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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Room 515

6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lara Arguelles, Chair, Ellis Joseph, Vice Chair, Dr. David E. Lewis, Secretary, Wendy James, Alphonse Vinh

ABSENT: Noah King, Dr. Terence Patterson

OTHERS PRESENT: Helynna Brooke, Executive Director, Mesha Monge-Irizarry, Eduardo Vega, Executive Director, Mental Health Association (MHA), De Ja Boler, Grey Panthers, Women's International Peace and Freedom League.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Ms. Arguelles.

1.0 REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

For discussion and action

1.1 Public comment

No comments

1.2 **PROPOSED RESOLUTION:** Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 20, 2012 be approved.

Approved unanimously.

2.0 NEXT MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

For discussion and action

2.1 Issues regarding the content of the agenda

Carla Jacobs to present about Laura's Law. It was suggested that Mental Health Association (MHA) speak as well. After discussion and a suggestion from Mr. Vega, Sally Zinman was added to the agenda to present opposition to the law. Discussion regarding Taser resolution.

2.2 Board Planning for future MHB meetings: Dr. Lewis suggested Sgt. Dunn update the board about CIT at the January meeting.

2.3 Public comment

- Concern was expressed that the MHB may appear to be advocating for Laura's Law if Carla Jacobs is the only speaker.

- Mr. Vega is very concerned about the MHB having this hearing. He feels there should be a lengthier opportunity to have a public education forum with both views.
- Ms. Monge-Irizarry supports putting the taser resolution on the agenda. She is concerned about police transparency and stated that 20% of the people killed by tasers were mentally ill. People with HIV, dementia, and alzheimer's are also vulnerable. She stated that the medical cannabis community is also opposed to tasers.
- Ms. Boler shared concern about permanent damage done to people who are tasered. She said Eric Holder's report made the statement that there hasn't been an opportunity to study it sufficiently.
- Mr. Vega also shared with the committee about state restructuring with the Mental Health Services Act. The primary responsibility for advancing MHSA planning falls to the MHBs/Commissions. The Board of Supervisors officially approves but the MHB needs to make sure the plan is driven by the stakeholder process. A 3-year plan is now being developed and stakeholder groups need to be involved. The state can't mandate approval but they will evaluate the planning process. He also mentioned that the Mental Health Planning Council has openings for consumers and family members.

2.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Mental Health Board meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 as discussed. Unanimously approved.

3.0 BUSINESS

For discussion and possible action.

3.1 Chair's report: Discussion about planning the retreat. Ms. Arguelles said she and staff visited AgeSong and they will host our retreat. The agenda will follow the same format as last year. Ms. Arguelles in discussion with the committee appointed Alyssa Landy as chair of the Nominating Committee, with Wendy James, Virginia Lewis, Lara Arguelles and Noah King as members.

3.2 Committee Reports: Dr. Patterson and Mr, Joseph's gave a report about the Media and Outreach Committee. Mr. Joseph highlight bringing items for the website, video supervisors interactions with board members, highlight others, site visit reports. Dr. Patterson highlighted developing a procedure for each board member to contact supervisors quarterly and obtain their input.

3.3 Additional business regarding the duties, mandates, and operations of the Board.

- 3.3. a New business for future Executive Committee meetings:
- 3.3. b Discussion of developing issues for the MHB:
- 3.3. c Other MHB business: none discussed

3.4. Public comment
No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM