



Solano County Local Mental Health Board
275 Beck Ave. Conference Room 1
January 20, 2009
Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Sam Neustadt called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Members

Gene Korte
Michelle Chargualaf
Sam Neustadt
Mark Higginbotham
Spencer Rundberg
Juanita Smith
Martin Messina
Joan Burnett
Linda Seifert
Heather Bautista
Dr. Ve Le
Carolyn Patton
John Rayfield
Wanda Taylor
Sabine Goerke-Shrode

Staff

Rachel Ford
Jack Malan
Mike Oprendeck
Cynthia Limerick

Visitors

E.J. Holland

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Mark Higginbotham made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted.
Gene Korte seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of minutes from December 16, 2008 meeting.**

Mark Higginbotham had a clarification and correction both in item 10.
Mark provided clarification as to the origin of his request for copies of the by-laws. The correction in item 10 states, "format of protocol for public hearings". Mark Higginbotham moved adoption as amended. Martin Messina seconded and the motion carries.

4. **Chair's Remarks**

- 4.1 Sam Neustadt gave a brief overview of the Brown Act.
4.2 As soon as there is a quorum in the room, the meeting will start.
4.3 By definition of the Brown Act, this is a meeting of the board held in the public eye. The pink speaker cards are available for the public who want to speak about an item on or off the agenda in an orderly



fashion consistent with the agenda. The purpose is to provide information for the board's deliberation.

- 4.4 Alignment – Sam discussed the purpose of structuring committees in alignment with the work of the department.
- 4.5 Structuring of the agenda – all prior information should be to the board before the board is requested to discuss or subsequently take action.
- 4.6 Public Hearings –In response to a previous question from Mark regarding protocol, it is the job of the board to listen to the public without comment.
- 4.7 Preclude the public's opportunity to be heard with respect to issues of mental health – the board wants to be a more active voice with the BOS.

5. Community Input

- 5.1 There was no community input.

6. Director's Report – See attached director's report

- 6.1 State, national, local issues and budget:
MHSA Allocation: Mike discussed the state's inability to pay claims and the possibility of moving current MHSA allocated funds into a managed care program requiring voter approval.
- 6.2 Mike announced the need for a board representative on the steering committee.
- 6.3 Sam Neustadt recommends that for the 09/10 year, it might be worth bringing the redesign ideas forward to the board for input.
- 6.4 A comment from E.J. Holland in response to the MHSA funding questioned its impact on hospitalization and supplantation. The board shares his concern with the supplantation issue.

7. Old Business

- 7.1 Committee updates – Sam wants to make sure board members are aware that mental health sub-committees are up for discussion. We align the board committees with the work of the staff and the process action teams already in place. Sam suggested to the board to review the committees and address representation to the director.
- 7.2 Board response to the budget and the MHSA proposal act – The board as a group voted to write a letter to the BOS and Legislature in opposition to the possible MHSA funding proposal. Sam requested Mike to draft a technically accurate letter to present to the Board of Supervisors and Legislature.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Cultural Competence is carried over to the next meeting.



8.2 Jack Malan gave a brief overview and presented a roadmap of in-process revenue generating programs.

9. Board members' remarks

- 9.1 Welcome to Linda Seifert – Board of Supervisors
- 9.2 Topics for next agenda
- 9.3 Follow up on Enterprise Building
- 9.4 CFAC
- 9.5 Cultural Competence
- 9.6 Follow up on Committees
- 9.7 Neighborhood of Dreams
- 9.8 Mandated programs
- 9.9 By-Laws

10. Meeting Adjourned at 6:10p.m.