Behavioral Health Services

A Division of Health Care Services Agency

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

May 18, 2022 – 5:00 -7:00 P.M.

In-Person
Behavioral Health Services
1212 N California St. Conference Room B/C
Stockton, CA 95202

Zoom
Meeting ID: 996 4696 2451
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Amended Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Angelo Balmaceda, Betty Wilson, Michael Fields, John Luis

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

- Michael Fields: would like to thank the BHB and Tony Vartan for all the work they do for the consumers.\
- He is excited for the expansion of the wellness center into the north and south county.
- Wellness center and consumer advisory council will be hosting a BBQ out on the South lawn at 1212 N. California St. from 10:00am to 2:00pm for all consumers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mandatory Training:
- In person mandatory Training moved to Next Month's Meeting.
- Expense Reimbursement
 - Tasso Kandris Read a proposed amendment to the Bylaws.
- Board Members will have the 30 days to review the amendment and a vote will happen at next month's Meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Legislative Report Gertie Kandris
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CARE COURT PROPOSAL
 - On March 3, 2022 Governor Newsom's administration unveiled a proposal called CARE (Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment) Court to address California's cities struggling to address homeless and mental health crisis on their streets. All of California's 58 counties would need to participate. After reaching out to NAMI California

to voice my interest as a parent of a person with a serious mental illness, I received an invitation to electronically attend a briefing. Below are some of my notes to share with you regarding this proposal from the

CALIFORNIA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CARE (COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RECOVERY AND EMPOWERMENT) COURT BRIEFING - March 14, 2022 at 11 AM

- A proposed framework to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely impaired Californians who too often languish suffering in homelessness, with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders AND are currently judgment impaired, unable to make rational decisions for mental and/or physical health care BEFORE they enter the Criminal Justice System or end up with LPS.
- Referrals for Clinical Evaluation and request for a "Care Plan" can be made by First Responders, Family Members and Certified Clinicians.
- The "Care Plan"/Care Court for up to 12 mos. developed by County Behavioral Health will include treatment, stabilization/meds, self-determined Recovery Plan to future self- sufficiency, Public Defender support, be acceptable to the Court and the Individual. Includes a Housing Plan via CARE Court, support by a County Mental Health Team including support for Court Hearings and successful completion with a Mental Health Advance Directive (self-determined path to recovery) in place for FUTURE housing and community based behavioral health treatments including Community-based Behavioral Health Services, Stabilization/Medications and Housing Plan. If there is non-compliance with Medications will trigger other pathways; for instance longer-lasting injectable medications may be helpful.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tony Vartan, BHS Director

 2022-2023 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Plan Public Hearing – Angelo Balmaceda, MHSA Coordinator Discussed the Purpose of Funding

MHSA Annual Update Planning Activities Highlights of 2022-23 MHSA Annual Update Questions / Comments

- o Public comments:
 - o Question regarding gap in the 0-5 prevention programs.
 - o Fay Vieira and Courtney Flores working on the PEI program to expand 0-5 Services
- o Comment regarding making sure that the funding will be resilient with a looming recession.
 - The state opened more funding recently and that we will have funds to support those needs over the next three years.
- O Questions regarding Age 0-5 and 0-13 increase in requests for services. Will San Joaquin County be able to staff these new programs during this staff shortage?
 - We have a few Contractors that we work with who have expressed interest in providing these kinds of services and this will be an RFP type situation using these contractors. We also have a School based intervention targeting ages 5+. This will be an RFP process – once this is all approved, BHS will put out bids for these projects, This process can take 12 weeks to 6 months
- o Angelo: Next year will be the 3-year plan and look forward to starting process for community feedback early, and we will reach out for community Feedback in October.

VIII. REMINDERS

- MHSA Consortium 6-1-22 at 3:00 P.M.
- Cultural Competency Committee Meeting 6-14-22 11:00 A.M.
- Behavioral Health Board Meeting 6-15-22 5:00 P.M.
- Suicide Prevention Committee 6-21-22 3:00 P.M.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

- No Comments
- X. ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY June 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

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