



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD May 23, 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.

Mike Shinkel led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rebecca Clover, Carlos Hernandez, Carmen Maldonado, Jill Neifer, Charmaine Monte, Mike Shinkel, Virginia Solorzano, Amy Thomas, Jerrold Rosenthal, Annie Henrich, Peter Dean, Jack Waldorf, Frank Ploof, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Gregg Clifton, Kathy Rupe

STAFF PRESENT

Rick DeGette, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Leng Power, Cherie Dockery, Jennifer Marsh, Janet Nunez-Pineda, Elizabeth Purto-Bahner, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Black, Virginia Linker, John Aguirre, Steven Cullen, Loretta Carhart, Amy Soto, Jenna Stone, Margie Johnson, Bill Floyd, BillieJo Climer

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Ayson, BHRS Director of Volunteer Services, presented the board members with Certificates of Appreciation and acknowledged for their ongoing service to the community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Amy Thomas made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of April 25, 2019, Charmaine Monte seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS

John Aguirre distributed a flyer regarding a "Peer 2 Peer" Advocacy and Support Network, a resource that offers coaching and support from peers to peers providing the tools around collaboration within

communities, Cultural Competence, Client/Peer Driven, and Wellness and Recovery. In addition, consumers in attendance voiced their stories and concerns regarding the need of peer recovery, health care services, easily accessible to the community.

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Amy Thomas reported the Family-to-Family class is currently being offered in Modesto and Turlock and encouraged members to attend.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported the following:

- Board of Supervisors declared May as Mental Health and Foster Care Awareness Month.
- Established the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance that is comprised of elected officials from outlining cities and the Board of Supervisors. This committee will be responsible to oversee coordination efforts and any funding recommendations in addressing homeless issues.
- Approval process for cannabis permits continue. So far 8-9 permits have been approved countywide.
- Salvation Army 180-bed building is still in progress.

PRESENTATION – Mental Health Awareness Month

Janet Nunez-Pineda presented on the five components of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), which were Prevention, early Intervention, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness and Program for Access and lineage to treatment for SMI/SED. Janet shared that the 2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness Month kickoff event held on May 3, 2019. The purpose of the event was to highlight and launch countywide activities throughout the month of May in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Janet shared that PEI invited partners to help lead BHRS in a month-long effort of hosting and promoting mental health stigma-reduction activities. The kickoff event was a success and well attended by the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

No report.

Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee

No report.

Managed Care Committee

Charmaine Monte reported the committee met in May and provided status of the clients served.

Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee

No report.

Impact - Department Run Services Committee

No report.

Impact – Contract Run Services Committee

Amy Thomas reported the committee met in May. Planning for site visits and committee reports was discussed.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Carmen Maldonado mentioned the committee met in May. Luis Molina from Prevention and Early Intervention presented on Mental Health Awareness Month. Sarai Ramos recognized Jennifer Marsh from Education and Prevention, for excellent work in planning the Opioid Safety Awareness Summit. Also, Melissa Ayson, Volunteer Director was acknowledged for a great job hosting the 2019 BHRS Volunteer Celebration.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rick DeGette reported the following:

- Application for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) funding is still pending.
- Prop 64: Legalization of Recreational Cannabis; this includes a provision of taxing earmarked for Prevention and Early Intervention and treatment services.
- AB 1352: Calls for changes on the role/functions of local Behavioral Health Boards. This is still in revision.
- SB 10: Peer Specialist certification is a new provider type that would also allow for Medi-Cal reimbursement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Black acknowledged the West Modesto Collaborative for a job well done in coordinating the Shameless Blindness event. A rally on recovery at the State capital was a success. Leng Power, MHSA Manager announced three Innovations project proposals were awarded and anticipate beginning the project implementation in the later part of this year or early 2020. In addition, Leng announced her departure from BHRS effective in June and expressed her appreciation to the board and stakeholders for their integral part of the mission of MHSA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 27, 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