



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

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January 24, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Carlos Hernandez.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Gregg Clifton led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gregg Clifton, Rebecca Clover, Carlos Hernandez, Carmen Maldonado, Jill Neifer, Kathy Rupe, Charmaine Monte, Mike Shinkel, Virginia Solorzano, Amy Thomas, Jack Waldorf, Peter Dean, Jerold Rosenthal, Frank Ploof

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Annie Henrich, Thomas Olsen, Supervisor Terry Withrow

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dawn Vercelli, Rick DeGette, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Teresa Garibay, Bernardo Mora, Leng Power, Jennifer Marsh, Cynthia Bocage

**GUESTS PRESENT**

John Aguirre, John Black, Margie Johnson, Virginia Linker, four additional guests

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Veronica Ortiz-Valle announced Teresa Garibay is retiring in March. Cynthia Bocage will be taking the role of supporting the Behavioral Health Board effective January.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Amy Thomas made the motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of November 15, 2018, Jerold Rosenthal second the motion.

**CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

John Black mentioned that Peer Recovery Art Project is contracted with NorCal Mental Health of America offering training concepts of recovery principles in the Bay Area.

**FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** – None.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT** – None.

**PRESENTATION – Stanislaus County Opioid Safety Coalition**

Dr. Bernardo Mora, BHRS Medical Director, presented on the Stanislaus County Opioid Safety Coalition mission and its efforts. The PowerPoint presentation also referenced to the opioid epidemic impacts at the local and national level, including ongoing projects of the coalition in the areas of Community Education and Outreach; Opioid Use Disorder Treatment; and Provider Education and Safer Prescribing Practice. Copies of the presentation was distributed.

In addition, Dr. Mora invited members to register for the Stanislaus County Opioid Awareness Summit being held on March 27, 2019, at the Modesto Centre Plaza 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For additional information, please refer to the website at [www.StanCountyRxSafety.org](http://www.StanCountyRxSafety.org).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee**

Carlos Hernandez, Chair, requested that committee Chairs, if unable to attend the BHB Meeting, to designate a committee member to provide an update. In addition, Carlos encouraged the committees to discuss alternating the role of committee chair amongst their committee. Carlos specified that a vacancy still exists in the Impact - Department Run Services Committee and encouraged members to consider this opportunity.

**Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee**

Gregg Clifton reported that the committee reviewed and discussed the BHRS funding streams.

**Managed Care Committee**

No report.

**Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee**

No report.

**Impact - Department Run Services Committee**

Frank Ploof reported that an overview of the Telecare CARE program was provided during the meeting.

**Impact – Contract Run Services Committee**

Frank Ploof reported that the committee conducted two site visits, one in December and one in January at Center for Human Services and Central Star Behavioral Health.

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)**

No report.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Rick DeGette reported on the following:

- BHRS is working with San Joaquin County to address the treatment approach for youth in efforts to avoid hospitalizations.
- The No Place Like Home grant application was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Funding would be allocated for housing projects in West Modesto and Turlock. Grant application is due in June.
- BHRS is pursuing to contract with Central Star for a 4-bed crisis residential unit in Merced County.

Legislation:

- AB 1810: A workgroup has been developed to research and identify funding recommendations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- John Aguirre encouraged members to participate in the Census 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The next meeting will be on February 28, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., in the Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Bocage, Confidential Assistant IV