



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)

Regular Meeting

November 20, 2024

Behavioral Health Services
1212 N California Street
Stockton, CA 95202

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:04pm

- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Members presents: Chair Patricia Barrett, Vice Chair Christine Stanbrough, Esther Wolczynski, Jeff Giampetro, Gertie Kandris, Tasso Kandris, Cary Martin, Destiny Easter, Paul Akinjo, Sabrina Flores

Members absent: Chea Chen, Paul Canepa

Other in Attendance: Genevieve Valentine

Guest Introductions

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of Minutes

- Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the Minutes of the October Board meeting

IV. BHAB Chair's Report

Discussion regarding December meeting. Board voted unanimously (8-0) to have the scheduled December 18, 2024 meeting include lunch for the BHAB at 11:00 am, followed by a public meeting from 12:00/12:10 pm until 1:30 pm at BHS Admin-Transworld location.

V. Director's Update

- **What will it look like with dual roles?**

Genevieve Valentine (GV) discussed workload distribution now that she has been tasked with overseeing both BHS and Public Health while a replacement for Public Health is appointed. Her time will be divided as follows: Monday/Friday will be dedicated to Public Health, Tuesday through Thursday will be spent with BHS. For Genevieve's administrative assistance, Kendra Fenner will be responsible for assisting with needs from Health Care Services, Gabby Galvan will be responsible for assisting with needs from Behavioral Health. Questions or concerns were

solicited from the board. No concerns with this schedule; Board Member Tasso Kandris expressed confidence this plan would be sufficient and that GV would manage both roles well.

- **Be Well Update**

GV advised that 19 acres have been secured in French Camp and that \$137 million in funding is being solicited from available Prop 1 funds to complete building plans-once those funds are in hand BHS will hit the ground running. GV also advised that funds have already been secured for the initial campus building; the additional funds are for the remaining buildings on campus. There will be a community meeting in Weston Ranch to get community buy-in on the Be Well campus, with an emphasis on the 205 jobs that would be created for the community based on the location. The floor was opened for questions-Board Member Tasso Kandris asked if there was any current interest from the community. GV advised there is interest from the community, that Dana Hudson (BHS) has already done some work within the Weston Ranch community as a resident of that community and most residents have expressed interest in the campus as it is described.

- **DataNotebook Presentation, presented by Angelo Balmaceda**

Angelo provided an overview of data compiled by Janelle’s team regarding current service delivery and design as well as determine foci for future service conceptualization and design. Focus of the presentation was on homelessness in the public behavioral health system and performance data outcomes. Angelo provided an overview of support services and partner services that provide the support being measured. BHAB received copy of the PowerPoint prior to meeting, floor was opened for questions. Board Member Jeff Giampetro stated information was needed from mobile crisis, Board Member Esther Wolczynski asked about the first slide (in particular CVLICH) and asked if they tracked everyone, Board Member Destiny Easter asked if the number of ER visits should be included/if it was, and a member of the community asked if SNF’s or LTC’s are included. All questions were responded to the Board Member’s satisfaction-with GV specifying to the member of the public that if the service doesn’t fall within Medi-Cal, BHS does not have authority over whether or not that information is shared (re: SNF’s or LTC’s). GV also shared that relative to other Counties, San Joaquin and Stanislaus are performing better with Veteran homelessness solutions, however there has been an uptick in older adult homelessness, unrelated to veterans.

VI. Committees/Liaisons’ Report

Initial Workgroup Meetings

- Social Media-Board Member Christine Stanborough had nothing to report
- Accountability and Review-Board Member Destiny Easter had nothing to report
- QAPI-Board Member Tasso Kandris had nothing to report
- Legislature-Board Member Gertie Kandris had nothing to report
- Housing-Board Member Jeff Giampetro had nothing to report
- Children/TAY-Board Member Esther Wolczynski had nothing to report
- SUD/Community Support-Currently vacant. Board held a vote on three attendees to be included in future meetings. Board Members Jeff Giampetro, Tasso Kandris, Cary Martin, and Chair Patricia Barrett volunteered themselves to join-as only three were required, Jeff Giampetro stood

down from consideration. Tasso Kandris, Cary Martin, and Chair Patricia Barrett volunteered for the role.

