



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

Via teleconference

January 20, 2021 – 5:00 -7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Chair Tasso Kandris
 Vice Chair Patricia Barrett
 Carolyn Cooper
 Douglas Vigil
 Gertie Kandris
 Jeff Giampetro
 Joe Dittmann
 John Weston
 Sabrina Flores-Eng
 Supervisor Miller

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Joretta Burlington
 Karen Ivy
 Tashante McCoy
 Cary Martin

Also Present:

Greg Diederich, Director HCS
 Tony Vartan, Director BHS
 Frances Hutchins, Assistant Director BHS
 Hilary Crowley, Management Analyst II
 Kelly Mraz, Contracts Manager
 Angelo Balmaceda, Management Analyst II
 Kim In, Management Analyst II
 Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary

Guests:

Cassie Lowe, CAPC
 Michael Fields, Peer Recovery Center
 Edna Ealey-Fields, NAMI
 Dr. Justin Schrotenboer, VMRC
 Priscilla Timmons, NAMI

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – OPEN TIME

Priscilla Timmons commented on Conservatorship issues including, housing for clients after release from facilities, and placement concerns.

Jeff Giampetro commented on the difficulty of scheduling COVID-19 vaccines for clients who are not tech savvy.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Douglas Vigil made a motion to approve the December 2020 minutes. Vice Chairperson Patricia Barrett seconded the motion.

V. PRESENTATION

A. MHSA Community Planning

- *Angelo Balmaceda*, Management Analyst II

Angelo presented the MHSA funding and the importance of client and family input in program planning to ensure that we are culturally competent, and focused on recovery, wellness, resilience, for underserved communities.

Planning Discussion/Stakeholder Input:

What is working?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium • Supportive Housing • Collaboration with other agencies. • Creativity and resilience during global pandemic • Virtual Services
What needs improvement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology assistance and training for consumers • More Recovery Centers • More Peer Navigators, and Peer Support Specialists • More Children Services in North Stockton • More Care homes
Key Concerns by age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Youth (0-15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More services for 0-5 ○ Family strengthening services ○ Internet access and technology assistance • Transitional Age Youth (16-24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Life Skills classes ○ Career guidance and job training • Adults (25-59) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach at homeless camps ○ Assistance obtaining documents (licenses, social security cards, and passports) ○ More reentry programs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assistance navigating Medi-Cal and Medi-Care ● Older Adults (60+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing ○ Home visits ○ Housing by age group
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At the next BHB meeting, we will discuss priority of needs.

Please send additional comments to:

MHSA Comments

C/o MHSA Coordinator

1212 N. California Street

Stockton, CA 95202

Email:

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B. Performance Contract

- *Kelly Mraz, Contracts Supervisor*

An overview of mental health performance contract is done each year by BHS to review the changes. This contract goes to the Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021 with no significant changes.

This contract funded by sales tax and vehicle license fees . The Performance contract does not invoice funds, and must be adopted by BOS to set county authority to implement and administer mental health programs, and outlines conditions and requirements that we must follow in order to receive funding according to applicable state and federal statutes.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nomination Committee Report

- *Karen Ivy, Douglas Vigil, and Carolyn Cooper*

The committee nominated Tasso Kandris and Chairperson, and Patricia Barrett as Vice Chairperson. The nomination floor was opened, no other nominations. Douglas made a motion was made to close the nomination, and was seconded by Carolyn Cooper.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Douglas made a made a motion to confirm the nominees, the motion was seconded by Gertie Kandris.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- *Tony Vartan*, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health Director

Supervisor Miller was welcomed to the board.

Congratulations, the board chair and vice chair and the committee, all of the support we get from the board. Thank you Angelo and staff for your presentation. We depend on community and community partners to voice gaps and concerns.

Working on 2022-23 budgets and submitting to Board of Supervisors early this year.

As you know, when COVID pandemic is over, we will still have a lot of work to ensure that we are sustaining our community.

The State Department of Health Care Services gave an extension for regulatory and auditing activity. The Network Adequacy Tool and Corrective Action Plans were submitted to the state. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) is being expanded, and to be submitted by March 1. The Triennial Review is rescheduled for December.

BHS is planning for additional expansion of Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCST) team to seven days a week, expand territories, and collaborate with Lodi PD. The team is currently working Monday through Friday, from 8-5.

AB 1976 Assisted Outpatient Treatment program will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

MHSA Innovation plan is looking at homeless transitional care program and scattered housing. This program will bring together multiple services.

Looking at restructuring the Consortium to include having members work side by side on committees planning programs, projects, and activities.

Currently seven staff are out due to COVID exposures. Grant house, Jeremy house, PHF are all on quarantine.

423 staff members were vaccinated. The second round of vaccinations began in 24-hour services. 62% of staff in high-risk areas are vaccinated, with vaccinations scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.

Client vaccinations will be conducted through primary care physicians based on the State's tier guidelines. Case managers are to look at tier categories and link to community services.

There is now a weekly call where we look at who has beds and where there is capacity for CSU and PHF. The state discussed retroactively expanding billable hours in CSU for an additional 24 hours.

There are a lot of priority investments in Governor Newsom's new budget funding for continuum of care including a one-time grant for real estate to build more resources. Focus will shift to long term placement that are therapeutically enriched.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

- Received an email from a community member regarding patient rights advocates in jail and release of information documentation. This client is currently out of jail and on bond.
- California Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions will host a statewide meeting on 01/29 from 9-12PM.

B. Legislative Committee

C. Children's Committee

- The CYS Director has invited me into the meetings and coordinating commissions.

D. Grievance Committee

- There were seven grievances report in October, five in November, and four in December. There are some changes into the grievance reporting, and will follow up with that person for further information.

E. Housing Committee

F. Substance Use Disorder

X. REMINDERS

A. Next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be February 17, 2021. For information, please contact *Isabel Espinosa* at 209-468-8750 or via e-mail at iespinosa@sjcbhs.org

IX. ADJOURN TO FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.