



## Monthly Committee Recording Tool

**Meeting Date:** October 2, 2014

**Committee Name:** Mental Health

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Betsy Pfromm & Dr. Jack Barbour

**Second District Staff:** Kathleen Austria

**Recorder:** César Portillo

*Please attach a copy of the sign-in sheet.*

**Discussion notes (include topics of interest, review of old business, and presentation notes, if applicable):**

1. South L.A. Trauma-Informed Community Initiative
  - a. The committee received a paper on "Safety, Strength, Resilience and Recovery: Trauma-informed Systems and Communities" published by the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disability Services in 2013.
  - b. Committee members discussed having a focus group on this topic.
  - c. This may also be the topic of the committee's workshop at the Empowerment Congress Summit.
  - d. This community initiative is for all ages, not only TAY.
2. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Diversion Initiative  
Report by Kathleen Austria, Deputy for Mental Health and Homeless Issues
  - a. The committee received a 60-day progress report regarding mental health diversion from the LA County District Attorney's Office, dated June 19, 2014.
  - b. The committee also received a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on "Initial Steps to Support a Comprehensive Diversion Plan for Los Angeles County," dated July 15, 2014.
  - c. An example of diversion is the new Mental Health Urgent Care Center on the Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Campus in Willowbrook.
  - d. The motion includes permanent supportive housing and emphasizes prevention and early intervention.
  - e. The Board of Supervisors is awaiting a report from the LA County District Attorney's Office that will include a proposed plan of action.
  - f. The GAINS program is a possible model; maybe a GAINS representative can present at an upcoming committee meeting.
  - g. Other models from around the country are also being considered.
  - h. The committee discussed California Proposition 47, the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative, which is on the November 4, 2014 ballot.
  - i. A committee member mentioned the new Star Apartments on Skid Row.
  - j. The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) may be helpful to these efforts.



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3. “Homeless No More” Community Plan led by the South Los Angeles Homeless TAY & Foster Care Collaborative
  - a. The committee received the “Homeless No More” Community Plan Summary, dated September 2014.
  - b. Mercy Housing is a possible model.
4. Mental Health Committee 2014-2015 Work Plan
  - a. The committee received a copy of the work plan.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2014, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic  
 University Park Office, 3031 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90007

**Announcements:**

- World Peace Concert – October 5, 2014
- Pacific Clinics’ Relevance & Outcomes Conference – October 8, 2014
- MHC Executive Committee Meeting – October 9, 2014
- Fall Classic Hiring Spree – October 9, 2014
- MHC/SAAC Chairs Meeting – October 14, 2014
- BRU Monthly Meeting – October 18, 2014
- CASRA Conference – October 21, 2014
- “Integrating Substance Use, Mental Health, and Primary Care Services in Our Communities” Conference – October 22-23, 2014
- MHC Full Commission Meeting – October 23, 2014
- American Indian/Alaskan native Mental Health Conference – November 4, 2014
- Kheper Life Enrichment Institute’s Pre-Holiday Mixer & Community Open House – November 7-8, 2014
- Community Build Youth Development Center’s Free Youth & Family Services

**Next Steps:**

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date	Comments
Follow up with Kathleen Austria regarding a possible GAINS presentation at an upcoming committee meeting	César Portillo	11/3/2014	
Follow up with Gerald Thompson on implementation of the “Homeless No More” Community Plan	César Portillo	11/3/2014	
Meet to plan for the potential Mental Health Committee Workshop at the 2015 Empowerment Congress Summit	Summit Workshop Subcommittee	11/6/2014	