Behavioral Health Services

A Division of Health Care Services Agency

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Date:	Wednesday, October 15, 2025		
Time:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM		
Location	BHS Administration, Conference room 115B 3127 Transworld Drive, Stockton Ca		
Members:	Esther Wolczynski (Chair) Destiny Easter (Vice Chair) Paul Akinjo Katrina Bambula-Santos Patricia Barrett Paul Canepa	Toni Delgado Sabrina Flores-Eng Jeffrey Giampetro Anastassios "Tasso" Kandris Gertrud "Gertie" Kandris	
Vacancies	(1) Family Representative Seat(1) Consumer Seat	(1) Education Seat(1) Transitional Age Youth Seat	
Minute Taker:	Board Secretary		

Minutes

1. Call to Order 5:05pm

- a. Moment of silence
- b. Pledge of allegiance
- c. Roll Call
- d. Housekeeping

2. Public Comment

The public is welcome to address the Advisory Board during this time on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Members of the public are encouraged to complete a Public Comment form, which can be found near the entry of the Board Room. Speakers are limited to three minutes and are expected to be civil and courteous. Public comment on items listed on the agenda may be heard at this time, or when the item is called, at the discretion of the Chair.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), no deliberation, discussion or action may be taken by the Board on items not listed on the agenda. Members of the Board may but are not required to: (1) briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons addressing the Board; (2) ask a brief question for clarification; or (3) refer the matter to staff for further information.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of September 2025 minutes approved. First- Patricia Barrett Second- Tasso Kandris 8-0 approved

4. Guest Presentations

a. Data Notebook (Maria Benguerel) and vote First- Jeffrey Giampetro Second- Patricia Barrett 9-0 approved



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5. BHAB Chair's Report

- a. General Interest Seat Update Tasso Kandris was appointed back into the General Interest seat
- BOS report out and vote
 First- Jeffrey Giampetro/Patricia Barrett Second- Tasso Kandris 7-0 approved

6. Director's Update

- a. Q&A with Ms. Sasha Jackson, Deputy Director of Housing for Health
- b. Food allergies- December's meeting will be closed from 5-6pm and dinner will be catered. Please tell Fay now if you have allergies. Jasmine will email staff that aren't here regarding allergies.
- c. BH-CONNECT Initiative- The BH-CONNNECT initiative is part of a broader effort to enhance community-based behavioral health services in California. The program allocates \$1.9 billion to reward participating behavioral health plans (BHPs) for demonstrating improvements in key performance measures related to access and outcomes for Medi-Cal members with significant behavioral health needs. In October of 2025, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reviewed and approved the San Joaquin County Submission 1 for the BH-CONNECT Access, Reform, and Outcomes Incentive Program resulting in a payment to SJCBHS from the DHCS in the amount of \$1,392,277.19. This incentive payment supports the BOS strategic priorities of maintaining fiscal responsibility and supporting a health community.

7. Committee Reports

Written reports must be submitted to the Board Secretary one day prior to the Executive Meeting, occurring the first Tuesday of every month

- a. Housing (Jeff Giampetro) Jeff reviewed the information that was sent to him by Sasha Jackson.
- b. Children/TAY (Esther Wolczynski)
- c. SUD/Community Supports (Patricia Barrett)
- d. Justice and Community Integration (Esther Wolczynski)- Fay will put Esther in contact with Jeff Sabean

8. Liaison Reports

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- a. QAPI (Destiny Easter) Down on grievances compared to last year. In-patient is down. Outpatient is consistent.
- b. MHSA-BHSA (Katrina Bambula-Santos) just had the showcase. Destiny, Jeff and Pat were able to attend the showcase. Katrina wants to know how the number of attendees this year was, compared to last year's numbers. Are we reaching the community to invite them to the showcase?
- c. Suicide Prevention Committee (Destiny Easter)
- d. Cultural Competency Committee (Katrina Bambula-Santos) There is discussion on changing the name to Cultural Humility. The new name would be a better fit with



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the changes that are coming. Katrina asked how others felt about the potential name change.

e. Legislature (Gertie Kandris) SB27 Community Assistance Recovery Empowerment Care Act signed by Governor Newsom. Expands the Care Act from 1% to 3%. Enhances the current act, improves the BHS framework.

9. Sub-committee Reports

Reports must be submitted to the Board Secretary one day prior to the Executive Meeting, occurring the first Tuesday of every month

Will develop new goals next year

10. Action Items

11. Reminders

a. Next Advisory Board Meeting: November 19, 2025, 5:00pm-7:00pm
 BHS Administration, Conference room 115B
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12. Local Events/Announcements

13. Board Comments

14. Adjournment 6:37pm