



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
JANUARY 10, 2017 – 3:30 P.M.**

The Mental Health Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1717 N. Indian Hill Blvd. # B, Claremont, California.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** A visual roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Toni L. Watson, Chair  
Donald R. Perez, Vice-Chair  
Cheryl Berezny  
Arny Bloom  
Anne Henderson  
Chuck Leeb, Ph.D.  
Elmer Vidaña  
Alfonso "Al" Villanueva  
Davetta Williams

**ABSENT:** Twila L. Stephens

**STAFF:** Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services  
Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager  
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THE DECEMBER 21, 2016 GOVERNING BOARD / MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION JOINT MEETING**

There being no comment, Governing Board Liaison Leeb moved, and Commissioner Henderson seconded, to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2016 Governing Board/Mental Health Commission Joint Meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: **AYES:** Commissioners Berezny, Bloom, Henderson, Vidaña, and Villanueva; Vice-Chair Perez; and Chair Watson. **NOES:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Williams. **ABSENT:** Commissioner Stephens.

**II. RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRI-CITY GOVERNING BOARD FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER \$1.2 MILLION IN UNSPENT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (CSS) FUNDS TO THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

Commissioner Bloom reported that he had attended and participated in the Stakeholder's process, and it supports replenishing the housing funds noting that this money will allow Tri-City to apply for additional funding making its application stronger; he then moved to approve recommending to the Governing Board transferring funds to the permanent supportive housing program.

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Hundal stated that Tri-City and its MHSA Stakeholders were in support of the Mental Health Commission approve recommending to Tri-City's Governing Board to approve the transfer of \$1.2 million in unspent Community Services and Supports (CSS) funds to the Permanent Supportive Housing Program, allowing Tri-City to replenish its current Housing funds to be prepared to take full advantage of the funds that Tri-City will be eligible under the 'No Place Like Home' (NPLH) program scheduled to begin in July 2017. She noted that Tri-City had spent all of its previously allocated funds for housing to create 64 units of permanent supportive housing and that having this money available, will make Tri-City more competitive when it starts exploring new permanent supportive housing developments in the Tri-City area.

### **III. PRESENTATION**

#### **A. FAREWELL TO DR. CHUCK LEEB**

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Hundal read a statement prepared by Tri-City's Executive Director Toni Navarro which enumerated the many contributions of Dr. Chuck Leeb to Tri-City. She indicated that Dr. Leeb had been a Board Member for Tri-City Mental Health since March 2008; during most of his tenure he had been the Board's Vice Chair; that he also volunteered and was very active as the Governing Board's representative on the Mental Health Commission for the vast majority of that time; that Dr. Leeb had been an integral part of the reorganization, reestablishment, and renewed success of the Tri-City Mental Health Authority; that Dr. Leeb, as a licensed clinical psychologist, brought a vital perspective to Tri-City's Governing Board and Mental Health Commission; noting that his direct professional experience, a community mental health provider administrator, and an advocate for and legal expert on mental health issues made him particularly well-suited to advise and guide the work that Tri-City is charged with providing; that Dr. Leeb also invested in and stayed constantly abreast of new developments in the field, both in regards to services and programs and legal/legislative changes and with this knowledge and expertise Dr. Leeb could and did inform the Board as to whether the reports, plans for programming, ideas about funding, and/or overall operation of the Tri-City system of care is appropriate/on track/in keeping with the best practices and/or bounds and expectations of community mental health and the field of mental health practice at large; she also stated that Executive Director Navarro could not stress enough how valuable and just all around great it was to have Dr. Leeb as a member of Tri-City's Governing Board and Mental Health Commission for so many years. Unfortunately, the City of Claremont has term limits with regards to its committee appointees should others express interest and, after 9 years, Tri-City has to say good-bye to Dr. Leeb, and thanked Dr. Leeb for his staunch commitment and whole-hearted support, of not only the Agency and its mission, but of the Executive Team during these past 9 years.

Dr. Leeb stated that it had been an honor and the highlight of his career to have served as a Member of Tri-City's Governing Board and thanked staff for all their support.

#### **B. MHSA PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Hundal provided an overview of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), known as the 'millionaire's tax', which was approved in California in 2004 that created a 1% tax on personal income over \$1 million dollars allowing for mental health services.

She stated that the MHSA has five components: the Community Services and Supports (CSS); Prevention and Early Intervention Services (PEI), Innovation (INN), Workforce, Education and Training (WET), and Capital Facilities & Technology Needs (CFTN); explained the different programming under each Plan; talked about the Stakeholder's process which is community involvement that helps develop the programming available through Tri-City; and discussed how plans are approved and implemented.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Hundal reported that Dr. Seeyam Teimoori began his new position in January as Tri-City's new Medical Director; that Tri-City will be honoring former Board Member Paula Lantz for her 25 years of service at the 'All Agency Staff Meeting' on January 11th, and invited the Mental Health Commission to attend; that its January meeting, the Governing Board will be considering the approval of a Resolution regarding Ethics Training for members of the Governing Board, the Mental Health Commission, and designated employees, noting that this training is required by law for all public boards and commissions where compensation is provided, and while Tri-City Governing Board and Commission are not compensated, the training provides excellent demonstration of integrity, accountability, and commitment to best practices on the part of Tri-City; and that the Governing Board will be selecting the new Board Member liaison to the Mental Health Commission whom will take Dr. Leeb's place.

Don Pruyn, Housing Project Manager, reported that the Holt Family Apartments by Clifford Beers Housing will be completed in July 2017 and pointed out that even though they did not receive the loan they applied for, they are comfortable with the contingency built into the project; that the Baseline Rehabilitation Project in Claremont has been completed, and discussed viable permanent supportive housing project options at the Claremont property, noting that the existing property will be preserved and be used as office and community facilities for the larger development; and that the easement property sale has been delayed, however, the property will be sold to Tri-City.

Discussion ensued regarding permanent supportive housing, shared housing, veteran's vouchers, Clinic easement and issues that delayed the purchase of the easement property.

#### **COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Henderson stated that she would like information regarding each of the three Cities population and its percentage of clients that Tri-City serves.

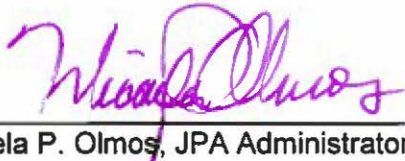
Governing Board Liaison Leeb indicated that this information is provided on a monthly basis to the Governing Board and asked to make this information also available to the Mental Health Commission.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:07 p.m., on consensus of the Mental Health Commission its meeting of January 10, 2017 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard, Suite B, Claremont, California.



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Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk