

Alameda County Mental Health Services Act Stakeholder’s Meeting
August 28, 2020 • 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
TELECONFERENCE REMOTE MEETING

Meeting called to order by **Mariana Dailey (Chair)**

Present Representatives: Viveca Bradley (MH Advocate), Jeff Caiola (Consumer), Margot Dashiell (NAMI), Sarah Marxer (Family Member), Liz Rebensdorf (NAMI East Bay), L.D. Louis (MHAB), Katy Polony (Abode/IHOT), Mark Walker (Swords to Plowshare)

Guests: Lee Davis (MHAB)

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<p>Welcome and Introductions (Mariana)</p>	<p>Mariana reviewed conference call etiquette tips, and led a brief check-in with the group utilizing the Community Agreements and MHSA-SG Design Team Alliance (DTA) model to identify the desired atmosphere for the meeting and strategies to ensure members thrive and deal with conflict, and asked the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific atmosphere do we need to thrive and do our best work? <p>Mariana – Wants to be engaged, looking at everyone’s faces, answering questions and monitoring the chat log.</p> <p>Margot – Wants to maintain a consistent tone, be respectful and appreciative. Directed comment to Mariana about doing a good job with the plan document.</p> <p>Katy – Contributed that diversity and disagreements can be areas of good ideas and productivity.</p> <p>Mariana stated that the meeting structure would focus on 2 of the MHSA-SG meeting structure elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship Building, Leadership & Advocacy • Program Planning & Development 	
<p>MHSA-SG Administrative Updates/Membership and Announcements (Mariana)</p>	<p>Administrative Updates</p> <p>Mariana announced four legislative updates below. There will be some bills that would not be able to pass, or move forward due to the shutting down of the Assembly because a member tested positive with COVID-19:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Assembly Bill No. 8 (Postponed)</u> - <i>This bill would amend the act to require a county to provide ongoing prevention and early intervention funds under MHSA to a school district, county office of education, or charter school, within the county, for purposes of funding positions and services to fulfill the bill’s requirements. The bill would declare that this amendment is consistent with, and furthers the purposes of, the act.</i> 2. <u>Assembly Bill No. 2265 (Moving Forward)</u> - <i>This bill would authorize the services for adults, older adults, and children, as well as innovative programs and prevention and early intervention programs that are provided by counties as part of the MHSA to include substance use disorder treatment for children, adults, and older adults with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who are eligible to receive mental health</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah – Volunteered

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	<p><i>services pursuant to those programs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margot – Asked if the individual had to have serious mental illness to get MHSA services, or if they only had to have a substance abuse disorder? • Mariana – Replied it is in addition to other mental abuse disorder. • Liz – Asked if there is a projected number on those with substance abuse disorders? • Mariana – Replied that the date in the report would be important to answer the projected number of substance abuse disorders. If a person has a substance abuse disorder or needs help with preliminary treatment, there must be clarification to co-occurring mental health. • Viveca – Stated what was once through the medical field due to substance abuse has moved into behavioral health care. She expressed that she did not necessarily oppose the bill but wanted to advocate what amount of money will be delineated to substance abuse issues to put a strict limit to allocation. • Katy – Expressed that broaden expanse in MHSA only with substance abuse is disturbing to advocates. • Mariana - Replied to the Stakeholder Group that they can reach out to leaders in the community to find out how MHSA funding is being used. <p>3. <u>Assembly Bill No. 2576 (Moving Forward)</u> - <i>This bill would require a county to develop a plan for the utilization of the reallocated funds with the input of specified stakeholders and to conduct a local review process. The bill would require that consideration be given to using the reallocated funds to provide services to individuals with mental illness who are also experiencing homelessness or who are involved in the criminal justice system and to provide early intervention services to youth. The bill would also require each county to annually report to the Legislature the number of individuals who are experiencing homelessness who are receiving mental health services that are paid for using MHSA funds. By requiring counties to submit a new report, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</i></p> <p>4. <u>SB 655 (UMBERG) "Housing Standards/Mold Law"</u> NOT MOVING FORWARD: <i>Introduced 2/25/15 by Senator Mitchell to amend sections of the Health and Safety Codes related to housing standards. Seems to regulate apartment buildings but does not exclude community associations or non-landlord-controlled apt buildings. Visible mold in association's common areas could make</i></p>	<p>information to Gov. Newsome's office below to veto the bill if opposed to it located Here</p> <p>• Sarah – Provided</p>

