

**San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Board**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present**

Nancy Chastain, Chair  
Joseph Dittmann, Vice-Chair  
Cary Martin  
Daphne Shaw  
Frances Hernandez  
Ingrid Oliver  
Karen Ivy  
Mike Corsaro  
Tasso Kandris  
Tosh Saruwatari  
Vaunita Duval  
Mudalodu Vasudevan  
Supervisor Miguel Villapudua

**Members Excused/Absent****Also Present**

Frances Hutchins, Interim BHS Director  
Cara Dunn, Deputy Director of Administration  
Doris Cody, Board Secretary  
Isabel Espinosa, Board Secretary  
Kayce Rane, Consultant

**Guests**

Lindy Turner-Hardin, Child Abuse Prevention Council  
Gene Hardin, Child Abuse Prevention Council,  
The Lisa Project

**I. Call to Order**

The Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting was convened on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Behavioral Health Service located at 1212 N. California St., Conference Room B, Stockton, CA. Chairperson Nancy Chastain called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., led the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by the Board Secretary. A quorum was in attendance at this meeting.

**III. Introductions**

Chairperson Nancy Chastain led self-introductions among board members and the public audience present at this meeting. New Board member Lori Hansen was introduced and welcomed.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was requested by Chairperson Nancy Chastain to approve the minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous approval.

**V. Public Comment**

None

## VI. New Business

- a. The Lisa Project. Gene Hardin, Child Abuse Prevention Council, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Lisa Project.
  - The Lisa Project started 7 years ago, after a disturbing 911 call to the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit (CASA) in which a girl named Lisa reported that her drunken stepfather was abusing the family.
  - As a Child Abuse Prevention Month project to raise awareness of child abuse, a modular building was built in Stockton and has since traveled to 20 different cities, 10 counties, and many schools. The Lisa Project has been seen by over 100k people. A visual tour of the Lisa Project is available.
  - A walk through narrative script tells the story of Lisa. Different rooms in the building depict various types of abuse: domestic violence, child abuse, neglect, sexual, and verbal abuse.
  - The Lisa Project is being used as a training tool for the Stockton Police Department, social workers, San Joaquin Delta College nursing students, and United Education Institute (UEI) College students, Probation officers are trained to show the program, and Sheriff Moore has allowed inmates to walk through prior to their release. BHS programs such as Alcohol Drug Alternative Program (ADAP) and Family Ties have also toured the Lisa Project.
  - Mr. Hardin thanked Behavioral Health Services for their support and partnership.
- b. Draft MHSA Innovation (INN) Plan for Progressive Housing. Kayce Rane, BHS Consultant, presented a draft Innovation Plan concept for scattered site housing.
  - The approved Three-Year Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan includes descriptions of two INN plan concepts. The Progressive Housing Plan is the first Plan to be posted for public review.
  - The goal of the project is to provide safe and affordable housing for consumers to help them fully engage in mental health treatment.
  - The project is intended to provide low barrier housing that can be affordably replicated by other counties.
  - The project will provide a number of housing facilities different houses based on consumers' stages in recovery.
  - The UC Davis Behavioral Health Center for Excellence will conduct an evaluation of the project.

## VII. Old Business

- No old business was discussed

## VIII. Director's Report

- a. The proposed INN project has been posted for public review. BHS plans to post a second INN Plan next month and will provide a presentation on that project at the September Board meeting. The Progressive Housing project is a priority because of the tight housing market in the County, exacerbated by the loss of the Mayfair

apartment building. Many mental health consumers are living in substandard conditions. The Progressive Housing project will provide safer housing options for consumers.

- b. Welcomed Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary and Board Secretary, and thanked Doris Cody, Administrative Secretary, for her work as Board Secretary.
- c. The Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of the Proposition 47 grant for a withdrawal management program. The project will be conducted by Community Medical Centers, with housing support provided by Central Valley Low Income Housing Corporation (CVLIHC) and the project evaluation conducted by the UC Davis Behavioral Health Center for Excellence.
- d. The County's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Plan was approved by Board of Supervisors and sent to the state. The next step is to negotiate reimbursement rates with the State.
- e. The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) will evaluate BHS' mental health services on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The review focuses on timeliness, access, quality, and outcomes of consumer care.
- f. Billy Olpin, Deputy Director for Justice and Decriminalization, will oversee various BHS programs that target homeless consumers, including Whole Person Care, PATH, Mobile Crisis Response, No Place Like Home and Prop 47.
- g. RFP for Inpatient Services – The County is still evaluating the two proposals for an in-county Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)
- h. BHS Clinicians will begin using an assessment tool called the Child and Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANSA) in September. BHS has combined the Child Assessment Needs and Strengths (CANS) with Adult Assessment Needs and Strengths (ANS) to create an integrated tool, which will be especially beneficial for the TSY population.
- i. The selectin of a new BHS Director is in the final phases. Board Member Daphne participated in interview process. A new BHS Director may attend the October meeting.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

- a. Executive Committee – Nancy Chastain thanked Frances Hutchins for her system report.
- b. Legislative Report – Daphne Shaw reported:
  - AB 720 (Eggman)- still in appropriations. Concerning medications given to inmates in jail, allows them first choice to transfer to clinical setting.
  - SB 10 (Hertzberg) regarding bail reform. People with mental illness languish in jail because they cannot afford bail. The Stockton Record had an article in the 08/16/17 newspaper regarding this issue.
  - AB 186 (Eggman)- Extension of the needle exchange program. Will provide a clean environment for drug use, but will not provide the drugs. Would require approval on the local level such as county or city approval for building.
  - AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)–Limits the ability of counties to contracting for services. Faces a lot of opposition.

- c. Children's Committee –Mike Corsaro reported that he was invited by Jacqui Coulter, CYS Deputy Director, to attend staff meetings every two weeks. The 2016 Children's Data Notebook was sent to the state.
- d. Grievance Committee – Tasso Kandris reported that according the March DHCS review we are in compliance. The Grievance Committee meetings are currently held quarterly. Mr. Kandris recommended that grievances be handled quicker. He is also concerned about grievances that routinely cannot be answered.
- e. Housing Committee – Frances Hernandez provided a document to inform consumers about their rights as tenants. She recommended that counselors provide information about tenant rights to consumers, so that clients understand that they cannot be required to leave their homes during the day. She was also concerned about the homeless population not having a place to shower and eat.
- f. Substance Abuse Disorder Committee –No report.

**X. Other**

- a. Tasso Kandris reported that invitations were sent to the Lodi Police Chief and the Lodi Mayor for the October BHB meeting at the Lodi Library
- b. Cary Martin discussed Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) 5604 and expressed concern that that the BHB is not fulfilling its mandates. He recommended that an ad hoc committee of the BHB be formed to review the requirements. Tasso Kandris and Nancy Chastain expressed that they felt that the BHB was fulfilling its mandates. Its
- c. Tosh Saruwatari reported that he accepted a consultant position with Human Services Agency (HSA) to provide clinical supervision for staff. He announced that he will retire from the BHB in March 2018, after serving 7 years on the board.
- d. Chairperson Nancy Chastain recommended that BHS ensure that the Family Ties grounds are regularly watered.

**Meeting Adjourn:** 8:20 p.m.