



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

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

Zoom Meeting information
Meeting ID: 996 4696 2451
Passcode: 321345
Phone: (669) 900-6833

April 20, 2022 – 5:00 -7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

• **CALL TO ORDER**

- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Patricia Barrett / Vice Chair Carolyn Cooper / Mary Avanti / Sabrina Flores-Eng / Jeff Giampetro / Tasso Kandris / Gertie Kandris / Douglas Vigil / Cary Martin / John Weston

Others in Attendance:

Cara Dunn – BHS Assistant Director / Hillary Crowley / Angelo Balmaceda / Betty Wilson / Linda Kaufmann / Michael Fields / Edna Early-Fields / Alexis Bernard / Danny Medina

• **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – OPEN TIME**

The Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq) requires that every agency for regular meeting provide an opportunity for member of the public to directly address the San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Board on any item of interest to the public, before or during the Board’s consideration of the item. When the Chairperson announces the public comment period, any person wishing to address the Board will be recognized by the Chairperson and is requested to state their name and make their comments. Each speaker is allocated up to three (3) minutes to speak. Comments must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board will take no action and will hold no discussion on matters presented during public comment unless the matter is an action item on the Board agenda. The Board may refer the subject matter to the appropriate department of agency for follow-up and/or to schedule the matter on a subsequent Board agenda.

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of February Minutes
 - Approved.

• **OLD BUSINESS:**

Board Discussion – Patricia Barrett.

- Patricia Shared a brief overview of the following Roles and Responsibilities.
 - Review and evaluate the community’s mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
 - Review any County agreements entered into pursuant to W&I Code Section 5650.
 - Advise the governing body and the local Behavioral Health Services Director (BHS Director) as to any aspect of the local mental health and/or substance use program.
 - Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
 - Submit an Annual Report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the County’s mental health and/or substance use system.

- Review and make recommendations on applications for the appointment of a local BHS Director. The BHB shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.
- Review and comment on the County's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council. Website

Ad Hock Committee on Bylaws

- Dissolved.

Site Visits

- Discussion / Training
 - o Site visits outside of BHS Campus Board Members Should Contact the program director and set up a time to visit.
 - o Anything within BHS, BHB Members should contact Tony or set up an appointment with the Board Secretary.
 - o BHS Director Tony Vartan has offered to set up tours for the Board so that they can see what each BHS department does.
 - o Reports for any site visits should be submitted to the Board Secretary no later than 12pm the first Tuesday of the month so that it can be reviewed, and any needed changes be made before the BHB Meeting.

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

• **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Legislative Committee – Gertie Kandris

California Lawmakers are responding to a surge in fentanyl overdoses and deaths.

- Republican Lawmakers would require
 - Hospitals to test drug-screening urine samples for fentanyl.
 - Another would require courts to advise individuals convicted of certain crimes in writing that it is extremely dangerous to manufacture and distribute fentanyl and if someone dies as a result, a defendant can be charged with voluntary manslaughter or murder.
 - A third bill would establish a California Fentanyl Abuse Task Force in efforts to ramp up public awareness.
 - A separate measure would set up a grant program under the California Health & Human Services Agency for locals to battle the crisis.

Some of the Democratic Bills are:

- **Assembly Bill 2246** (Cottie-Petrie-Norris/Irvine) to strengthen punishment for distribution and possession allowing prosecutors to pursue 20 years to life sentence for those who distribute fentanyl that resulted in a deadly overdose; it would make it a felony to possess 2 or more grams of opioid along with sentence enhancements for selling fentanyl in areas around children or on social media. It would also classify fentanyl distributed for illicit use as a Schedule 1 drug (a label used by US Drug Enforcement Administration for narcotics without acceptable medical use and most likely to be abused).
- **Assembly Bill 1628** (James Ramos/Highland) would require companies such a Snapchat to implement policies prohibiting the sale of fentanyl and other controlled substances on their platforms. He also introduced a 2nd Bill to make overdose-reversing medication Narcan more available and set up overdose response teams via a Justice Department Pilot Program.
- **Senate Bill SB 57** (Scott Wiener) to legalize safe injection sites, pilots San Francisco & Los Angeles.

- **DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Cara Dunn, Assistant Director BHS** 30 Min
 - Angelo Balmaceda - MHSA 30-day public review period
 - Reviewed MHSA Planning Activities Calendar
 - MHSA 2022-23 DRAFT Annual Update for 30-day public comment
 - Reviewed Highlights from the 2022 and 2023 Annual Updates
 - Angelo directed the board to the BHS website to review the MHSA 20-23 30 Day public comment period.
 - Angelo directed the board to the 2020-21 Annual MHSA Revenue and Expenditure Report
 - Hilary Crowley - Updates on New Program Additions at the Existing Recovery House Site
 - Discussed schematics location and of new modulars, adding a third modular.
 - Goal is to get these modulars up and running and then to incorporate needed updates into existing recovery house.
 - Hilary Crowley - Updates on Redesigned Website
 - County adopted new Website about a year ago, BHS is working with contractor to redesign the website.
 - It should be up and running within the next 6 weeks.
 - Hilary will come back to the BHB once the website is live and demo it.
 - Cara Dunn - Quick update on Board of supervisor’s contract schedule.
 - 5-3 CYS bundle /drug medical bundle
 - 5-24 support services bundle / BHB Travel reimbursement bundle.
 - 6-7 Adult Outpatient /MHSA Plan updated / Adult Residential Bundle / Hospital Services Bundle.
 - Often these don’t get questioned or pulled these items are on consent calendar
 - Updates on Mobile Crisis
 - New Mobile crisis still in progress.
 - TA call has been held and will be meeting with
 - Doug: Would like to know about more about Mobile Crisis equipment Hilary was talking about?
- **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE - Supervisor Villapudua**
 - No Report
- **REMINDERS – MAY 2022**
 - MHSA Consortium – 5/4/2022 3pm
 - Cultural Competency Committee – 5/10/22 11am
 - Next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be May 18th. For information, please contact Luke Vlavianos at 209-468-8750 or via e-mail at lvlavianos@sjcbhs.org
- **BOARD COMMENTS**
 - Gertie Kandris – Mobile Crisis sounds pretty good.
 - Jeff G.– Excited about Mobile Crisis, it sounds like this will be a real help for our clients in a real way.
 - Carolyn Cooper – Would like to know how mobile crisis will help Children?
 - Sabrina Flores-Eng – Same question as Carolyn
 - Tasso Kandris – Mobile crisis will be very important and looking forward to hearing more about it when we can.
 - Patricia Barrett – asked the board Members to volunteer for one of the MHSA Meetings (MHSA Consortium, Cultural Competency, Suicide prevention) and to let Luke know which one they would like to attend. Otherwise, these meetings will be assigned for Board Members to attend.
- **ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, May 18th, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.**

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