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	<p><i>them subject to a misdemeanor or civil abatement proceedings.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah – Expressed that she was pleased that bill was not moving forward because it can take away from MHSA funds. She expressed that there can be other ways for this bill to be funded. • Viveca – Stated that the bill was too broad to be relatable to mental health issues and it would defeat MHSA’s purpose. There is a housing standard that exists. • Mariana – Contributed that the bill had an amended section to have more strict consequences in identifying common areas used by the public and provide more clarity. This bill would impact community providers to our clients. Amendment would make landlord subject to a misdemeanor to meet housing standards and regulations. The amendment impacts people in jails as related to their discharge/parole. • Mariana – Contributed that the health and safety codes were amended in this bill. <p>- MHSA-SG Member Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana – Asked Katy to give Stakeholder Group an update to a meeting she attended with Bonita House. Katy mentioned the lawsuit on disability rights in California and requests viewing at a future meeting. • Lee – Provided information regarding the meeting Katy attended. Lee stated that Carol Burton, on a state level, is working to have a panel on focusing on intersect mapping. Mental Health Taskforce will be coming to the MHAB to do different intersect models and have diversion discussions of the mentally ill away from jail. • Margot – Contributed that we look closely at behavior, particularly African American men in county jails. We should make sure that there is bias training in all jurisdictions in the county. • Mariana – Asked Lee if there is a specific process of sub committees. • Katy – Expressed interest in a discussion, at a later meeting, of the lawsuit filed against Behavior Health regarding disability rights. She felt it is a very impactful lawsuit. • Margot – Agrees with Katy that it identifies disability rights and how their major needs are not being met. She believes we should make our own evaluations on areas people would agree and in other areas that there is a very strong disagreement. • Liz – Would like to take up the disability rights after the housing presentation because it would not be fair to have both issues in one meeting. Both issues are very important. 	<p>information, if you’re opposed and want to be involved in advocacy at the State level, you can join the MHSA Coalition by emailing Karen Vicari at CalVoices: kvicari@calvoices.org Ask Karen to share the Coalition’s guiding principles. If you agree, you can sign on. You can get alerts when legislation affecting the MHSA comes up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana - provided the Stakeholder Group information to Google and see the bills online Here. She stated that the section in red is marked as amended. • Lee – Provided her email address to the Stakeholder Group to

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy – Agrees with Liz to have the ACBH lawsuit discussed on 9/25 meeting. She would like to see the disability lawsuit not be pushed back more than 2 months. • Liz – Recommends before the meeting regarding disability rights lawsuit we have a handout about the lawsuit, or watch the You Tube video online. • Mark – Contributed that his organization received funds from CalVet and is collaborating with Alameda County’s Veteran Service Office to get a full view for care to veterans in Alameda County. They are looking for participants to chime in on mental health services in Alameda County. They would like to convene a veteran (virtual) roundtable to share resources and expertise with community colleagues to improve care and access to VA and other benefits. • Lee – Is interested in Mark’s organization and their analysis of identifying the gaps of the different demographics. • Mariana – Announced that Alameda County Social Services Agency, Health Care Services and Auditor-Controller Agencies partnered in a new program called ARCH-Pilot Stipend Program targets COVID positive residents living in designated high-risk neighborhoods by providing financial assistance to self-isolating County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. 	<p>answer any MHAB questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana – Would like the Stakeholder Group to give any information to Nellie. • Mark – Will send us brochures with information about mental health services participation in a roundtable. • Sarah – Sent a link to the DRC lawsuit. Here She would like a link to the newsletter. • Nellie – Provided Alameda County press release and FAQs link below to the ARCH-Pilot Stipend Program Press Release FAQs
<p>MHSA Three-Year Plan Overview & Public Comments (Mariana)</p>	<p>Funding Details Mariana provided an overview of the draft to the three-year plan which was posted and made available to the public from August 21, 2020 – September 19, 2020. There will be a 30-day Public Comment period to review the plan online and get feedback to be included to the final plan. MHAB will hold a Public Hearing, on September 21, 2020, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors by October 1, 2020. MHSA and BHCS will give a presentation a 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020, to MHAB and then there will be an interaction with the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz – Applauded Mariana for the incredible and beautiful plan. She was very grateful for the numbered pages. • Viveca – Agreed with Liz and said it was wonderful, easy to read and understand and a beautiful project. But she felt it had self-reporting information. Issues came up for her to give her reason to pause due to backup reporting. She provided an example that there would be a client who would be asked to complete a survey sheet in front of their case manager. When the client gave a good rating, the client was given the evaluation again. But when the client gave a negative evaluation, they were never asked to complete another survey. • Mariana – Replied to Viveca that the information in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nellie – Will collect a list of names and addresses of the members who want a hard copy of the MHSA Three-Year Program & Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years 20/21 - 22/23 (DRAFT) located here • Mariana – Will locate internal fiscal reports and get back to Margot. • Mariana – Will provide more information regarding the Alameda County implementation of a physical work group to strategize through changes due to COVID-19 and funding of MHSA this fall.

