



Solano County Local Mental Health Board
February 17, 2009
Solano County Office of Education
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Sam Neustadt called to order the regular meeting of the Local Mental Health Board at 4:35 p.m. on February 17, 2009 in the Waterman Room.

In Attendance:

Joan Burnett
Sabine Goerke-Shrode
Mark Higginbotham
Eugene Korte
Martin Messina
Sam Neustadt
John Rayfield
Spencer Rundberg

Linda Seifert
Wanda Taylor
Rachel Ford
Joseph Robinson
Mike Opredek
Cynthia Limerick
Jayleen Richards

II. Approval of Agenda for February 17, 2009

Mark Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and motion to second made by Spencer Rundberg.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2009

- Sabine Goerke-Shrode was in attendance and her name is added to the minutes.
- Mark Higginbotham motioned to approve the minutes as amended.
- Motion to second by Spencer Rundberg and unanimously approved.

IV. Chair's Remarks – Sam Neustadt

Sam gave a brief overview of the budget and the economic stabilization piece of the stimulus package. He discussed a block of funds stating 61% of that block needs to be spent on education as defined by the governor.

- The biggest hit to the budget is:
- General fund block grant
- Opportunity block grant
- Special education block grant

4.1 The board took action to amend the legislative draft letter addressing it to Lois Wolk instead of Barbara Boxer. Spencer Rundberg made a motion to sign and send the letter as amended and a motion to second made by Gene Korte. The vote passed unanimously.

4.2 A brief discussion on a meeting location resulted in a request from Mark Higginbotham in finding a consistent meeting place. 2101 Courage Drive is a default location if other arrangements are unavailable. The board will receive updates on this item by Mental Health Administration.

V. Community Input

None

VI. Director's Report

6.1 Budget Update: See Director's report attached.

6.1.1 Veteran's web site launch – Mike is asking Jayleen Richards as the contact for more information on this. Contact information for Jayleen Richards is jmrichards@solanocounty.com and phone number is 707-784-8329.

6.2 Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) update – Jayleen Richards presented to the board a presentation encompassing:

- Solano County's vision for mental health services.
- Implementation of mental health service act components.
- Financial challenges facing the mental health services act.
- Community support and services updates.
- Current program plans.
- Implementation of a plan on prevention early intervention.
- Implementation of new mental health service act components.

6.3 Mike Opredek discussed local contingency planning and crisis services going from a planned staged approach into an immediate change bringing about community concerns. Mike provided statistics of services required since going live with the changes disproving the myth that emergency rooms will be flooded with clients. Mike emphasized the consolidation efforts provide efficiency of services. The provision of how we provide the services is different. Mobile crisis can now respond to people out in the field instead of clients coming to a clinic.

6.3.1 An update from Mike Opredek on the building at 1745 Enterprise stated the work is completed on thermostats and air ducts and meeting with staff is ongoing regarding the issues. For those effected staff, they were moved out of the building to relieve any potential health safety issues.

VII. Old Business

7.1 Joseph Robinson gave a cultural competency presentation to the board including handouts of the presentation. Members are invited to attend the monthly cultural competency meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 275 Beck Ave.

7.2 Committee updates –Sam suggested homework to the board is to take a look at the process action teams (information from the January meeting) and develop sub-committees to align community input in the teams. Take a look at the goals and objectives of the committees and be prepared for discussion and action at next meeting.

VIII. New Business

8.1 First Five Solano – Christine Arrostituto
This item is moved to the next meeting.

IX. Board Member's Remarks/Announcements

9.1 Gene Korte is interested in updates on billing and tracking of Mobile Crisis.

9.2 Sabine Goerke-Schrode announced May is Mental Health month and Rachel Ford is the contact person for public events information.

X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

10.1 Committee updates and alignment.

10.2 May is mental health month.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m.

XII. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA Room 1600

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Limerick