- Justice and Decriminalization-Name has changed to Justice and Community Integration.

Liaisons’ Report

- MHSa Consortium-Board Member Chrstine Stanborough advised she attended the last HAS Consortium meeting, enjoyed the meeting, nothing new to report.
- Suicide Prevention Committee-Board Member Destiny Easter advised she attended the meeting yesterday and that they are looking to get additional community involvement and want to know how Prop 1 will affect the committee. GV advised that this will fall under Public Health when Prop 1 goes into effect and that Dr. Park (Public Health) is currently undergoing training to take this over when the time comes. The Board asked if this meant that Amanda Yocham, who currently oversees the committee from BHS, would no longer be involved. GV advised that Amanda will still be involved even when Prop 1 is in place as a liaison from BHS.
- Cultural Competency Committee-Currently vacant. Angelo advised the Board that anyone can join and present feedback.

VII. Action Items

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee-Vote taken, Jeff Giampetro 1st yay, Esther Wolczynski 2nd yay, members voted on and passed unanimously (8-0)

VIII. Guest Presentations

- **MHSa Stakeholder Presentation**

Presentation by Angelo Balmaceda, MHSa Coordinator

Angelo presented the findings from community feedback as well as the MHSa showcase in 2024. Emphasis on the variety of communities who came out and the uptick in involvement from community members who identified as older adults, LGBTQI+, and Latino/a/x community. Board Member Tasso Kandris requested access to raw data beyond percentages, Angelo agreed to provide this data as well.

- **CARE Court**

Presentation by Jeff Sabeau, Deputy Director

Monique Brown, Chief Mental Health Clinician

Guests: Honorable Judge Jayne Lee, County Counsel Rachael Allgaier, Public Defender Judyanne Vallardo

CARE, short for Community Assistance Recovery Empowerment, is an Act specific to California. The objective of the CARE Act is to serve as an intervention for Californians living with untreated Schizophrenia Spectrum or Other Psychotic Disorders to prevent avoidable psychiatric hospitalizations, incarceration or placement on LPS conservatorship. It is a one-to-two-year civil court process for those with untreated schizophrenia or other psychosis disorders to receive treatment via BHS under the oversight of a judge. Eligibility for CARE is limited to those 18 or older under the schizophrenia spectrum or other psychosis disorder not currently stabilized. It is

voluntary and may be filed in the County where the respondent lives, is found, or is facing criminal or civil proceedings. All limits and filing criteria were provided in detail.

Q&A- Board Member Jeff Giampetro expressed concerns regarding the effectiveness of current assistance, particularly that of the jacket drive. Deputy Director Jeff Sabeau advised this program is not run through CARES but the concerns were noted by Chair Patricia Barrett. Chair Patricia Barrett expressed concerns with criminalization of mental illness. Judge Lee advised Chair Barrett that CARES is not a criminal court matter, it is a civil matter only-there are no criminal ramifications for not completing the CARES program and bench warrants or similar cannot be issued in CARES court-it is voluntary. Board Members Gertie Kandris and Tasso Kandris expressed concern with the treatment being voluntary, as in their experience a voluntary program is usually not as effective. Public Defender Judyanne Vallardo responded and stated her team would meet with those under CARES where they are, including within homeless encampments, to ensure all is done to make this effective. Chief Mental Health Clinician Monique Brown advised that in her own groups, she has seen some voluntary incentives work and cited examples of items or products that consumers want or need as effective in getting buy-in. Judge Lee acknowledged that it will be challenging but that in San Joaquin County, we are working together to ensure we give the program the best opportunity to be successful. Members of the public also expressed concern regarding the ability for the program to be effective as it has struggled in other Counties. Judge Lee, BHS Director Genevive Valentine, and Deputy Director Jeff Sabeau agreed that in San Joaquin County we are working with our County Counsel and judicial partners in advance to ensure the program has the County department support it needs to have the greatest opportunity at being successful.

IX. Reminders

- Next meeting Wednesday, December 18th at BHS-Transworld Location

X. Local Events/Announcements

- Client Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024 from 12:00-1:30 at 1212 N. California Street in conference rooms A, B, and C

XI. Board Comments

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm