



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
**MENTAL HEALTH AND  
 SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



**MARIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
 November 18, 2014 @ 6:00 P.M.  
 20 North San Pedro  
 Point Reyes Conference Room  
 San Rafael, California 94903  
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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**ATTENDEES:** Everett Brandon, Sandra Fawn, Robbie Powelson, Gary Schepke, Katie Rice

**ABSENT:** Aida-Cecilia Castro Garcia, Marty Zelin

**EXCUSED:** Narayan Khalsa

**STAFF:** Suzanne Tavano, Director, Mental Health & Substance Use Services  
 Bonnie Barrett, staff, Mental Health & Substance Use Services

**GUESTS:** Mari-Ann Rivers, County Counsel  
 Leigh Steffy, Mental Health & Substance Use Services, Barbara Alexander, NAMI

TIME	SUBJECT
6:00 PM	CALL TO ORDER at 6:12 p.m.
6:13 PM	INTRODUCTIONS: Introduce Board Members
6:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes; Approval of minutes <b>Vote: Unanimous Aye – Motion by Robbie Powelson and Second by Katie Rice</b></li> </ul>
6:17 PM	ELECTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination for Everett Brandon as Secretary</li> <li><b>Vote: Unanimous Aye – Motion by Sandra Fawn and Second by Robbie Powelson</b></li> </ul>
6:20 PM	PRESENTATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leigh Steffy of Marin County Mental Health &amp; Substance Use Services presented on Data Notebook, an annual process to assist local boards to meet their mandates to review the local county mental health systems, identify unmet needs, and recommend improvements. Leigh reviewed data from the same fiscal year as the notebook discussing areas of interest and disparities in the data between state &amp; county due to state's figures being representative of Medi-cal recipients only, while county data includes uninsured clients also. The board designated an ad-hoc committee to complete responses to data notebook and will</li> </ul>

6:55 PM	<p>present completed report for approval at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>PRESENTATION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on The Brown Act presented by Mari-Ann Rivers, Marin County Counsel to update board members of rules, regulations and responsibilities of boards, including do's and don'ts of meeting conduct. The board's role, conflicts of interest, types of meetings &amp; committees, Notices &amp; timelines of posting Agendas were discussed.</li> </ul>
7:45 PM	<p><b>MENTAL HEALTH &amp; SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DIRECTOR REPORT:</b> Dr. Suzanne Tavano - Director's report postponed until next meeting due to time constraints.</li> </ul>
7:45 PM	<p><b>CELEBRATING THE UNCELEBRATED 2015:</b> Gary Schepcke:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Schepcke reported on the upcoming Celebrating the Uncelebrated scheduled for Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The board will form a committee, and Katie Rice will reserve space to prepare for the event.</li> </ul>
7:50 PM	<p><b>AGENDA:</b> Gary Schepcke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Schepcke proposed moving open time to the beginning of the meeting and moving new business to the end of the meeting, to give visitors a chance to leave early if they choose to do so. Gary requested the board receive Minutes and Agenda sooner than 3 days prior to the MHAB meeting to give board members more time for review.</li> </ul>
7:55 PM	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP REPORT:</b> Katie Rice, Robbie Powelson - Co-chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment goals: To make membership in line with Medi-cal demographics</li> <li>• Discussion of creating ability for people to self-identify ethnicity for seat which they apply for. Review of new application layout by board. <b>Vote: Unanimous Aye – Motion to approve new application layout by Sandra Fawn, Second by Robbie Powelson.</b></li> <li>• Update on vacancies by Robbie Powelson: Marvin Mars interviewed as candidate for board member. Discussion of previous work with Sonoma County AOD and his interest in services for the aging. <b>Vote: Unanimous Aye – Robbie Powelson Motion to approve appointing Marvin Mars to Mental Health Advisory Board, Second by Katie Rice.</b></li> </ul>
8:05 PM	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Mental Health Services: Robbie Powelson for Narayan Khalsa: RP would like to refrain from referring age demographic 16 – 25 as TAY. He states the term TAY is found to be disparaging to young people seeking to establish themselves as independent adults. While MHSA state language defines this age group as such, Dr. Tavano iterates MHSUS does</li> </ul>

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	<p>not have to label programs as TAY.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALMHBC Legislative Committee: Robbie Powelson, Co-Chair Last meeting in October – legislative session is in recess, nothing to report.</li> <li>• Homelessness: Homeless update to be given at joint MHAB/AOD meeting.</li> <li>• Suicide Prevention – Nothing to Report</li> </ul>
8:00 PM	<p>LIASONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality Improvement Council (QIC) – Marty Zelin QIC report postponed due to absence by Marty Zelin</li> <li>• Prevention &amp; Early Intervention (PEI) – Robbie Powelson Nothing to report at this time.</li> </ul>
8:10 PM	<p>OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Alexandra of NAMI spoke on other county’s progression of the implementation of Laura’s Law, and the impacts of homelessness on the human body.</li> </ul>
8:15 PM	ADJOURNMENT

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