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**Behavioral Health Commission Executive Committee Meeting**

**(1:00pm-1:18pm portion)**

>> Chair: -- because I'm sure they would love to hear your input. You know, I shouldn't be speaking for them but I'm sure as consultant, they would be happy to hear your concerns.

>> Commissioner Friedman: What is their role as a consultant and what is their job normally in life

>> Chair: Well they are consultants. That's a question that you can talk to them about. Yeah. I think it's appropriate for you to give that feedback. Yes? Commissioner Dagleish, I'm sorry.

>> Commissioner: We could see what our goals were that came out of I don't know the last two or three -- these meetings that we held and what the accomplishment was related to them and if we'd be able to see that in black and white and that might help to form late some of the things we'd like to form late.

>> Chair: Kenia, was that part of the e-mail.

>> Kenia: So I can reshare that with you all. I can share the bios of the consultants if that helps establish a background of who they are and share all of that, if that helps.

>> I'm asking for it from the last say three of the meetings that we've held, retreats that we've held with consultants so that we would be able to see what were the goals that came out of those and what were the accomplishments. Some of those might be things that we would want to carry forward or at least discuss why they didn't happen if they didn't happen.

>> Kenia Fuentes: The only consultant that we've hired in the last few years was Kevin Sevo. There were some goals that were established but they were very brief. I don't think he provided a full report. It was just an outline at the time chair Molina shared with the commission. I think there was a report that was done in 2019 for a retreat that was held. I can look for that. Yeah.

>> Chair: We'll make sure. Thank you, Kenia. Commissioner Stephens.

>> Commissioner: I would just suggest you send as much information as possible and take the time to review that information and the questions that the chair is going to send an e-mail that will be sent out and responding to those questions because that's going to the consultants so that you know, you have all the time that you need. You write as much as you want about what it is how you want to respond to it and they -- yeah.

>> Chair: I couldn't have said it any better. Thank you, commissioner. Yes, commissioner Friedman.

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>> Commissioner Friedman: I really want to know what they are consultants of. There are thousands of people who call themselves consultants today. I want to know their experiences. Who they consult for. Were they doing D.E.I.?

>> Kenia: I will share the bios and we can see if they will meet with Chair Manalo if there can be a meeting Commissioner Friedman.

>> Chair: As consultants, I know they would be very -- they would want to make sure everyone on this commission is engaged and that they are trusted in this process and so I will do what I can, commissioner, to make sure that you are connected and you feel good about the process. Okay. Anyone else? Any other questions or items on the retreat? Okay. Hearing none. We'll move forward to Item G which is the review of topics interests list. And, I'm sorry. I'm in the wrong folder. Commissioner Weissman and then commissioner Dallgleish.

>> Commissioner Weissman: The legislative updates, I appreciate that they're on here. I feel like we need to know look at the year ahead. You have twelve months of working time and how we can include ledge and also on the fiscal and budget side. I've sent e-mails to staff and to you making sure we understand the department's full budget and revenue and the budgeting cycle. So if we could welcome back Jacob and Sara here. In the past they've done a deep dive with us. And also our purview to the SAPC budget that cross for BHSA. If we could have those now integrated and maybe that needs a little project management on our side. The changes down from H.R.1 and also immigration enforcement and its chilling effects and its expected long tail. That's really where I'm coming from. I have a lot of detailed questions but I'm happy to send it in wherever appropriate.

>> Chair: Thank you, Commissioner. I snow we'll put that on our list. That's top of mind for everybody in the county and I want to make sure we're updated on that as well. Commissioner Dallgleish.

>> Commissioner Dalgleish: Those are great ideas. Thank you. I wanted to respond to public comment Visa via the person who continues to copy and contact us all. I'm concerned about that. I feel almost a compulsion to respond myself and that's it. Thank you.

>> Chair: Thank you. We can -- I agree. I think there's something that we need to follow up on and we will make sure that we do that. Other -- anything else on the topics of interest list so far? Anything of interest took place? Yes.

>> Commissioner Dalgleish: I would like to ask that it be agendized. Thank you.

>> Chair: Okay. I think if we can -- I'm happy to ask to put that on the agenda and I think this may be also a larger discussion because we've had some discussions and I know I've observed it in this meeting of how we respond. I know there's a blanket on how we respond. Yes, Commissioner Weissman.

>> Commissioner Weissman: You'll see by including the must do of the commission like the annual report, the data notebook, budget, ledge, you're going to crowd out a lot of other interest items and so that will give us some boundaries when we're doing the retreat to figure out what else can sub in.

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>> Chair: Can we do that Kenia, maybe for the whole fiscal year and then topics we know are going to be coming up on the agenda, we need to put a star. I know you always bring it up. You say oh, well such and such month, we always have the report.

>> Kenia: For public comment, you want this agendaized into your August Executive Committee meeting?

>> Chair: Yes, please. And, then the request from the commissioner about the -- for the topics and making sure that we know like it's great that we have all the meetings here, but are there specific meetings we know we can't handle any additional topics because we have big items on there already at BHSa, like that. Okay. Commissioner, did you have your hand up?

>> Commissioner Stevens: So stakeholder engagement is an interest of mine and it goes back to previous meetings around the stakeholder groups reporting or giving updates to the commission. So what does that look like? Where are the barriers? How do we explore that? The other is SD2, I mean, not SD TWOVMD. The SPA2 Larry Shallard's our meeting is held during that same hour. So some of those THIENGs, how do we look at a calendar? I think we should also be looking at the master calendar and taking all that into consideration when we're making decisions about everything that we do.

>> Chair: Thank you, commissioner. I think, again, very important topics and as chair, I'm just trying to figure out where would those be -- those conversations be best handled but it will remain on there and we'll figure out because I certainly think this will probably come up in our retreat and in other ways but we'll figure it out. That will remain on the topics of issue list. Yes, Commissioner Friedman and then commissioner Dalgleish.

>> Commissioner: I'm curious if we have any town halls on the schedule?

>> Chair: We don't have any. Town halls were something that we started last year. The Care Court was the first one and then BHSa had one and speaking of what we did since the last retreat, that was something that I wanted to make sure that and you and I had talked about it, commissioner, about making sure we do a few more of those town hall meetings on different topics of interests. So that's why some of these might come up as a town hall meeting topic as opposed to a commission topic but it could, you know, help us and be a future commission topic. Yes.

>> Commissioner Friedman: Prior to your being on this commission, we did do town halls of the county. So we picked particular --

>> Chair: Right. I was here for a couple of them and we did them during our regular meeting, the problem was the time was -- well, sometimes attendance, sometimes it's time because we didn't have enough time to get through all the public comments and then do the business of the commission which is why we decided to have these town hall meetings like the last couple that we had -- the ones that we had last year that were in the evenings a beautiful Friday evening as well. So we will continue to look at that and see how and make sure we're getting all the comment 's we need on these issues. Commissioner Dalgleish.

>> Commissioner Dalgleish: Going back to Commissioner Weissman's suggestion, several of these items are really good to be scheduled at the same time every year because the report is either coming up

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soon. So so this could work via template going forward for every year any item. I mean, the BHSA, for example. And the other thing, we do talk about stakeholder engagement is how we can really work just within our two meetings to get more people here including having both of these meetings run the same day. Thank you.

>> Chair: Thank you, commissioner. I think that's something -- I think that's an option to consider. I know it hasn't been done at least on this committee before but if that's the will of the commission I think and if we can figure out that that works for everyone involved, we can talk about it. Can we talk about it our next executive committee meeting about having both meetings on the same day as opposed to two separate meetings. But, again, just to talk about and just to discuss. It should be majority, absolutely. Should be majority. Majority rules. Okay. All right. Anything else on topics of interest? I'm just asking. No we can't close yet. We have updates and announcements? Any updates and announcements from the commissioners? Commissioner Friedman.

>> Commissioner Friedman: Yesterday I received a copy of motion of the supervisor that I represent Supervisor Soliz and I'm going to give it to Kenia and you can send it out to everybody. It has to do with what's been going on with immigrants and ICE and everything that's been happening and the motion is requesting all kinds of actions from all the departments who might be touched by immigrants which is probably every single department in the county and its and for specific things from the departments. So I'll give it to you and you can decide how to send it out. It's long.

>> Chair: Thank you, commissioner. Any other announcements? I'll just make a very quick announcement that I am making it a point to try to visit all the SALTs this fiscal year.

>> (Away from mic).

>> Chair: I am. But I'm making it a point because it needs to be lodged in my head, but I'm getting some help. Melissa's already reached out to them and saying that Chair Manalo wants to visit and she's outlined potential dates in October. And I think Daniel's going to drive me out to -- he's going to drive me out to the Antelope Valley. Right, Daniel? No. I don't want to drive there myself. It would be great if I could have someone drive me. Am I right or am I right? I just want to say I'm doing that SALTs, USCCs as well.

>> And you can take the train like our stakeholders do.

>> Chair: I'd be happy to do that. Maybe I need to ask supervisor Hahn, she can tell me how to get there. I definitely want to do that as a way to kind of make sure that because we talk a lot about those stakeholder groups in this commission and I think we need to make sure that those connections are very clear and established so that we can get the information that we need from all those folks that are out there in the SALTs. If there are no other announcements, then we shall adjourn this meeting to the next executive committee meeting which is Thursday, August 28th at 12:00 P.M.

Thank you very much. Have a good day.

>> Kenia: Thank you to all our services. We appreciate you. See you next time.