



**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

October 9, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Paul Capraro, Chair
Arny Bloom, Vice-Chair
Joseph M Lyons MS , Ph D
Betsy MacLaren
Davetta Williams

Absent:

Cheryl Berezny
Maria Elena Garcia
Donald R. Perez
Sylvia Whitlock, Ph.D.

Guests:

Betsey Coffman, League of Women Voters
Lauren Marshall, City of Claremont

Staff:

Jesse H. Duff, Executive Director
Toni Navarro, LMFT, Director of Clinical Program Services
Rimmi Hundal, MHSA Manager
Nancy Gill, Director of Operations
Mary Baron, LCSW Program Manager of Special Clinical Services
Dana Stein, MHSA Program Coordinator
Gilbert Saldate, Public Outreach and Housing Manager
Donald Pruyne, Housing Project Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Capraro called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A visual roll call was taken.

III. MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Mental Health Commission Meeting held September 11, 2012

Action: Joseph Lyons motioned that the Mental Health Commission approves the Minutes from the Mental Health Commission meeting held September 11, 2012 as herein provided; Arny Bloom seconded. Without objection, motion was unanimously approved. (5-0-4-0) (Berezny, Garcia, Perez, Whitlock)

IV. PRESENTATION

- Dana Stein, MHSA Program Coordinator and Mary Baron, LCSW Program Manager of Special Clinical Services provided a presentation on the PEI Peer to Peer Counseling program. This program was developed through the PEI plan and approved by the Delegates. The program provides services for age groups 16 - 25 years (TAY) and Seniors (60 years and older) and is intergenerational. Counselor qualifications and Counselee criteria were discussed as well as an explanation of where referrals come from for this program. Current groups offered: Grief & Loss, Alzheimer's Support, Finding Our Balance and Crochet.
- Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager, provided an update on Tri City's 4 transitional and permanent housing projects totaling 162 housing units. Escrow closed on September 21, 2012 for the purchase of the 786 N. Park Ave complex in Pomona. Tri City facilities staff has completed minor repair work needed to the complex prior to the re-inspection from the Housing Authority on October 8, 2012. Toni Navarro, LMFT Director of Clinical Program Services and Gilbert Saldate, Public Outreach and Housing Manager has begun outreach to the residents. Staff continues working with David & Margaret Home, Inc and the project developer to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Cedar Springs (8 units) project located on the campus of David & Margaret Homes in La Verne. Due to concerns expressed at the September Governing Board Meeting the Board postponed action on the MOU with Clifford Beers Housing to develop 38 units of permanent housing at 1445 E. Holt Ave Pomona and Option Agreement, for Clifford Beers to provide an option to purchase Tri City's vacant property at 2018 N. Garey Ave. Members of the City of Pomona, Clifford Beers Housing and Tri City staff are working together to address these concerns regarding security and recreational improvements. Initial meetings have been positive and productive. Ms. Navarro also explained that Tri City is pursuing VASH subsidies for veterans for these housing units. Paul Capraro, Commission Chair commented that improvements for Rick's Trailer Park area would be a morale boost for the community.

V. REPORTS

▪ Executive Director

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

- Announcement of WET Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Taylor Hall
- Announcement and invitations were provided to Commission members for the Celebration of Tri City Delegates event scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Avalon Room at the Fairplex.
- Several Executive staff attended the CMHDA/CIMH Substance Abuse Policy Forum in September. Topics discussed: Health Reform, Realignment Funding, and MHSAs Outcomes and Accountability.
- Announcement for the Tri City Holiday Party scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the Avalon Room at the Fairplex.
- Recruitment for new Mental Health Commission members has started. Flyers were sent to local cities and community agencies for posting. The application is posted on the Tri City website.

VI. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Chair Paul Capraro recommends more involvement from La Verne and Claremont police agencies to learn more about recognizing physical vs. mental health issues and requests Tri City staff to have these conversations with the City Managers. Jesse Duff, Executive Director informed Mr. Capraro that he and Ms. Navarro have been meeting with the Police Chiefs and City Managers offering Tri City's resources and trainings and will continue to do so.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Arny Bloom motioned that the Commission meeting be adjourned and Betsy MacLaren seconded; following no objections from the floor, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.