING VARIOUS NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025

Recommendation: "A motion to adopt Resolution No. 788 establishing the revised Policy and Procedures Nos.: II.02; and adopting new Policies and Procedures effective June 18, 2025."

12. APPROVAL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE OR DAMAGED I.T. EQUIPMENT

Recommendation: "A motion to approve the disposal of I.T. equipment listed on the I.T. Equipment List for Disposal-June 2025."

13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 789 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY'S REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NOS.: VIII.1 and VIII.4, EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025

Recommendation: "A motion to adopt Resolution No. 789 establishing the revised Policy and Procedures No. VIII.1 – Additions to Fixed Assets, and Policy and Procedures No. VIII.4 – Disposal of Fixed Assets; effective June 18, 2025."

14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 790 APPROVING AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIPS WITH SIMMONS UNIVERSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREAFTER

Recommendation: "A motion to adopt Resolution No. 790 approving an Affiliation Agreement with Simmons University; and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agreement and any amendments thereafter."

15. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 791 ADOPTING A REVISED MASTER CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK/MASTER OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY INTERN AND DATA ANALYST CLASSIFICATIONS

Recommendation: "A motion to adopt Resolution No. 791 approving the revised Job Descriptions for the Master of Social Work/Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

Intern and Data Analyst classifications, and the Master Classification and Salary Schedule to reflect these changes.”

16. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 792 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY’S REVISED SIGN-ON BONUS POLICY AND PROCEDURES NO. II.22, EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2025

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 792 establishing the revised Sign-on Bonus Policy and Procedures No. II.22, effective June 18, 2025.”

NEW BUSINESS

17. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING TWENTY COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANTS TOTALING \$178,486.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 UNDER THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT OF THE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI) PLAN

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford presented a series of community wellbeing grant contracts. These grants offer funding of up to \$10,000 for a period of three years, supporting local organizations in promoting mental and emotional wellbeing within their communities. The funding opportunity attracted significant interest, with 36 applications received. Of those, 20 proposals were recommended for approval, and the agreements and lists of awards were included in the report presented to the board.

Board Member Lantz inquired about a particular project near a veterans park, expressing difficulty in locating it within the report. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford clarified that the organization in question is the Hope Through Housing Foundation. Board Member Lantz noted her surprise at the demographic data from the community, observing that one-third of the residents are children, with over 30 of the 120 individuals under the age of 18, especially given the community’s proximity to a railroad track. This was offered as a general observation about the community’s needs.

Community Capacity Organizer Daisy Martinez stated it was a new partnership and the potential to offer resources, mental health workshops, and peer mentorship. Board Member Lantz noted that this applicant is a new facility and added that they are also connected with a local food bank, further enhancing community support.

Vice-Chair Lau confirmed that the grants are limited to a three-year term and raised questions about sustainability once the grant period ends. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford affirmed the time limitation, and Community Capacity Organizer Martinez addressed the concern by explaining that grantees are supported in building long-term sustainability. They are encouraged to connect with current or past grantees, apply for additional funding sources, and expand upon their initial projects. Community Capacity Organizer Martinez noted that by the end of the third year, the majority of funded organizations typically achieve a level of stability. Vice-Chair Lau acknowledged

these efforts, recognizing that many grantees find alternative ways to remain sustainable beyond the grant cycle.

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 Grajeda seconded to approve the motion to award twenty (20) Community Wellbeing Grants totaling \$178,486.00 to be funded under the MHSA PEI Plan in FY 2025-26.. The motion was carried by the following vote: Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, Lantz; Vice-Chair Lau and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole.

18. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 793 APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF POMONA FOR THE AUTHORITY'S USE OF THE CITY'S 'HOPE FOR HOME' YEAR-ROUND EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDMENT

Chief Clinical Officer Renteria provided an update to the Board regarding the expansion of services through the long-standing partnership with Hope for Hope. The initiative will significantly increase the number of available beds from 31 to 71, with funding allocated from the MHSA bed program. This expansion is expected to improve service capacity and is supported by anticipated funding for long-term sustainability. Executive Director Placide noted that this initiative is part of the MHSA reversion process.

Board Member Lantz inquired whether the increase in beds would result in expanded services. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria confirmed that more beds will indeed lead to increased services, including a greater presence of staff on-site. Board Member Lantz also asked whether this expansion would mean more staff available specifically for TCMHA clients. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria responded that while the organization is currently working on hiring additional staff, the increase in beds primarily serves to meet the needs of clients already assigned to staff who currently lack adequate housing. The expanded capacity will allow those preexisting clients to be placed appropriately, which has not always been possible due to bed shortages.

Board Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole arrived at the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Board Member Lantz emphasized that doubling the number of beds would logically require additional staff to maintain service levels. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria clarified that while staff will indeed follow the services being provided at the shelter, this expansion does not involve adding more clients to the program. Vice-Chair Lau further clarified that the focus is on increasing services to existing clients rather than bringing in new clients. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria confirmed this understanding.

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

There being no further comment, Board Member Canales moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded to approve Resolution No. 793 approving the Third Amendment to the

Agreement with the City of Pomona for the Authority's exclusive use of 71 shelter beds in the City's H4H Year-Round Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$1,943,625, effective July 1, 2025, and authorizing the Executive Director to execute said Amendment. 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 Ontievros-Cole. ABSENT: None.

19. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 794 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-COUNTY COLLABORATIVE PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES (PADs) PHASE II PROJECT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford provided an update on the Psychiatric Advance Directive System (PADS), announcing the continuation into Phase II of the project. She offered a brief overview of Phase I, which focused on development. Phase II will extend PADS into additional counties, begin live data collection, and engage in testing its effectiveness, particularly in coordination with law enforcement agencies.

Board Member Lantz questioned the total expenditure of Phase I, estimating between \$500,000 and \$750,000. MHSA Program Coordinator – Innovation Paulina Ale responded that the amount spent was under \$800,000, primarily allocated to subcontractors. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford confirmed the total was approximately \$700,000. Board Member Lantz expressed concern that despite nearly eight years of development and over \$1.5 million in projected expenditures, PADS is still in the testing phase and not yet in use, with no clear indication in the report of an official launch or practical application.

MHSA Program Coordinator Ale clarified that public presentations are planned for the summer and recruitment is underway. The goal is to begin developing directives with clients and the community by next year. Board Member Lantz asked whether the system would be in use within a year. MHSA Program Coordinator Ale responded that directives would be created within that time, though full implementation would depend on voluntary use of entities.

Board Member Lantz noted that after several years, there is still no functioning directive in use and no clear timeline for when counties, including TCMHA, would have an actionable tool. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford responded that the final format will be electronic, not a traditional document, though Board Member Lantz emphasized that it still functions as a document, since users must rely on the information it contains.

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford explained that Phase I focused on development, while Phase II is a one-year testing phase. MHSA Program Coordinator Ale added that before the tool can be deployed, law enforcement and hospital staff must be trained to use it. Until that occurs, the system cannot go live. Board Member Lantz asked whether full utilization could be expected by the end of 2026, and MHSA Program

Coordinator Ale confirmed that is the goal. However, she noted that as a supplemental tool, some users—such as law enforcement or hospitals—may opt not to use it.

Board Member Lantz expressed concern about the unclear timeline for when clients will have direct access to PADS. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford reiterated that the projection is within a year but emphasized the complexity of innovation projects. She noted that such initiatives are intended to test a theory, not guarantee immediate implementation. Legal restrictions, including HIPAA compliance, have required extensive review, and currently, peers—not staff—must assist individuals in completing directives. With eight legal opinions now guiding the effort, every phase requires approval and frequent adjustments. Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford concluded by emphasizing that this remains a learning project that may or may not ultimately result in a widely adopted tool.

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

There being no further comment, Board Member Canales, and Board Member Ontiveros-Cole seconded to approve Resolution No. 794 authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with Syracuse University, in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the implementation of the Multi-County Psychiatric Advance Directives (PADs) Phase II Project, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. 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.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING EIGHT MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT (MHSSA) SUB-GRANTS ROUND 3 TOTALING \$257,871.84 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, UNDER THE MHSSA GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (MHSOAC)

Chief Clinical Officer Liz Renteria presented to the Board the third and final round of a community grant initiative designed to bring funding directly to local organizations. She submitted eight applications that were recommended for award and requested Board approval for a total amount not to exceed \$257,871.84. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria emphasized the importance of these funds in supporting community-based services and committed to returning at a later date to report on the outcomes and overall success of the awarded grants.

Chair Leano opened the meeting to Public Comment, there was none.

There being no further comment, Board Member Grajeda, and Board Member Canales seconded to approve an award eight (8) MHSSA Sub-Grants Round 3 totaling \$257,871.84, beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, to be funded under the MHSSA Grant received from the MHSOAC. 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.

21. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 795 AWARDING A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO LESAR DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS FOR HOUSING ADVISORY AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Executive Director Placide informed the Board that Tri-City Mental Health Authority (TCMHA) has selected a development consultant, LeSar Development Consultants, to support the agency's housing advisory work following a thorough interview process. Executive Director Placide noted that LeSar is recognized as a premier organization with statewide experience in housing development and policy.

Board Member Lantz inquired whether representatives from LeSar were present at the meeting, to which Executive Director Placide responded that they were not. Board Member Lantz noted that LeSar has worked with Councils of Governments (COGs) in the San Gabriel Valley and raised questions about their track record, specifically whether the firm has a history of actual housing production or if their role has primarily been in consulting and planning. She referenced LeSar's work with the City of Oakland since 2020, which had a goal of producing 4,000 units, and expressed interest in learning what tangible outcomes had resulted from that partnership.

Executive Director Placide acknowledged the importance of those questions and shared that similar inquiries were made during the selection process. He stated that LeSar has been involved in several housing projects from inception to completion, although the firm's full track record would be reviewed further. Board Member Lantz requested that this information be brought back to the Board and asked what deliverables could be expected within the next 90 days. Executive Director Placide clarified that while deliverables were outlined as part of LeSar's bid proposal, they are not yet official. The scope and expectations of the partnership will be defined collaboratively with LeSar based on the specific needs of TCMHA projects.

Board Member Lantz further asked about timelines, expectations, and whether a clear schedule would be established. Executive Director Placide confirmed that, given TCMHA's current circumstances, expectations such as six- to nine-month timelines would be set through scheduled meetings and formal agreements. Regarding compensation, Board Member Lantz asked whether the contract would be paid on an hourly basis, with an estimate of \$50,000 worth of services over the course of a year. Executive Director Placide confirmed that this was correct.

Chair Leano opened the meeting to Public Comment, there was none.

There being no further comment, Board Member Canales, and Vice-Chair Lau seconded to approve A motion to adopt Resolution No. 795 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a One-Year Agreement with LeSar Development Consultants for Housing Advisory and Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 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.

22. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 796 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO UTILIZE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT UNSPENT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT (CSS) PLAN FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,552,475.00 FOR THREE HOUSING AND SHELTER PROJECTS APPROVED THROUGH A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS

Executive Director Placide presented a PowerPoint overview to the Board outlining current and upcoming housing projects supported by Tri-City Mental Health Authority (TCMHA). The presentation highlighted key developments, including a slide featuring the Hope Through Housing (H4H) project. Board Member Lantz raised a clarification regarding whether families are currently housed at H4H. Executive Director Placide acknowledged the slide contained an error and that families are not housed at H4H and thanked Board Member Lantz for catching it.

Executive Director Placide reminded the Board that the figures presented represent one-time costs and do not include operational or ongoing expenses. On the "Process Steps" slide, he emphasized that TCMHA has requested its funds be used first in order to avoid MHSA fund reversion.

Board Member Ontiveros-Cole inquired about the number of units planned for the project at 464 W. 8th Street. Executive Director Placide responded that the development will include eight units. She further asked whether local residents had been informed about the upcoming construction. City of Pomona Neighborhood Services Director Beverly Johnson stated that the city is currently in the process of holding community meetings to engage residents.

Board Member Ontiveros-Cole also recognized the location at 252 E. 4th Street as an older apartment building. Neighborhood Services Director Johnson confirmed that the site is undergoing renovations. Board Member Lantz noted the location as a former parking lot, which Neighborhood Services Director Johnson affirmed. Board Member Ontiveros-Cole commented positively on the location, and Executive Director Placide added that the site is advantageous because it is easy to build on, allows for quick construction, and is easy to maintain.

Regarding the 4th Street project, Board Member Lantz expressed concern that tiny homes would be placed downtown. Neighborhood Services Director Johnson clarified that modular homes are planned and that design considerations were made to help the homes blend with the surrounding area. Board Member Lantz requested that renderings or façades of the units be shared with the Board, to which Neighborhood Services Director Johnson agreed. Executive Director Placide assured the Board that updates would continue to be provided.

Board Member Ontiveros-Cole confirmed with Neighborhood Services Director Johnson that the building at 252 E. 4th Street will not be demolished, but rather rehabilitated to which Neighborhood Services Director Johnson replied in the affirmative.

