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**Mental Health Commission
Justice Systems Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, 3:30-5:00 PM
This Meeting will be held in person and via Zoom 'Hybrid'
VIA: Zoom Teleconference: <https://zoom.us/j/5437776481>**

Meeting number: 543 777 6481

Join by phone: 1 669 900 6833 US

Access code: 543 777 6481

In Person: 1340 Arnold Drive, Suite 126, Martinez, CA 94553

AGENDA

- I. Call to order/Introductions**
- II. Public comments**
- III. Commissioner comments**
- IV. Chair comments**
- V. APPROVE minutes from the March 21st, 2023 Justice Systems Committee meeting**
- VI. DISCUSS Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program work in Los Angeles (LA) County and its implications for Integration with Care Court in Contra Costa County (CCC) with Lauren Rettagliata and Teresa Pasquini**
- VII. ACTION ITEM: Determine Committee's questions and recommendations to submit to the BHBH Advisory group**
- VIII. REVIEW Behavioral Intervention Unit model in North Dakota jails and process to apply in CCC Detention Centers, with a brief summary of Capt. Jose Beltran's interview with Cmsr. Geri Stern**
- IX. DISCUSS conservatorship questions (See Attachments A-C)**
- X. DISCUSS Justice Systems Committee Goals for 2023**
- XI. Adjourn**

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Email Response to Cmsr. Stern from Dr. Tavano, dated 3/22/23**
- B. Conservatorship Questions**
- C. DHCS-Exec-Staff-Org-Chart**

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Attachment A

Agenda Item IX – DISCUSS Conservatorship Questions:

Email from Cmsr. Geri Stern dated 3/22/23 to Dr. Suzanne Tavano, BHS Director:

Cmsr. Stern to Dr. Tavano:

I did notice on the Org chart that you sent that there is one person, Tyler Sadwith, who is named as the Deputy Director of Behavioral Health for the State. It is not clear from his title or his position on the Org chart what type of oversight his office provides for the totality of Mental Health Services throughout the State, how grants are monitored throughout the 58 counties, and if there is any State oversight of how Grant money is spent. It would be very helpful and informative to know more about that process.

RESPONSE (Dr. Tavano to Cmsr. Stern):

He oversees all M/C (Mgmt./Confidential) SMHS (Specialty Mental Health Services) and SUD (Substance Use Disorder) services for the state.

His office issues BHINs (Behavioral Health Information Notices) which govern SMHS (Specialty Mental Health Services) and SUD (Substance Use Disorder) procedures and practices.

DHCS (Department Health Care Services) conducts Triennial Reviews and Audits of every MHP (Mental Health Professional).

DHCS (Department Health Care Services) requires reporting on timeliness, NACT (Network Adequacy Certification Tool), Grievances, etc.

The EQRO (External Quality Review Organization), contracted by DHCS (Department Health Care Services), conducts annual quality reviews of every MHP (Mental Health Professional) and DMC-ODS (Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System) in the state. Findings are sent to CMS (Community Mental Health Centers).

We submit quarterly financial and outcome reports to DHCS (Department Health Care Services) for state grants. Grants are categorical with distinct goals and outcomes.

You can look at our website to see outcomes of our reviews by the state.

Quality manager reports to the MHC (Mental Health Commission) on the EQRO (External Quality Review Organization), findings.

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Attachment B

Agenda Item IX – DISCUSS Conservatorship Questions:

1. How is a conserved person identified in another County, if they travel there, don't identify themselves as Conserved, and then have an episode where they are taken to Psych emergency on a 5150 or are booked in jail?
2. Is there some mechanism to put in place that can identify these individuals and put them in contact with their Conservators?
3. Does this speak to the need for a centralized data base for Conserved individuals in the State to coordinate Care?
4. What about a person who is conserved who becomes Homeless? How are they identified on the street and put in touch with their Conservator?

Department of Health Care Services

April 3, 2023

