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AGENDA: 3/7/00

February 18, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Local Mental Health Board for calendar year 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Board for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

Mardi Wormhoudt

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Local Mental Health Board

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LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD PO Box 962 SANTA CRUZ CALIFORNIA 95061

January 5, 2000

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Annual Report of the Local Mental Health Board for 1999

Dear Members of the Board

On behalf of the Local Mental Health Board we are enclosing our 1999 Annual Report. It highlights our activities and goal. The LMHB will continue to work on goals for 2000, i. e. Public Education, Children's Services, Path to Recovery, Housing, Managed Care Emergency Services, and Legislation.

We welcome your feedback or direction that will help us advocate for high quality, cost effective mental health services.

Sincerely,


John Laue, Co-Chairperson,
Local Mental Health Board


Michael Eipp, Co-Chairperson
Local Mental Health Board

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Attachment

cc: Rama Khalsa, HSA Director
Local Mental Health Board Members



Santa Cruz County Local Mental Health Board---Annual Report

The Welfare and Institutions Code requires that every county have a mental health board or commission, and A.B 14 established specific mandates for the number and function of county mental health boards. Our board, therefore, is required to have 10 members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and one designated member of that Board for a total membership of 11. In addition, the board is mandated to meet requirements for consumer, family, and multi-cultural representation.

The legally mandated responsibilities of the Mental Health Board specify that we:

- Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors and County Mental Health Department;
- Review and evaluate the county's mental health needs, services, programs, access to services/programs, special needs, and special services;
- Advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mental Health Department of the concerns, evaluations, findings, and recommendations of the mental health board about any aspect of mental health services/programs in our county;
- Review and monitor public/citizen, client, and professional involvement in the program planning and program evaluation process;
- Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650 of the Welfare and Institutions Code;
- Assess the impact of the re-alignment of services from the state to the county on mental health services;
- Review, evaluate, and report on the county's performance outcome data to the State Mental Health Planning Council; and
- Participate in the selection process, review, and make recommendations for the position of County Mental Health Director.

The specific duties and functions of committees and members of the Local Mental Health Board are governed by the Bylaws of the Board which must conform to the County Charter, A.B. 14, the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, and the Brown Act.

AN OVERVIEW OF 1999 ON THE BOARD

During the year 1999 there were five new members, or half the appointed members, added to the Board. These changes meant that a new effort to train board members was necessitated. We applied for and were one of twelve California Counties selected to receive training from the California Institute for Mental Health, a process that will commence in January of 2000 and run throughout the year.

The changes in the membership of the board also presented us with extra difficulties in performing some of the functions we have in the past. One bright spot though is that, in contrast to the experience of some boards, we do have a waiting list of prospective members in addition to some enthusiastic and experienced contract providers and others who attend our meetings once a month, work on their areas of expertise and interest as members of our workgroups, and also provide valuable input to the board. We lacked a quorum only once in 1999, which necessitated us meeting again in August, normally our month off. Work groups for 1999 were Public Education, Children's Services, Path to Recovery, Housing, Managed Care, and Legislation. The Public Education Project continued the work it began in 1998, arranging and providing speakers for county school classes on mental health and mental illness in coordination with Laurel Wilson of the Mental Health Resource Center whom did the bulk of the administrative work. The program this year reached over 54 classes with coverage of approximately 1600 students. Under their auspices it was expanded to include some Junior High School and Community College presentations.

The work group also continued its contact with the California State Curriculum Commission and its Health Education Subcommittee, which had agreed in response to our presentation in July of 1998 to create an addendum on mental illness and mental health to the 2001 California Framework for Health Education. Their work was aided by Tipper Gore's White House Conference on Mental Health, which was broadcast over national TV. One member of our Board was able to obtain tapes of this broadcast from the White House and arrange to have them replayed for three days over local Santa Cruz Channel 72 to reduce stigma and aid in educating our local citizenry about mental health and the problems of the mentally ill.

In the Children's Services work group members of our Board attended meetings of the county's Mental Health Department's Children's Program staff and worked closely with Karen Anderson-Gray, its Director, to insure that services were up to par.

Members of the Path to Recovery work group were instrumental in assuring the smoother transition when the County's Drug and Alcohol Services was merged with The Mental Health Department. Michael Eipp attended meetings of both our Board and theirs. The work group also discussed the expansion of Paloma House, a dual diagnosis recovery facility.

The housing work group is momentarily on hold, after experiencing the death of one member and the frustration of trying to find adequate facilities in Santa Cruz County,

which, as most people know, is one of the hardest counties in California to find housing for anyone, let alone the mentally ill. Members of our Board did present a presence and testify at the Board of Supervisors meeting where that Board rejected a matching grant for low-income housing. We hope the Supervisors will keep working and give it further consideration. Also of note is the final hearing on Willowbrook before the County Planning Commission, which finally granted permission for this facility to be at full capacity.

