

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Advisory Council

Thursday, September 7, 2023

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

In Person:

1340 Arnold Dr. Ste. 126, Martinez, CA 94553

Virtually by Zoom:

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Call In Number: 1-646-518-9805 **Meeting ID:** 705 009 0662

Members Attending: Douglas Dunn, Jaime Yan Furot, Beth Limberg, Lucy Espinosa Nelson, Marina Ramos, Roberto Roman, Jennifer Tuipulotu

Behavior Health Director: Dr. Suzanne Tavano

Staff Attending: Mariela Acosta, Wilhamenia Allen, Angela Brandon, Janet Costa, Shaunna Devlin, Autmn Fury, Kennisha Johnson, Tamara Joiner, April Loveland, Kelly Perryman, Ernesto Robles, Marie Scannell, Susan Waters, Genoveva Zesati

Public Participants: Phil Arnold, Jeralynn Brown-Blueford, Cassandra, Adrienne Conrad, Wanda Davis, Bryan Forrester, Meaghan Faulkenberry, Peter Myers, Pamela Perls, Jennifer Quallick, Jill Ray, Steven Smith

Facilitator: Jennifer Bruggeman

Recorder: Audrey Montana

Staff Support:

Excused from Meeting:

Absent from Meeting: Y'Anad Burrell, Chaplain Creekmore, Tom Gilbert, Mashal Kleven, Leslie May, Melinda O'Day, Graham Wiseman, Amelia Wood

TOPIC	ISSUE/CONCLUSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
1. Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Call to OrderReview Working AgreementAnnouncementsIntroduce New	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome, Call to Order<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introductions completedReview Working AgreementAnnouncements (Dr. Suzanne Tavano) This is a very important subject. This is information we have at this time. Thank you all	Information Notes will be posted to MHSA Advisory Council website.	Jennifer Bruggeman (MHSA Program Manager)

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Member	<p>for being here today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce New Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Marina Ramos (MHSA Advisory Council Member) 		Audrey Montana to post notes.
<p>2. MHSA Modernization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Proposed Changes to MHSA • Understanding SB 326 and latest amendments 	<p>Jennifer Bruggeman</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation:</p> <p>"Modernization of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Overview)"</p> <p>(Copy of Presentation provided post meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MHSA established by voters in November 2004. Funded through 1% sales tax on Californians. Enhance and transform public behavioral health care system by adding additional services and supports. ◊ Includes Full-Service Partnerships and Prevention and Early Intervention programs and core values. • Proposed Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governor Newsom's Proposal to Modernize MHSA. Senate Bill 326 Behavioral Services Act, ▪ SB 531 Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act • Components (current and proposed components) • Comparison (Current and New Components) • Allocations for State and Counties • Summary (Proposed Changes) • Concerns and Advocacy 		Jennifer Bruggeman
3. Q & A	<p>Question and Answer:</p> <p>Jennifer Bruggeman and Dr. Suzanne Tavano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain Prevention funds going to the State? Will we lose MHSA funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prevention is moving to the state (4% taken off the top for County outpatients). But, Early Intervention component will stay with MHSA. • Comment: Concerned with effects on racial disparity. One component is taken away. 		<p>Jennifer Bruggeman</p> <p>Dr. Suzanne Tavano PhD (Director, Behavioral Health Services)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These proposals changing day by day. Can evaluate once final determinations made. This is information we have today. Is an ongoing process currently and changes still being made. • Heard would wipe out WET and other things to put in the Behavioral Health and Housing component. Any studies on the effect on County? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have looked at a couple of projections. Need to wait for the final bill provisions. We have already 30% allocated for housing. The housing changes are not so drastic for our county. Components are flexible. • Comment: Young people seeing many things that have an adverse effect on their minds. They have to apologize in our system. We should not perpetuate that. • Heard definitions of categories are changing. Is there a place we go to find current definitions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We do not currently have specifics as to the Early Intervention category. Appears focus will be on young people – zero to 25 years of age. 50% or more of these funds directed toward that age group. • How will affect Peer Community Support Workers (CSW)? Any anticipated impact? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not anticipate any cuts in funding for CSW's • How might changes affect Full-Service Partnership (FSP) programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modernization changes emphasize FSP's. Do not anticipate any reductions in FSP funding. • Comment: For delinquent Behavioral Health Services, there must be a primary mental health diagnosis. Should increase housing bond to 6.2 billion dollars. Should delay voting date on changes to permit more time to finalize. • Comment: In this process, voices are not heard and not all perspectives are considered. Those receiving support and services are not at this meeting. We must inform them of what is happening and how these proposed 		

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	<p>changes will affect them. Also, must not overlook those with linguistic challenges. Need equity and outreach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention will be moved to the State services by population. Outreach handled by the State? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State looking at prevention services on the group level, population based only. Appears outreach and engagement will be permissible by the County. Comment: Still need funding for Substance Use services. Many people not diagnosed when young. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appears funding for Substance Use treatment services will not decrease. Will keep watching this. How is housing effected with the proposed changes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding has increased for housing. County has already allocated 30% of funding to housing. We did not add to this percentage what we have allocated for other housing supports and services. Need to look at what is remaining after the Housing and FSP components are funded (30% and 35% respectively) which would be the remaining 35% of funds. For housing services and supports, need to evaluate once the bill is finalized. Comment: A week from today is the deadline for any proposed changes. The finalized bill will be on the March 2024 ballot. There are a lot of State initiatives now. How do they relate to this MHSA proposed modernization? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis is on Medi-Cal services. More County dollars that are matched to federal funding means more money for the State and the County. 		
4. Public Comment	Public Comment: None		Jennifer Bruggeman
5. Adjournment & Next MASA AC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next MSHA AC Steering Committee meeting will be September 21, 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The next MHSA AC meeting will be October 5, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. 		