



## Monthly Committee Recording Tool

**Meeting Date:** February 5, 2015

**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. Recap of “Defining and Developing a Community Plan for Diversion” Workshop at Empowerment Congress Summit on January 17<sup>th</sup> at USC
  - a. Final Program
    - i. The Empowerment Congress leadership had asked the Mental Health Committee to co-host this workshop with the Public Safety & Justice Committee.
    - ii. The District Attorney’s office is drafting the diversion plan and a draft should be ready by March.
    - iii. The committee briefly discussed the “intercept model,” which helps to meet the needs of people with mental illness who may be involved with the criminal justice system.
  - b. Q&A
    - i. Workshop attendees wrote their questions on cards and a few of them were answered by the panelists.
    - ii. Committee members received a list of the questions that were not answered by the panelists, which may help with continued discussion with the Public Safety & Justice Committee.
  - c. Follow-up Meeting and Focus Groups with Public Safety & Justice Committee
    - i. Committee members said they’d be open to attending a joint meeting on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Public Safety & Justice Committee.
    - ii. César will email the committee whether the joint meeting is confirmed or not.
2. Discussion on County’s Consolidated Health Agency Proposal
  - a. Committee members received the Statement of Proceedings and the Motions related to this proposal from the Board of Supervisors Meeting on January 13, 2015.
  - b. The current proposal entails an agency overseeing three separate departments that each has its own director.
  - c. Stated purpose is to improve and streamline services.
  - d. Anticipated timeframe: Draft proposal should be ready by March and, after public hearings and comments, the final proposal should be ready by May.
  - e. Kathleen Austria mentioned a Planning Principles document for DHS-DMH-DPH, which César will email to the committee.



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- f. César will also email to the committee a White Paper written by the committee in 2012 that envisioned the County’s public mental health services.
- 3. Next Committee Meeting: To be determined; either a joint meeting with the Public Safety & Justice Committee on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> or a regular meeting on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 4. Follow-up Items
  - a. César will email the committee whether the joint meeting with the Public Safety & Justice Committee on February 23<sup>rd</sup> is confirmed or not.
  - b. César will email the Planning Principles document and the White Paper document to the committee.

**Announcement:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Parent & Caregiver Conference – Mar. 7

### Next Steps:

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due Date	Comments
Email the committee whether the joint meeting with Public Safety & Justice Cmte. on Feb. 23rd is confirmed or not	César	Feb. 20	
Email Planning Principles document and White Paper document to the committee	César	Feb. 20	