



**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**July 10, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE**

- Present:** Paul Capraro, Chair  
Arny Bloom, Vice-Chair  
Cheryl Berezny  
Maria Elena Garcia  
Betsy MacLaren  
Donald R. Perez  
Davetta Williams
- Absent:** Joseph M Lyons MS , Ph D  
Sylvia Whitlock, Ph.D.
- Guests:** Betsey Coffman, League of Women Voters  
Lauren Marshall, City of Claremont
- Staff:** Jesse H. Duff, Executive Director  
Nancy Gill, Director of Operations  
Rimmi Hundal, MHSA Manager  
Toni Navarro, LMFT, Director of Clinical Program Services  
Donald Pruyn, Housing Project Manager  
Luis Resendez, MA, Clinical Therapist

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Capraro called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

A visual roll call was taken.

**III. MINUTES**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Joint Governing Board and Mental Health Commission Meeting held May 16, 2012

Action: Betsy MacLaren motioned that the Mental Health Commission approves the Minutes from the Joint Governing Board and Commission meeting held May 16, 2012 as herein provided; Vice Chair Army Bloom seconded. Without objection, motion was unanimously approved. (7-0-2-0) (Lyons, Whitlock)

#### **IV APPROVAL OF THE HOUSING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PLAN**

Toni Navarro, LMFT, Director of Clinical Program Services provided information on the Housing Supportive Housing Plan and supportive services to be offered to sustain housing for Tri City clients and their families, Supportive Services will be provided by Gilbert Saldate and his team and will be recruiting for a Community Navigator to offer educational, vocational, case management and basic housing management services. David and Margaret Home, Inc will be responsible for on-site management unit and housing coordinator to oversee larger community rooms within these housing units. Groups will be open to clients and non clients alike. All FSP consumers will be involved in social and recreational activities.

Ms. Navarro and Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager responded to several questions from Commission members inquiring about length of stay for the residents, plans for follow up, what skills will be taught to assist clients with maintaining housing, what are obstacles with any rent increases, screening process, ways to incorporate needs criteria, and if any additional funds over the 6.9 million allocated to housing will be available.

Action: Cheryl Berezny motioned that the Mental Health Commission approves the Supportive Housing Plan and direct staff to present this Plan to the Governing Board for final approval; Maria Elena Garcia seconded. Following a vote of seven in favor and two absent (Lyons, Whitlock), motion passed. (7-0-2-0)

#### **V. PRESENTATION**

Clinical Therapist Luis Resendez, MA presented information on the MHSA Urban Farming Program and services that will be focusing on 3 targeted population groups: 1) Veterans, 2) Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and 3) At-risk clients. Mr. Resendez also provided some history on horticultural therapy and its effectiveness. Executive Director Jesse Duff and Housing Project Manager Don Pruyn explained the responsibility that Uncommon Good holds in regards to their agreement with Tri City in regards to security, property and zoning for the Urban Farming Program.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **A. Executive Director**

Jesse Duff provided a brief report to the Commission on topics that included:

- Update on Realignment 1991 and the State Budget not having the negative impact on Tri City's funding next year that had been anticipated as there will not be a decrease in 1991 Realignment.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding is expected to increase by 20% next year but Tri City will be building a budget around a 10% increase
- Brief review of Housing Program activities, and various properties being reviewed for potential use

## **VII. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Executive Director Jesse Duff announced that both Mental Health Commission and Governing Board Meetings are dark in August and the next scheduled Mental Health Commission meeting will be held on September 11, 2012.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: Chair Paul Capraro motioned that the Commission meeting be adjourned and following no objections from the floor, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.