

Minutes

Adult System of Care Committee

January 26, 2021 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Call-in: (669) 900-9128, Meeting ID: 987 3132 2369, Password: 773137

Members Present: Ann Arneill, Loran Sheley, Maria Padilla-Castro, Laura Bemis (Jason Richards, staff)

Members Absent: Bradley Lueth

4:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

Ann Arneill, MHB Past Chairperson

- *MHB Past Chairperson Ann Arneill convened the meeting at 4:09 p.m. and introductions were made.*

4:05 p.m. Selection of Acting Chairperson

- *MHB Past Chairperson Arneill discussed the need to appoint an Acting Chairperson for the ASOC Committee, since previous Chairperson Viva Asmelash is no longer on the MHB.*
- *A permanent Chairperson will be chosen once more MHB members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill existing vacancies.*
- *Committee members approved Ann Arneill as the Acting Chairperson for the ASOC Committee.*

4:10 p.m. Status of Committee's Goals

- *Acting Chair Arneill summarized the status of the Committee's goals as follows:*
 - *Goal: Advise and collaborate with first responder programs leading to better outcomes, particularly for at risk communities and marginalized and individuals*
 - *Status: Letter on advocating for Behavioral Health Response to Crisis Calls approved and sent to Board of Supervisors. Acting Chair Arneill reviewed this letter with the Committee.*
 - *The Committee agreed to monitor implementation of the letter's recommendations.*
 - *Goal: Advocate for mental health services for the homeless*
 - *Status: Letter advocating for more services and funding for mental health services for homeless persons with mental illness approved and sent to Board of Supervisors. Acting Chair Arneill reviewed this letter with the Committee.*
 - *Acting Chair Arneill conferred with Dr. Quist about the status of this item, and there were no updates so far.*

- *Laura Bemis asked about the status of AOT (opt in/opt out changes) in Sacramento County. MHB Chair Loran Sheley to follow up with Dr. Quist to obtain more information.*
- *Outstanding Task: Develop Homelessness Factsheet (to be completed by Acting Chair Arneill)*

5:00 p.m. Status of Future Committee Meetings

- *Acting Chair Arneill suggested that future ASOC Committee meetings be put on hold until more information is known regarding Committee recommendations to the Board. The interim plan is to reconvene in March.*

5:20 p.m. Public Comment

- *Community member discussed an experience regarding the mental health needs a family member, highlighting the challenge of empowering mental health professionals in making 5150 recommendations.*
- *Community member asked if there are ways that advocates can support the Committee. Acting Chair Arneill let the advocates present know that recommendations for items that should be on the agenda are welcome.*

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

- *Acting Chair Arneill adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.*