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	<p>plan was feedback from community focus groups and that the state had certain data indicators that they had to make certain to report on. There will be a presentation from the PEI group that will give more information about the data. The PEI group will present a program called Yellowfin in October meeting. Carly will be presenting on how the data is collected from clients and how they do their follow-up. She suggested to Viveca to include her comments on the Public Comment Form at the MHSA website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy – Expressed her gratitude to the great facilitation of the meeting and the wonderful report. • Margot – Commented that it is difficult to get good quality information from case managers because many consumers may have disorders and may not be able to verbally communicate well, or due to poor service. Maybe some consumers who can articulate and with refined measures and methods we can get better feedback. She also questioned where the Family Office of Empowerment can find out where, in the plan, they are recipients of MHSA funds. • Lee – Commented that the plan had a spectacular look. She asked if there was any data that gets collected when someone cannot get access to a program because they are turned down due to capacity. Whether that kind of data exists, so we can find out how many people need these services in the community? • Mariana – Responded to Lee's questions and said yes but that she felt that she would give this information to Carly R., MHSA Management Analyst who is better equipped to explain it during the Yellowfin presentation on 11/20/20. • Liz – Commented that the basic issue is that we are measuring emotional process. We are not counting or looking at behavior. She believes that self-reporting is important due to a pre and a post. But it is not good to fill out surveys because it is not a good measure. It should not be allowed. It must be anonymous. • Katy – Questioned what else is there that Behavioral Health is funding in a nutshell? • Mariana – Provided a funding overview to the Stakeholder Group. MHSA is a quarter of ACBH budget. The whole Alameda County has 6 branches and SSA is the largest funding stream of revenue MHSA expenditures. There is a State/Mental Health Oversight Agency that reviews finance reports offsite. Prop 63 is stable as it is written. The County Auditor's Office and finance officers decide who it is allocated to and how. Behavioral Health has \$136 million for mental health from MHSA that is appropriate, approved, and agreed amount from state and county. There is a 5% increase due to housing support, increased capacity in county for 	

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	<p>a few years. A lot of the county had MHSAs high allocations because economy was doing so well. But due to COVID-19, the anticipated economy in the future years (2021, 2022) MHSAs will be reviewed through potential contracts resizing, not enough money, reorganize upper management, and review of contracts. MHSAs allocation might be reduced.</p> <p>Other funding Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal matching, 1991 realignment law (additional vehicle registrations), and certain money in reserves. State can take money back when not in use (spending down) and redistribute to other counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy – Commented that this was good information. But she asked what about the other 75%. If MHSAs is a quarter to Behavioral Health, what does the other 75% fund? Partnerships? What is else is being funded for Behavioral Health? • Margot – Offered to give more information to Katy. 	
<p>Wrap-Up/Summary (Mariana)</p>	<p>Stakeholder members will be invited to support future planning efforts.</p> <p>The group identified future meeting topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Update – 9/25/20 presentation confirmed • DRC Lawsuit • PEI – Virtual Site Visit Process -10/23/20 presentation confirmed • Office of Family Empowerment – 10/23/20 presentation confirmed • Yellowfin Dashboard – 11/20/20 presentation confirmed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana – Will include land trust to Housing update presentation.

Next Stakeholder meeting: Friday, September 25, 2020 from 2-4 p.m. LOCATION: GoToMeeting webinar