



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
May 28, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair, Carlos Hernandez conducted member roll call.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Rupe, Jerrold Rosenthal, Peter Dean, Rebecca Clover, Charmaine Monte, Carlos Hernandez, Supervisor Terry Withrow, Annie Henrich

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Frank Ploof, Virginia Solorzano, Michael Shinkel

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Kara Anguiano, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

Patty Hill Thomas, Jewel Warr, Teresa Comstock

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Teresa Comstock, Executive Director of the California Association of Local Behavioral Health/Commission (CABHB/C) commented their interest in knowing what is happening in Stanislaus County and that she would briefly report back to CABHB/C and the Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOAC).

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that on April 28, 2020 the Board of Supervisors (BOS) accepted the resignation of Jill Neifer leaving one At-Large vacancy. In addition, on May 5, 2020 the BOS proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jack Waldorf made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of February 27, 2020, Supervisor Terry Withrow seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported that due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Board of Supervisors have been deeply focused with the response efforts trying to find balance and protect the mental health community. The county has implemented Phase 2 reopening, working their way to Stage 3. Supervisor Withrow also shared he attended a meeting regarding the federal government CARE Act funding to determine how these funds will be allocated in the local community, cities, and businesses.

PRESENTATION – BHRS Budget Update

Ruben Imperial, BHRS Director opened the presentation with a goal to provide an overview and an update of the BHRS budget. Ruben shared a thorough overview of the county behavioral health three major funding sources; 1991 and 2011 Realignment; Mental Health Services Act (MHSA); Federal Financial Participation (FFP); in addition to other funds and grants that help support and augment realignment funding for programs. Ruben highlighted the Department's pre-COVID-19 budget challenges and the flexibility around MHSA funding that would allow to alleviate some of the shortfalls the department is currently experiencing. Ruben mentioned that leadership is working on restructuring the budget in the next couple of months focusing at assessing the fiscal impact of COVID-19, develop proposals for long-term and sustainable budget planning process, and the submission of the Three-Year MHSA planning process.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported the CCESJC resumed their first meeting in May via virtual platform. The committee will restart conversations on the Core Treatment Model in addition to impacts of COVID-19 on cultural, ethnic populations experiencing disparities during this pandemic.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial briefly shared at a legislative update that new funding proposals around Medi-Cal (aka CalAIM) have been curtailed due to COVID-19 with an impact to local and state levels. The Department continues to focus on the budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None Reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be on June 25, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. via GoToMeeting at to <https://www.gotomeet.me/BHRSGoToMeeting/behavioral-health-board-meeting>. If unable to join online, you may call-in to **1-669-224-3412** and enter Access Code **441-892-709**.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Bocage, Confidential Assistant IV