



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

*Rick DeGette, MA, MFT*  
Director

**ADVISORY BOARD ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS**

October 20, 2016

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, CA

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Shinkel  
Jeff Gullo

Charmaine Monte  
Kathy Rupe

Gregg Clifton  
Susan Kirk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jill Neifer

John Robin

Eric Parsons

**BHRS STAFF PRESENT:**

Veronica Ortiz-Valle  
Cameo Culcasi  
Dawn Vercelli

Charles Yarnell  
Rick DeGette  
Melissa Hale

Tabitha Sprague  
Jennifer Marsh  
Cynthia Bocage

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Kristie Nelson

Moises Alcantara

**I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Michael Shinkel. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Gregg Clifton led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None reported.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of September 15, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Rupe/Clifton,  
unanimous approval

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

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### V. BHRS VISION

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Rick DeGette, BHRS Director shared his vision for the Department encompasses service and collaboration at all levels. As the new BHRS Director, Rick supports the values of the Department having tremendous passion in serving the community.

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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.

**Ad Hoc Nominating Committee:** Charmaine Monte, Nominating committee member, presented the slate of officers nominations. Nominees included Michael Shinkel for Chair and Kathy Rupe for Vice Chair. The election of slate officers will be considered at the next meeting in November.

**Board Merger:** The new Behavioral Health Board Bylaws were included in the packets for members to review. Approval of the Bylaws will take place at the November ABSAP/MHB joint meeting for Board of Supervisors approval in January. Chair Mike Shinkel reminded members to attend.

#### Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensics Committee:

The October meeting was canceled. 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, November 15, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Sutter Gould Education Center, 1700 McHenry Village Way, Modesto.

- Charmaine Monte presented to the Prevention Network Committee on a new program, Focusing On Children Under Stress (FOCUS), implemented as a joint effort between Stanislaus County of Education (SCOE) and the Stanislaus Drug Enforcement Agency (SDEA). The purpose of the FOCUS program in collaboration with the schools is to focus on decreasing the effects of a child's exposure to violence and trauma. This program is supported by the Juvenile Justice Assistance Grant and the SDEA.
  - Jennifer Marsh mentioned the next 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.
  - Members were invited to attend the Drug Store Project event on Monday, November 14, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Lucille Whitehead Intermediate School. A handout with program description was distributed.
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### VII. CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

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The CCESJC meeting was held on October 10, 2016. Gregg Clifton provided the highlights of the meeting:

- Cherie Dockery presented on the topic of CCESJC "Moving Forward" and its role in the State auditing processes next year.
  - BHRS celebrated Diversity Week, Oct. 3 – Oct. 7, 2016. BHRS programs participated by displaying different cultural aspects, story boards, and artifacts representing each team.
  - The CCESJC Committee participated in a Stigma Reduction Exercise where group participants depicted "What stigma looks like."
  - The October issue of the CCESJC Newsletter featured an article about the Kinship Program.
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### VIII. MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (MHB) LIAISON REPORT

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Yvette McShan, MHB member mentioned the MHB/ABSAP continue working on the merger. Also shared that a presentation on StanWORKs program was presented at the September MHB meeting.

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### IX. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS REPORT

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Rick DeGette, BHRS Director mentioned the following:

- Key leadership positions have been filled: Dawn Vercelli was promoted as the new Chief of Substance Use Disorders and Mandip Dhillon as the Assistant Director of Financial Services.
  - BHRS was awarded the 2016 Dionicio Cruz Diversity Celebration Award.
  - The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Audit will take place December 2 – 5.
  - The Department is currently working to prepare for the 1115 Waiver application, due June 2017.
  - The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will be conducting its onsite triennial review of the Stanislaus County Mental Health Plan (MHP) Specialty Mental Health Services from January 30 – February 2, 2017
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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 5:01 p.m. The next joint meeting of the Advisory Board on Substance Abuse Programs (ABSAP) and Mental Health Board (MHB) will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Stanislaus Recovery Center, Dining Room, 1917 Richland Ave., Ceres.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Bocage