



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES**  
A Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Service Organization

*Rick DeGette, MA, MFT*  
Director

**ADVISORY BOARD ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS**

September 15, 2016

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, CA

## MINUTES

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Parsons  
Michael Shinkel

Jill Neifer  
Charmaine Monte

Kathy Rupe  
Gregg Clifton

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### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Gullo

John Robin

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### BHRS STAFF PRESENT:

Veronica Ortiz-Valle  
Cherie Dockery  
Cameo Culcasi  
Chelsea Rambo  
Mel Bledsoe

Charles Yarnell  
Kara Anguiano  
Rick DeGette  
Melissa Hale

Tabitha Sprague  
Jennifer Marsh  
Dawn Vercelli  
Steve Leonard

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### GUESTS PRESENT:

Kristie Nelson

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chair Michael Shinkel. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Kathy Rupe led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None reported.

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### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 21, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Rupe/Monte,  
unanimous approval

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### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

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### V. STANISLAUS RECOVERY CENTER (SRC)

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Dawn Vercelli presented a PowerPoint presentation with up-to-date information on the Stanislaus Recovery Center and programming. Dawn summarized the following highlights:

- Funding approved for 10 bed residential expansion
- DHCS Certified to provide Out Patient (OP) Drug Medi-Cal (DMC)
- MHSA Innovation: Co-occurring Disorder Full Service Partnership and Crisis Stabilization Unit co-located at SRC
- Overview of SRC accomplishments for FY 15/16

In addition, members were invited to attend the upcoming SRC Recovery/Anniversary event on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A flyer was distributed.

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### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### Executive:

The Executive Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to set the agenda.

- Chair Michael Shinkel welcomed and introduced Rick DeGette to the ABSAP Board as the new BHRS Director.
- The Merge Committee continues to move forward with a focus on meeting structure. Members were reminded to attend the Merge Committee scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
- The Executive Committee interviewed three applicants. One candidate was recommended to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to fill the vacancy in District 4. The new member will start in October.

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee: Chair Michael Shinkel brought forth the need to appoint a Nominating Committee to bring a slate of offices for Chair and Vice Chair to the October meeting for a vote to take place at the November Joint Board meeting. Kathy Rupe, Charmaine Monte, and Jill Neifer volunteered to participate as the Nominating Committee.

#### Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensics Committee:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016. The Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensics Committee meets quarterly on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., Adult Probation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 801 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B-100, Modesto.

Prevention Committee: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Sutter Gould Education Center, 1700 McHenry Village Way, Modesto.

Jennifer Marsh mentioned the following highlights:

- Life of a Tiger Code Night at Patterson High School held on August 15, 2106 was a success.
  - Jennifer attended the Marijuana Awareness Conference in Santa Clara County in September. Topics around policy and how marijuana cultivation and manufacturing impacts were discussed.
  - Drop the Drugs: Prescription Medication Disposal Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Stanislaus County Courthouse, 800 11<sup>th</sup> St., Modesto.
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**VII. CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)**

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The CCESJC meeting was held on September 12, 2016. Veronica Ortiz-Valle provided the highlights of the meeting:

- The first Spanish Mental Health Conference in Stanislaus County was held Saturday, September 10, 2016 providing the Spanish speaking community an overview of mental health and the opportunity to continue to reduce stigma. Overall, the conference was successful with approximately 200 attendees.
- Stanislaus County Diversity Week Celebration is Oct. 3 – Oct. 7, 2016
- The September issue of the CCESJC Newsletter was included in the packets featuring an article on the Latino Behavioral Health Coalition.

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**VIII. MHB LIAISON REPORT**

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No report.

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**IX. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS REPORT**

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Rick DeGette, BHRS Director mentioned the following:

- Supports the idea of the ABSAP/MHB merger.
- Prop. 64: Medical Marijuana Initiative will be on the ballot November 8, 2016. Rick hopes to have further discussion on the Departments approach to prepare if the initiative passes.

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**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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None reported.

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. The next meeting of the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, 5:00 p.m., Redwood Rm., 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Bocage