



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 9, 2018 – 3:30 P.M.**

The Mental Health Commission met in a Regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 3:36 p.m. in MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Toni L. Watson, Chair  
Donald R. Perez, Vice-Chair (arrived at 3:45 p.m.)  
Cheryl Berezny (arrived at 3:45 p.m.)  
Arny Bloom  
Ethel Gardner  
Anne Henderson  
Joan M. Reyes  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Twila L. Stephens  
Wray Ryback  
Alfonso "Al" Villanueva  
Davetta Williams (arrived at 3:40 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** Rubio R. Gonzalez  
Jeanette Heitmann  
David J. Weldon

**STAFF:** Toni Navarro, Executive Director  
Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services  
Sadlon & Associates  
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 REGULAR MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

There being no comment, Commissioner Gardner moved, and Commissioner Henderson seconded, to approve the MHC Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners Gardner, Henderson, Reyes, Rodriguez, Stephens, Ryback; and Chair Watson. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Commissioners Bloom and Villanueva. ABSENT: Board Liaison Gonzalez; Commissioners Berezny, Heitmann, Weldon, and Williams; and Vice-Chair Perez.

## **II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Navarro reported that Tri-City's Innovation Plan, the Tech Suite Collaborative with 14 other counties throughout the State using technology to assist in the recovery of persons struggling with a mental illness, was approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) on September 27th; and indicated that Tri-City will begin the identification and recruitment for the Peer Advisory Committee that will work with Tri-City staff to design the implementation of the program, noting that 4 key staff members will be attending on November 8th Kick-off Event in Sacramento. She then stated that each of the three cities: Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne submitted its own Homeless Plan under County Measure H and were accepted by the County Board of Supervisors a few weeks ago, noting that the cities will be able to apply for the second round of funding; that the three cities are considering filing jointly in this application for implementation funding; and that have invited Tri-City to meet with them to discuss a collaboration with them for the Measure H funding application.

At 4:40 p.m., Commissioner Davetta Williams arrived at the meeting.

### **COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

There was no comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE TRI-CITY HOMELESSNESS PLANNING PROCESS**

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Hundal stated that Sadlon and Associates, Tri-City's consultants, were in attendance to assist Tri-City in creating its region-wide Homelessness Strategic Plan under the No Place Like Home Initiative (NPLH) and they were going to facilitate the workshop.

Executive Director Navarro explained the NPLH initiative; stated that funding under NPLH is derived from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding specifically for housing and it is on the November ballot (Prop 2) for voter approval; talked about requirements to apply for funding under NPLH which requires Tri-City having its own Homelessness Strategic Plan; explained that each of the three cities have its own individual Homelessness Plan; however, a region-wide was required, thus Tri-City's Homelessness Strategic Plan would be a comprehensive and collaborative plan for the three cities.

At 4:45 p.m., Commissioners Cheryl Berezny and Donald R. Perez arrived at the meeting.

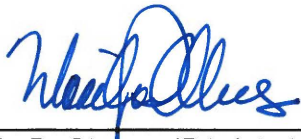
Discussion during workshop was led by Sadlon and Associates (Sadlon); explained Tri-City Mental Health Authority's Mission and the purpose for the workshop which was to share and discuss what is happening in Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona to address housing stability and to receive input and commitment to possible solutions. Sadlon also discussed the agenda for the meeting which included introductions from those in attendance; discussion about homelessness in the Tri City area; and discussion about leading solutions and action plans.

At 5:00 p.m., Commissioners Davetta Williams and Ethel Gardner left the meeting.

Sadlon also provided the Los Angeles County homeless count and homeless statistics; discussed the growing affordable housing crisis; talked about the people experiencing homelessness who are a cross-section of our community; talked about possible solutions shared across the three cities to increase community support, prevent homelessness, and to increase supply of affordable housing. Lastly, Sadlon announced that the Commission will review the Plan and make a recommendation to the Governing Board in December; and that the Governing Board will be able to review and possibly approve the Homelessness Integrated Plan at its meeting in January.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:34 p.m., on consensus of the Mental Health Commission its Regular Meeting of October 9, 2018 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



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Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk