

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Board
Minutes

Members Present

Nancy Chastain, Chairperson
Cary Martin
Karen Ivy
Tosh Saruwatari
Ingrid Oliver
Joseph Dittmann
Frances Hernandez

Members Excused/Absent

Sheila Foster- Excused
Moses Zapien - Excused
Alissa Douma - Excused
Daphne Shaw - Excused

Also Present

Greg Diederich, HCS Director
James Garrett, BHS Director
Doris Cody, Board Secretary

Guests

Kerrie Melton, Consumer Outreach Coord.
Jennifer Susskind, Consultant
Tasso Kandris
Gertie Kandris
William Smith
Myrna Leon

I. Call to Order

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at Behavioral Health Services located at 1212 N. California St., Stockton, CA. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Chastain at 6:01 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Secretary, a quorum were in attendance at this meeting.

III. Introductions

Chairperson Nancy Chastain led self-introductions among board members and public audience present at this meeting.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by acting Chairperson Nancy Chastain to approve minutes, motion moved by Joseph Dittmann and second by Cary Martin to approve the minutes of September 21, 2016 as presented. No discussion. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment

- a. Tosh Saruwatari thanked the Board of Supervisor for sending members of the Behavioral Health Board to the Government Leadership Training Program in September. He also thanked Kerrie Melton for her WRAP presentation and the Red Ribbon Week presentation at the Consortium meeting on October 5, 2016.

VI. New Business

a. BHS Dashboard:

Jennifer Susskind demonstrated the BHS Data Dashboards and discussed the following:

- A data dashboard is a visual display of critical system indicators with real-time information that will assist BHS Managers and analysts to generate reports for key stakeholders and the public.
- The data dashboard includes the following information:
 - Demographics of clients served
 - Service utilization
 - Duration of wait time for appointments (timeliness)
 - Vacancies in inpatient facilities
- Data for the data dashboard comes from Insyst, Clinicians Gateway and other sources.
- The information is only accurate and up to date as the data that is entered into the system.
- My Dash is currently being developed. My Dash will help Managers look at specific data for just their programs.

During the presentation, Ms. Susskind answered questions from board members and audience present. She also stated that they are continuing to develop additional dashboard items and that if board members have other ideas for dashboard indicators to let James Garrett know.

VII. Old Business

- a. Mr. Garrett announced that the board approved the By-laws and the board's name has officially changed to the Behavioral Health Board effective October 4, 2016. Board member that was present received the revised By-laws.
- b. Recruitment of new MH&SA Board members – Mr. Garrett stated that Board of Supervisors will approve two General Interest Representatives on October 25, 2016. He also stated that when there is at least one applicant for one position, he feels there is no need to have a recruitment committee to interview the qualified applicant. However, if there are multiple applicants for one position, then the recruitment committee will conduct interviews for qualified applicants. There are two (2) consumer interest positions that are currently open and applications has been received by the Clerk of the Board.

Cary Martin feels that all applicants should be interviewed by the recruitment committee and then makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

VIII. Director's Report

- a. BHS Staff Reports (Reports were sent electronically to BHB members)
- b. James Garrett, BHS Director gave a brief report on the following items:

- BHS has many vacancies for Mental Health Clinicians and has requested “Rule of the List” from the Civil Service Commission. The process will direct HR-Downton to screen for minimum qualifications then forward the list to BHS. Group interviews will take place with a panel of Chiefs with vacancies to fill these positions within their respective departments. The list is expected by November 4th. Human Services Agency currently has 30 vacancies for social worker.
- BHS will participate in Youth in Government Day scheduled for October 27, 2016. This year, at least 30 students will be in attendance and the presentation by BHS has always been well received by the students.
- Mr. Garrett presented “Safety in Mind” during an Evening Study Session on the topic of Public Safety at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 17, 2016.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee – Nancy Chastain reported the committee members met and discussed agenda items for BHB meeting in October.
- b. Legislative Report - Daphne Shaw (not present) emailed the following report to Board Secretary:
 - No update on previous legislation. Ms. Shaw reported she learned late last week that Congressman McNerney has introduced a piece of legislation regarding mental health. It grew out of concern regarding an incident involving a mental health client who was a veteran that occurred in Lodi. His legislative director indicated to Ms. Shaw that his office has been working with County MH. She will have more information at the November BHB meeting.
- c. Children’s Committee – No report.
- d. Grievance Committee – No report
- e. Housing Committee – Frances Hernandez reported the following:
 - Most board and cares are full and one board and care has two openings. Ms. Hernandez also states that a current list of care facilities is needed.
- f. Substance Abuse Disorder Committee – Tosh Saruwatari reported the following: Mr. Saruwatari attended a meeting with Thurnell Clayton and others to discuss the needs of the community regarding residential care to those that are released from prisons.

X. Other

- a. Health Care Services Director, Greg Diederich, discussed a recent trip to New York City, where the County sent 15 staff, including Billy Olpin, to view the Doe program. The Doe program is a non-profit organization that helps provide paid transitional work, housing, educational opportunities, counseling, and career training to people with histories of homelessness, incarceration, and substance

abuse. There is local interest in funding a similar program in San Joaquin County.

XI. Adjourn: 7:48 p.m.