

**TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES**

March 16, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Governing Board Present: Paula Lantz, City of Pomona
Chuck Leeb, Ph.D., City of Claremont
Robin Carder, City of La Verne
Ginna E. Escobar, City of Pomona
Edina Martinez, Psy.D, City of Pomona
Mercy Santoro, City of Claremont
Bertha Washington, City of La Verne

Guests: Bill Aguirre, City of La Verne
Mark Lazzaretto, City of Pomona
Darold Pieper, General Counsel
Arny Bloom, PEI K-12 Workgroup Member
Dick Bunce, NAMI of Pomona Valley
Betsey Coffman, League of Women Voters
Michael Fay, NAMI of Pomona Valley
Maria Elena Garcia, Mental Health Commissioner
John G. Ott, Luminescence Consulting
Christina Vera, Community Member
Sylvia Whitlock, Ph.D., Mental Health Commissioner
Davetta Williams, Mental Health Commissioner
Community Member

Staff: Jesse Duff, Executive Director
Margaret Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Toni Navarro, LMFT, Director of Clinical Program Services
Nancy Gill, Director of Operations
Elizabeth Owens, Quality Assurance Manager
Rimmi Hundal, MHSA Manager
Chris Scarzo, Community Support Worker
Nancy Day, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Paula Lantz called the meeting to order at 4:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A visual roll call was taken.

1. PRESENTATION

Jesse Duff presented Cristina Carrizosa with a plaque in recognition of her service (four years) on the Tri-City Governing Board. Ms. Carrizosa commended the agency and staff for all of their hard work toward increasing the availability of services within the three cities, and, the provision of those services. Ms. Carrizosa also stated she is eager to provide assistance to Tri-City in whatever way necessary.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes from Joint Governing Board / Mental Health Commission Meeting of December 15, 2010
- B. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2011 Governing Board Meeting

Robin Carder motioned that the Governing Board approves the Consent Calendar as herein submitted; Dr. Chuck Leeb seconded. Without objection, motion was unanimously approved. (7-0-0-0)

3. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

- Clinic Operations – Garey Location
 - The Garey clinic reconfiguration and construction project was advertised on February 28, 2011 and March 7, 2011 with bidding scheduled to close on March 23. Staff is recommending a Special Meeting of the Governing Board is called for the first week of April 2011 to award the contract to the lowest bidder. Following a brief discussion, Governing Board members recommended this item be included on the agenda for the Special Meeting currently scheduled April 7, 2011 to review and approve the 2011-2012 MHSA Annual Update. (*So noted.*)
- Los Angeles County DMH Contract – Withhold Percentage
 - Tri-City successfully achieved a reduction in the 33% withhold amount to 8.3%. (*A small celebration in recognition of this achievement immediately preceded today's meeting.*)
- MHSA Updates
 - Wellness Center

Bids for construction of the Wellness Center were opened on February 11, 2011 and the winning bid amount was \$1,537,000.

Construction began March 7 and is projected to be completed by mid-August 2011.

- Governor Brown's FY 2011-12 State Budget Proposal

Discussions have continued regarding the governor's 2011-12 Budget Proposal and much of it surrounding implementation of Realignment II (similar to Realignment I enacted years ago). Clarity on whether is this would be one time, first year funds only, or available on an ongoing basis has not yet been determined. Discussions have also included a plan whereby the Department of Mental Health would fold into the Department of Health Services, which if put in effect would create many layoffs at DMH. Tri-City will keep the Governing Board up-to-date on additional information and clarifications as available.

- Ongoing Permanent Delegates Structure for MHSA Planning

Jesse Duff presented information on staff's recommendation that Tri-City develop a permanent delegates structure for future MHSA planning processes. Although throughout the earlier planning processes (CSS, PEI) delegates were appointed by the Governing Board, staff believes an ongoing permanent delegates structure consisting of a set amount of representatives from various communities within the three cities would be a better system when moving forward with MHSA planning. John Ott offered preliminary information outlining the intent of this recommendation, adding that a formal discussion and approval would be presented at the Special Meeting scheduled on April 7, 2011 for approval of the 2011-2012 MHSA Annual Update.

B. Chief Financial Officer

Refer to report.

C. Director of Clinical Program Services

Refer to report.

D. Director of Operations

Refer to report.

E. Quality Assurance Manager

Refer to report.

F. MHSA Coordinator

Rimmi Hundal related that temporary office space had been secured for Wellness Center staff at 1890 N. Garey Avenue in Pomona, just south of the Garey clinic. Staff will remain at this location until construction of the Wellness Center is completed. Services provided by the Wellness Center will continue to occur at the Garey clinic location.

4. GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. (7-0-0-0)