



## ***Solano County Local Mental Health Board***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

December 16, 2008

#### **I. Call to order**

Michelle Chargualaf called to order the regular meeting of the Local Mental Health Board at 4:40 p.m. on December 16, 2008 in Conference Room 1 at 275 Beck Ave. Items were tabled and the meeting recessed for a holiday potluck celebration. Michelle Chargualaf called the meeting to order again at 5:00 p.m.

#### **II. In attendance**

Martin Messina	Michelle Chargualaf
Sabine Goerke-Shrode	Carolyn Patton
Mark Higginbotham	Sam Neustadt
Gene Korte	Rachel and Garrett Ford
Mike Opredek	Betty Warner
Wanda Taylor	Cynthia Limerick

#### **III. Approval of agenda**

Sam Neustadt made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mark Higginbotham seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Corrections under old business requested by Mark Higginbotham to indicate he was elected as Vice-Chair and not Co-Chair. The minutes approved as amended by Mark Higginbotham and seconded by Sam Neustadt and passed.

#### **V. Chair remarks**

None

#### **VI. Public comments**

Betty Warner, a member of CFAC, NAMI, and attendee of the Thursday night support group, addressed the issue of an unwelcoming and non-constructive atmosphere at Neighborhood of Dreams. After a discussion including consumer comments and a synopsis of the available programs at Neighborhood of Dreams by Rachel Ford, Mark Higginbotham suggested that the board consider having an appropriate sub-committee visit the facility.

Minutes recorded by:  
Cynthia Limerick



**VII. Mental Health Director's report**

Mike Oprende's first order of business was a presentation to Michelle Chargualaf with a certificate and flowers in appreciation and recognition for her years of leadership as the current Chair on the Local Mental Health Board.

See attached MH Director's Report for November, 2008.

**VIII. New business**

A proposed new meeting time of 4:00 p.m. was thrown out on the table as a possibility and concluded that the meeting time will remain at 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

The proposal of a new venue at 275 Beck, Conference Room 1, was suggested.

Michelle added on to the annual report, "The following was provided by the mental health director of Solano County and serves as an addendum to the Local Mental Health Board for our annual report."

**IX. Board members remarks and announcements**

None

**X. Agenda items for next meeting**

Mark Higginbotham would like to see the bylaws added to the packets.

He also suggested a discussion on a format of protocol for public hearings.

**XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. and called by Michelle Chargualaf.