

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

**Members Present**

Nancy Chastain, Chairperson  
Cary Martin  
Karen Ivy  
Tosh Saruwatari  
Joseph Dittmann  
Daphne Shaw  
Sheila Foster  
Mike Corsaro  
Ingrid Oliver

**Members Excused/Absent**

Alissa Douma-Absent  
Frances Hernandez -Absent  
Moses Zapien- Excused  
Tasso Kandris- Excused

**Also Present**

James Garrett, BHS Director  
Doris Cody, Board Secretary

**Guests**

Kathy Hannah, Deputy Director, BHS/24 hour  
Services

**I. Call to Order**

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at Behavioral Health Service located at 1212 N. California St., Conference Room B, 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 Board 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**

Mr. Garrett reported that the draft Minutes from November 17, 2016 meeting were unavailable. There will be two sets of minutes distributed for the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**V. Public Comment**

- a. Board member, Shelia Foster stated that when her term expires in January 2017, she will not apply for re-appointment to the Behavioral Health Board due to a family illness. She stated that she has learned a lot during her time as a Board member and thanked everyone.
- b. Shelia Foster voiced her concern regarding a person that wants mental health services, but is using drugs. When the person was ready to receive services, they were told to stop using drugs and services was not provided. Shelia felt the person has a history of self-medicating and that services should have been provided to them. Shelia also stated that the person went to jail a few time, but did not receive services while in jail. Mr. Garrett suggested that Shelia provide him the person's contact

information and he will check to see what happened. Due to confidentiality, Mr. Garrett will not share this information with Shelia.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. Tour of the new Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)
  - Kathy Hannah, Deputy Director, 24-Hour Services provided a tour of the new CSU, the tour was well received by the BHB members.
- b. Appoint Nomination Committee for 2017 Elections at the January's BHB meeting.

#### **VII. Old Business**

- a. Jim Garrett stated that a presentation is scheduled on Human Trafficking and Trauma will be presented at the BHB meeting in January 2017.

#### **VIII. Director's Report**

- a. James Garrett, BHS Director gave a brief report on the following items:
  - Mr. Garrett stated that he will be attending the Stepping Up Initiative in January. The goal of the initiative is to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.
  - Mr. Garrett discussed the No Place Like Home Program (AB1618) that will dedicate \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or at risk of chronic homelessness. The bonds are repaid by funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Populations that will be served are adults with serious mental illness or children with severe emotional disorders who are at risk of chronic homelessness including person.
  - Mr. Garrett thanked the BHB members for their hard work throughout the year and looks forward to working with them next year.
  - Mr. Garrett distributed the 2017 BHS Consumer Art Calendar to board members. All art work was submitted by consumers.

#### **IX. Committee Reports**

- a. Executive Committee – Nancy Chastain reported the committee members met and discussed agenda items for BHB meeting in December.
- b. Legislative Report - Daphne Shaw
  - Ms. Shaw reported that Senator Beal has introduced a spot bill (SB 8) that will deal with possible changes to the justice bail system that impacts mental health clients that are unable to post bail when arrested.
  - During the PBS Newshour, Tim Murphy was interviewed and spoke about:
    - Creation of Assistant Secretary of mental health
    - Emphasized early intervention
    - Funding more CIT

- \$50 million for workforce
  - Even though Mr. Murphy has a history of supporting the repeal of the ACA, he emphasized that there was support to keep parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that would fund mental health.
- c. Children's Committee – No report.
- d. Grievance Committee – No report
- e. Housing Committee – No report
- f. Substance Abuse Disorder Committee – No report
- Tosh wanted to know the progress of the Sobering Centers. Mr. Garrett states that on Friday, 12/23, he will be visiting the SJ County Jail Honor Farm, which can be an option for a Sobering Center.

**X. Adjourn: 7:55p.m.**