The Board has constantly kept up its monitoring of the Managed Care Services administered by the County's Mental Health Department. We were especially concerned with improving client access to emergency services.

Another work group and function of the Board is to monitor and attempt to influence the outcome of state and federal legislation which we deem to be favorable to our causes. In this vein we have corresponded several times with congress people and others.

Assignments for the various work groups are as follows:

Public Education:

John Laue LMHB member
Laurel Wilson, Contract-Provider (MHRC)

Children's Services:

Max Camarillo and Cynthia Margolin, LMHB members
Karen Anderson-Gray, MH Children's Program Manager

Path to Recovery:

Michael Eipp and Walt Symons, LMHB members
Rama Khalsa, MH Director

Housing:

John McSweeney, Michael Eipp, Elva Krupp, (LMHB members)
Bonnie Schell, Contract-Provider (MHCAN)
Paul O'Brien, Contract-Provider (CSS)

Managed Care Emergency Services:

Michael Eipp, LMHB member
Georgette Dufresne, Contract-Provider

Legislation:

Myrna Sherman, LMHB Member
Susan Barr, Contract-Provider (MHCAN)
Rama Khalsa, MH Director

In other areas and activities, our Co-Chairs attended meetings and were actively involved with the CALM Board, the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards. Another area the Board has been heavily involved in this year is monitoring Harbor Hills, a large



locked psychiatric facility in Santa Cruz, which is to be acquired from the corporation that has been running it on December 31 by Ann and Peggy Butler who already run other psychiatric facilities in the county. A special task force was set up to do this consisting of both our Co-Chairs, John Laue and Michael Eipp, and board members John McSweeney and Max Camarillo plus an interested member of the public, Lydia Blanchard. Members of our Board visited there several times, talked with staff and residents, and attended Resident Counsel meetings. We were very satisfied with the progress toward the transition.

The last area the Board dealt with in November was setting up a public forum in cooperation with the Mental Health Department in which testimony was taken about proposed changes in the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, which deals with grounds for involuntary commitment and treatment of the mentally ill. Michael Eipp and Dr. Neal Adams of the Mental Health Department were in charge of this and a letter summarizing the testimony was sent to State Assemblywoman Helen Thomson who was to author the legislation.

The Board, in its January meeting, will commence the special training of its new (and also older) members, a task to be facilitated by Dee Dee Jenson, Consultant with the California Institute for Mental Health. Another task facing us will be participating in the selection process for a new Director of the Mental Health Department since Rama Khalsa, the Director, will be by the time of this report the Director of the County Health Services Agency, a richly deserved step up for her.

We expect more input from Watsonville now that two Board members live there and we meet three times a year at the YWCA facility on East Lake Street. With what has gone before and what is on the table now, we look forward to another successful year of service to Santa Cruz County and its residents.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Laue, Co-Chairperson
Local Mental Health Board



Michael Eipp, Co-Chairperson
Local Mental Health Board

Local Mental Health Board Attendance Roster 1999

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
John Laue	x	x	x	X	X	X	N	X	X	E	X	N
Michael Eipp	x	x	x	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	O
John McSweeney	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Max Camarillo	E	U	X	U	E	X	M	X	E	X	X	M
Elva Krupp	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	E
Walt Symons	X	X	X	U	X	E	E	X	X	E	U	E
Dick Genge	X	X	X	X	X	X	T	E	D	D	D	T
Myrna Sherman	X	X	X	E			I					I
Cynthia Margolin	X	E	X	X	X	E	N	X	X	X	X	N
Betty Sue Smith			X	X	X	X	G	X	E	X	X	G
Maryellen Hannah			x	U	X	E		E	E	E		
Lucinda Nacua						X		E	X	X	U	

X= PRESENT

E= EXCUSED ABSENCE

U= UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

R= RESIGNED FROM BOARD.

D= DECEASED

NOT APPOINTED YET OR

NO LONGER APPOINTED (NLA)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
JANUARY 4, 1999

TIME: 1:00 - 2:30

LOCATION:
**1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207, Santa Cruz**

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- **Minute Review for December** (call Esther Phillips with revisions 454-4767 before the meeting)
- Announcements and/or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 NEW BUSINESS

- Quality Improvement with Dr. Neal Adams

1:40

- Interfaith Compeer with Nancy Kargas

2:00 OLD BUSINESS

- Finalize 1999 Goals

Deferred

- Report Back on Public Guardian Payee Issues: Deferred to February Meeting

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
FEBRUARY 1, 1999

TIME:
1:00 - 2:30

LOCATION:
1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207, Santa Cruz

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- **Minute Review for December** (call Esther Phillips with revisions 454-4767 before the meeting)
- Announcements and/or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Annual Report

1:30 NEW BUSINESS

- Interfaith Compeer with Nancy Kargas

2:00

- Above the Line Report with Kimberly Carter

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
MARCH 1, 1999

TIME:
1:00 - 2:30

LOCATION:
1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207, Santa Cruz

1:00.....REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- **Minute Review for February** (call Esther Phillips with revisions 454-4767 before the meeting)
- Announcements and/or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15.....NEW BUSINESS

- Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant Update
- Nomination Committee for Elections in April
- Cultural Competence Plan Update

2:10.....OLD BUSINESS

- Liaison Reports (Education & Housing)

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:

APRIL 5, 1999

TIME:

1:00 - 2:30

LOCATION:

YWCA

**340 E. Beach Street
Watsonville, CA**

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- **Minute Review for March** (call Esther Phillips with revisions 454-4767 before the meeting)
- Announcements and/or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 NEW BUSINESS

- Review & Accept State Performance Contract: LMHB Members
- Elect new Co-Chairs for April 99 - April 2000: LMHB Members
- Review Cultural Competence Plan Update: Gina Swan
- Transition of Harbor Hills: Ann Butler
- Children's Mental Health Issues: (Rescheduled for June 7th)

2:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Willowbrook Update: Ann Butler & Rama Khalsa

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
MAY 3, 1999

TIME:
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

LOCATION:
**1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207. Santa Cruz**

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- **Minute Review for April** (call Esther Phillips with revisions 454-4767 before the meeting)
- Announcements and/or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:30 NEW BUSINESS

- Redevelopment Agency w/Tom Burns and Housing Authority w/Mary James
- Reappoint nomination committee/LMHB Changes: Board Members
- Creation of Managed Care Subcommittee: John Laue & Mike Eipp

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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For information call Esther Phillips at 454-4767



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:

MAY 3, 1999

TIME:

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

LOCATION:

**1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207, Santa Cruz**

Addendum

2:15 NEW BUSINESS

- Housing Subcommittee Proposal: Various housing options for expanding affordable housing for disabled persons.

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
JUNE 14, 1999

TIME:
1:00 - 2:30

LOCATION:
**1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207, Santa Cruz**

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- **Minute Review for May** (call Esther Phillips with revisions 454-4767 before the meeting)
- Announcements and/or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Report Back on Public Guardian Payeeship Issues: Harry Snoek

1:50

- Review of 1999-2000 Renewal Application for PATH Formula Grant Program
- Chairperson Nomination for 99-00: Cynthia Margolin

2:00 NEW BUSINESS

- **Nancy Karges**, Interfaith Compeer Presentation

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
AUGUST 2, 1999

TIME:
1:00 - 2:00

LOCATION:
**1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207, Santa Cruz**

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- Announcements or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Chairperson Nomination for 99-00: Cynthia Margolin & Walt Symons
- Approve Santa Cruz County Renewal Applications for FY 99-00 SAMHSA Block Grant Funds

2:00 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

TIME:
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

LOCATION:
YWCA
340 E. Beach Street
Watsonville, CA

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- Minute Review (call Esther Phillips at 454-4767 with additions or corrections prior to the next meeting)
- Announcements or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Harbor Hills Task Force: Ann Butler, Jeff Moffet, Karolin Schwartz
- Education Work Group: John Laue, Laurel Wilson
- Housing Report to Board of Supervisors: Rama Khalsa

2:00 NEW BUSINESS

- Panel for Mental Health Month and other Activities: John Laue
- Public Access TV: John Laue

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
OCTOBER 4, 1999

TIME:
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

LOCATION:
1400 Emeline Avenue
Room 207
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- Minute Review (call Esther Phillips at 454-4767 with additions or corrections prior to the next meeting)
- Announcements or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Lifeline Issue: Walt Symons
- Harbor Hills Follow-up: Karolin Schwartz
- TV Presentation, Channel 72 on Mental Health Week: John Laue

2:00 NEW BUSINESS

- LPS Dialogue Project
- Willowbrook Final Hearing, November 5
- Legislation – Parity, Housing Other Mental Health Bills
- Housing Report

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

0214

Local Mental Health Board

AGENDA

WHEN:
NOVEMBER 1, 1999

TIME:
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

LOCATION:
1400 Emeline Avenue, Room 207
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1:00 REGULAR BUSINESS

- Roll Call
- Minute Review (call Esther Phillips at 454-4767 with additions or corrections prior to the next meeting)
- Announcements or Correspondence
- Public Comment(s)

1:15 OLD BUSINESS

- Homeless Issues: Bonnie Schell

2:00 NEW BUSINESS

- 2000 Calendar of Issues
- Transition Plan: Rama
- Civil Commitment Laws Reform: Public Hearing

2:30 MEETING ADJOURNS

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