



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
February 25, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened via remote participation at 5:02 p.m. and called to order by Vice Chair, Charmaine Monte.

Vice Chair, Charmaine Monte conducted member roll call and led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerrold Rosenthal, Peter Dean, Charmaine Monte, Rebecca Clover, Jack Waldorf, Annie Henrich, Captain Frank Martinez, John Snoke, Shehu Hassan, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Ploof, Kathy Rupe, Michael Shinkel, Thomas Olsen

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Kara Anguiano, Mayra Mendoza, Michael Levy, Jennifer Marsh, Teresa Alvarez, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

Jewel Warr, Christina Kenny, John Aguirre, Christina Montoya, Margie Johnson, Robin Popolizio,

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

John Aguirre requested to have an update of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Issue Resolution Process (IRP) and the Department of Health Care Services audit findings report. John also shared a concern from a peer experiencing trauma and would like to see more outreach from the county. John asked of the possibility of expanding WIFI access within care facilities for client access. Ruben Imperial acknowledged the feedback and is always open to hear of ways to enhance services to our clients.

CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Carlos Hernandez made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of January 28, 2021, Shehu Hassan seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Withrow provided the following highlights:

- There's been progress in the efforts to receiving additional vaccines for Stanislaus County and at State level.
- COVID-19 related hospitalizations have extremely decreased.
- The BOS approved to put in place an Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist eligible individuals and families with rental/utility assistance. For additional information, please visit [Home \(stanrentassist.com\)](http://stanrentassist.com)

PRESENTATION: Prodigal Sons and Daughters Program

Robin Popolizio, Executive Director presented an overview of the non-profit organization, Prodigal Sons and Daughters, a drug and alcohol recovery ministry serving youth and adults in the Central Valley free of cost. Their "whole family" approach involves outpatient services, support groups, individual counseling, treatment planning, interventions, and family support. For additional information, please visit [Drug and Alcohol Recovery Support - Tactical Intervention Program - Youth - Prodigal Sons and Daughters, INC](#)

Drivers Under the Influence (DUI) Program Licensure Recommendation

Jennifer Marsh, Program Coordinator with Education and Prevention presented a recommendation for the Safety Center Inc., licensing package. Since the closure of the Occupational Health Services (OHS) Multiple DUI Offender program in September 2020 in the State of California, the Safety Center, Inc., have been exhibiting the experience to provide these services engaging high risk DUI offenders in self-assessment and behavioral change. For this reason, BHRS recommends the Safety Center, Inc., licensing package to continue providing these services in Stanislaus County meeting all Title 9 regulations.

Action: The Behavioral Health Board members motioned to approve the recommendation of the Safety Center, Inc., DUI licensing package. Jennifer will move forward to obtain the Board of Supervisors approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charmaine Monte reported the committee set the agenda for February and agreed on a presentation from Prodigal Sons and Daughters program. Ruben Imperial mentioned the importance to bring back the topic on SB 855 Mental Health Parity Law as a future presentation for a more in-depth discussion. In addition, Frank Ploof reported the Law Enforcement Partnership Ad hoc committee met on 2/9 and 2/16 and will be meeting again on 2/23.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

Peter Dean reported the committee met in February for a presentation from the BHRS/Coordination of Care team. This is a medical required program in place for the last couple of years successfully.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

Rebecca Clover reported the committee met in February with a presentation from Garden Gate Respite.

MANAGED CARE

None Reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Carlos Hernandez reported the committee is scheduled to meet in March.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None Reported.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Jack Waldorf reported the ad hoc committee has met twice having productive discussions covering areas in phases around intake, in-custody, and discharge process in the jails. Captain Frank Martinez is working on an outline of the process. The committee will provide a report on recommendations to the board when finalized.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported the committee continues to focus on outcomes. The committee reviewed prevalence rates related to clients served, retention, linguistic capability, and No-Show rates. The committee also discussed training for staff to help strengthen their capability to serve our diverse communities. As an organizational approach, the committee will be inviting programs for a discussion on the different data points.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported the following highlights:

- BHRS brought before the BOS on February 23, 2021 the Family Urgent Response System (FURS), a State mandated program in part of the Children's Continuum of Care Reform efforts. This program will establish a statewide hotline available to current and former foster youth in crisis 24/7 requiring counties to implement a mobile response team by March 1, 2021 to respond to calls from the hotline. The mobile response team will be in partnership with BHRS, Child Welfare, Probation, and Aspiranet. Ruben hopes to provide an outcomes report in approximately six months on how this program is doing.
- Discussed legislation regarding Assembly Bill 686, California Community-Based Behavioral Health Outcomes and Accountability Review and grant opportunities such Student Mental Health incentive program.
- Shared an overview of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Waldorf announced he will be conducting the NAMI In Our Own Voice training Saturday, February 27, 2021. Jack will be having discussion with Captain Martinez for potential NAMI programming in the jail. Annie Henrich shared the Annual Stanislaus County Asian American Chinese New Year celebration held on February 19, 2021 was successful. Charmaine Monte mentioned the youth coalition dedicated to Protecting Health and Slamming Tobacco (PHAST) have launched flash virtual trainings for youth twice a month from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. in partnership with Jennifer Marsh, BHRS Education and Prevention program and the Health Services Agency (HSA)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be March 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Bocage, Confidential Assistant IV