Chair Leano opened the meeting to Public Comment, there was none.

There being no further comment, Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, and Board Member Canales seconded to approve Resolution No. 796 authorizing the Executive Director to fund three housing and shelter projects using MHSA CSS unspent funds in the total amount of \$8,552,475.00 that are subject to reversion. 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.

23. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 797 ADOPTING TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET & CASH FLOW BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

Executive Director Placide introduced a required Human Resources presentation. Chair Leano confirmed whether any board action was needed, to which General Counsel Flower clarified that this presentation could be heard as a Public Hearing.

Director of Human Resources Torregano delivered the presentation via PowerPoint, providing an overview of Tri-City Mental Health Authority's staffing challenges and efforts to address them. She reported that TCMHA had a vacancy rate of 18.7%, with 49.5 positions unfilled. She identified the medical team and support staff roles as the most difficult to recruit and retain.

HR Director Torregano reviewed key performance indicators, noting that in 2024, Human Resources processed 53 completed recruitments, 102 position changes, and approximately 12 employee referrals. She described several active outreach campaigns, including upcoming hiring events, participation in college job fairs, partnerships with professional organizations, and expansion of the agency's internship program. TCMHA also encourages employee referrals and promotes its competitive wages, strong benefits package, available incentives, and eligibility for loan forgiveness programs.

She also outlined upcoming enhancements to support recruitment and retention efforts. Vice-Chair Lau thanked Director Torregano for the detailed and informative presentation but noted that current Instagram recruitment posts are static and suggested exploring more engaging formats. HR Director Torregano responded that a video featuring Executive Director Placide was forthcoming. Executive Director Placide added that social media engagement must be ongoing and consistent to be effective. Vice-Chair Lau reiterated that varied and dynamic content is important, as the current posts tend to look too similar.

Board Member Cockrell inquired about the confidentiality of employee surveys. HR Director Torregano responded that while survey responses are submitted to HR, any

information shared with departments is censored to protect confidentiality. Board Member Cockrell asked for reassurance that employees are aware of this confidentiality, and HR Director Torregano confirmed that they are. Vice-Chair Lau also commented positively on the practice of conducting Stay Interviews, emphasizing their value in employee retention efforts.

Chief Financial Officer Acosta provided a brief review of the budget as outlined in the report and accompanying binder. She explained that the budget is organized by funding sources, including the general fund—which encompasses realignment and grant funding—and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding. All components ultimately consolidate into the primary financial document: the cash flow statement. Chief Financial Officer Acosta directed the Board's attention to this statement within the binder for a comprehensive view of the agency's financial outlook.

Board Member Lantz inquired whether the document presented was a consolidated budget or a consolidating one. Chief Financial Officer Acosta clarified that it is a *consolidating* budget, meaning it shows the individual funding streams and how they contribute to the overall financial picture, rather than a final, consolidated summary.

Chair Leano opened the meeting to Public Comment, there was none.

There being no further comment, Board Member Lantz, and Board Member Canales seconded to approve Resolution No. 797 adopting the Authority's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Cash Flow Budget. 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

Board Member Grajeda thanked Chief Financial Officer Acosta and her team's work on the Budget acknowledging the hard work put in. Chief Financial Officer Acosta stated she would relay it to her team.

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Counsel Joseph Flower informed the Board that there would be an opportunity for general Public Comment as well as a closed session later in the meeting.

MHSA Projects Manager Sara Rodriguez announced that public comment is currently open for the Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) component, and that informational packets have been distributed to community sites in Pomona, La Verne, and Claremont for public review. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria shared that each Board member had received an invitation and flyer for the upcoming Community Wellness Fair. Executive Director Placide asked how many organizations would be participating, to which Chief Clinical Officer Renteria responded that 39 organizations are confirmed.

Board Member Canales asked if the event is only for participating organizations. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria clarified that the event is open to the public and is an opportunity for the community to learn more about Tri-City Mental Health Authority (TCMHA) and the services offered by the participating organizations. Board Member Canales then inquired whether representatives from the Watch Commander's Meeting could attend. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria confirmed that they are welcome. Board Member Canales asked whether the event would be recorded, and Executive Director Placide confirmed that it would be. Chief Clinical Officer Renteria added that the fair will feature resource booths and a brief program to introduce the participating organizations.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board will recess 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)(2). One case.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:55 p.m. the Governing Board reconvened to an Open Session.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the **Governing Board** will be held on **Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**, in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



Ontson Placide, Executive Director