

**TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 4:45 p.m.
2008 N. Garey Avenue, Suite 1B, Pomona, California

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lantz called the Governing Board meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Governing Board Present: Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Chair
Chuck Leeb, Ph.D, City of Claremont, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne
Bill Aguirre, City of La Verne
Joseph M. Lyons, MA, Ph.D, City of Claremont
Edina Martinez, Psy.D, City of Pomona

Governing Board Absent: Robin Carder, City of La Verne
Freddie Rodriguez, City of Pomona

Guests: Darold Pieper, General Counsel
Donna R. Evans, Legal Counsel
Lauren Marshall, City of Claremont
Heidi Bonadie, NAMI Pomona Valley
Betsey Coffman, League of Women Voters
Mark Lazzaretto, City of Pomona
James Bonar, Executive Director of Clifford Beers Housing
Page Horn, Associate Project Director of Clifford Beers Housing
Bjorn Knudsen, Chief Executive Officer of Hygeia
Shelley Desautels, City of Claremont

Staff: Jesse Duff, Executive Director
Margaret Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Toni Navarro, LMFT, Director of Clinical Program Services
Nancy Gill, Director of Operations
Rimmi Hundal, MHSA Manager
Gilbert Saldate, Public Outreach Coordinator
Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager

ROLL CALL

A visual roll call of the Governing Board was taken.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from Governing Board Meeting of July 18, 2012.

Board Member Lyons moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, seconded by Board Member Martinez and unanimously carried.

2. APPROVAL OF RENEWED MEMBERSHIP TO TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION – BETSEY MACLAREN

Board Member Leeb moved to approve the re-appointment of Betsey MacLaren to the Mental Health Commission for a three-year term retroactive to June 2012, seconded by Board Member Lyons, and unanimously carried.

3. APPROVAL OF RENEWED MEMBERSHIP TO TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION – DAVETTA WILLIAMS

Board Member Aguirre moved to approve the re-appointment of Davetta Williams to the Mental Health Commission for a three-year term, seconded by Board Member Leeb, and unanimously carried.

4. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR THE POSITION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND HOUSING MANAGER

Following a brief staff report, Board Member Lyons moved to adopt RESOLUTION 362, A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, ADDITION OF POSITION TO CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC OUTREACH AND HOUSING MANAGER, seconded by Board Member Leeb, and unanimously carried.

5. DETERMINATION AND APPROVAL OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT REVERSION CALCULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTE

Following a brief staff report, Board Member Lyons moved to adopt RESOLUTION 363, A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, ADOPTION OF MHSA REVERSION METHOD OF CALCULATION, seconded by Board Member Leeb, and unanimously carried.

6. APPROVAL OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO BE DEVELOPED BY CLIFFORD BEERS HOUSING; APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH CLIFFORD BEERS HOUSING FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER LOCATED AT 2018 N. GAREY AVENUE, POMONA, CALIFORNIA

Housing Project Manager Pruyn presented the staff report and stated the MOU should be corrected to reflect 16 units of housing rather than 17, and with that change, the total number of units should be 38 instead of 39. He also stated reference to the budget being attached as Exhibit A should be removed.

General Counsel Pieper proposed the language of paragraph 7 of the Option Agreement read: 7. Obligation to Development Project. As a condition to its right to exercise the Option and purchase the Property, Optionee shall (1) agree to develop the Project and restrict occupancy of the units in the Project (less one unit for a resident manager) to MHSA-eligible households; and (2) demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner that it has sufficient committed funding to ensure that the Project will be built after the exercise of the Option.

Chair Lantz stated the City of Pomona also applies for shelter care grants, and inquired if Tri City applications compete with those of Pomona.

Housing Project Manager Pruyn indicated it could be a competitive situation if the City were to apply for the project based vouchers Tri City seeks, but the City of Pomona has applied for tenant based vouchers.

Mark Lazzaretto, City of Pomona, stated they are not currently in competition, but it could be a future concern. He indicated he would gather additional information.

Chair Lantz expressed concern related to the Holt housing project. She indicated parking, accessibility, security and play space for children is currently problematic, and adding 50 units without improvements would be too much of an impact on the existing neighborhood. She said therefore she could not support the project. Chair Lantz stated if the balance of the Board is supportive, she is hopeful the project will evolve into something she can support in the future.

Housing Project Manager Pruyn responded that those concerns will be a consideration in project design, and there will be adherence to zoning requirements. He added it may be possible to provide synergy to the surrounding environment.

Board Member Lyons stated the Board needs to take into account the wisdom being imparted by the City that will be impacted, and not try to force something that doesn't fit.

He indicated the project should promote client well-being, and inquired if it is possible to modify the language to give assurances that the issues raised will be addressed.

James Bonar, Executive Director of Clifford Beers Housing, Inc., stated Clifford Beers is currently examining the site for difficulties and could do one of two things. One would be to create a project which will work for residents and provide for their families. The second would be to have community-serving space as well. They would be looking for a partner to come forward to work on a project of that type. He stated they would be happy to work with Pomona toward building a better community, if the City would make that commitment.

Executive Director Duff stated staff will withdraw the proposal at this time and work to return a resurrected project to the Board

Chair Lantz said she would be happy to work with Mr. Lazarretto and Mr. Bonar towards a positive project.

At 5:55 p.m. Bill Aguirre left the meeting.

7. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

There were no questions related to the written report.

B. Chief Financial Officer

There were no questions related to the written report.

C. Director of Clinical Program Services

There were no questions related to the written report.

D. Director of Operations

There were no questions related to the written report.

E. Manager of Best Practices

There were no questions related to the written report.

F. MHSA Manager

There were no questions related to the written report.

8. GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board Member Martinez requested staff revisit seeking out new Commission members.

Board Member Martinez introduced Bjorn Knudsen of Hygeia and requested for Mr. Knudsen to be on the next agenda for introduction.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Bonadie, NAMI Pomona Valley, provided a written report to the Board related to PEI 630 activity. She stated NAMI has been able to reach out to the community in a different way with the assistance of Tri-City. Some examples of outreach efforts are parent and teacher allies, interfaith collaborative and family well-being programs.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Lantz invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

At 6:03 p.m., the Governing Board recessed to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a):

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (ONE CASE)

NAME OF CASE: *Paul Crane v. Tri-City Mental Health Services*, Case No. BC 489674, Los Angeles Superior Court

At 6:35 p.m., the Governing Board reconvened.

Closed Session Report

General Counsel Pieper reported the Governing Board took no reportable action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lantz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Leeb, and unanimously carried at 6:37 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Tri-City Mental Health Governing Board will be held on October 17, 2012, in Suite 1B, 2008 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.