



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

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July 27, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair, Jack Waldorf.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Mike Shinkel lead the Board and members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gregg Clifton, Annie Henrich, Carlos Hernandez, Susan Kirk, Carmen Maldonado, Vern Masse, Charmaine Monte, Jill Neifer, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Mike Shinkel, Virginia Solorzano, Jack Waldorf, Supervisor Terry Withrow

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tony Flores, Jeff Gullo, Yvette McShan, Thomas Olsen, Frank Ploof

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rick DeGette, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Elaine Byrom, Debra Buckles, Supervisor Vito Chiesa, Mandip Dhillon, Cherie Dockery, Teresa Garibay, Jennifer Marsh, Uday Mukherjee, Dan Rosas, Patti Hill Thomas, Charles Yarnell

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Rhonda Allen, Richard Anderson, Jen Cardenas, David Froba, Jerry Galeazzi, Barbara Johnson, Shantel Johnson, Christina Kenney, Melissa Martin, Linda Mayo, Lynn Padlo, Daniel Wendall

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Froba, retired attorney, attended a couple of Laura's Law focus groups and heard that Laura's Law didn't have any teeth, no obligation, and he felt that the court order does have consequences if for no other reason it gets people to court. "If you can get someone to court you've won half the battle".

Richard Anderson is working on a homeless documentary in our community. He shared a story where he felt that an individual could have benefited from Laura's Law.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the Board of Supervisors appointing Carlos Hernandez to the Behavioral Health Board representing District 1.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Greg Clifton made the motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of June 22, 2017, Jill Neifer second the motion.

**CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS** – None

**FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Withrow announced Stanislaus County's CEO, Stan Risen, will be retiring and Jody Hayes has been selected as the new CEO for Stanislaus County. He discussed the Focus on Prevention is about getting to the root cause of the problem rather than treating symptoms. Focus on Prevention started with the homeless issue and now moving into strengthening families involved in the criminal justice system. Funds are beginning to come in to support this effort. The Access Center grand opening will be on August 1, 2017. The center is located next to the jail downtown. The purpose of the Access Center is to provide centralized services for the homeless. There are plans to construct a building which will provide services as well as temporary housing. It will be a low barrier shelter with 60 beds, initially. Great partnerships have been developed to work on this project. We have the opportunity to work with people in the criminal justice system as well as their families to try to rehabilitate the individual.

## **PRESENTATION – Laura's Law – Jennifer Cardenas, LCSW and Melissa Martin, Ph.D.**

Rick introduced and thanked Jennifer Cardenas and Melissa Martin for their work on this project. The Behavioral Health Board has the final report. The report will be posted on the County website.

Melissa shared the phases that took place to reach their recommendations. A brief literature review was conducted which focused on the studies published in peer review journal articles, community input, which included both community focus groups as well as an on-line survey, a comparative analysis of counties who decided to implement as well as those who did not implement and a system of care analysis to look at gaps and opportunities in our system.

Recommendations were for BHRS to expand and enhance their Full Service Partnership (FSP) programs, utilizing a structured Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model, by adding FSP staff and adjusting the programs as necessary to ensure fidelity with the ACT approach. More individuals should be enrolled in FSP programs and intensive services should be provided to each consumer using a 1:10 staff to consumer ratio. ACT, when implemented with fidelity, shows strong evidence that it improves hospitalization and homelessness while increasing engagement in mental health services. Robust continuous quality improvement practices would be required to ensure that the enhanced services lead to the clinical outcomes desired by BHRS.

An additional option for consideration was also offered. The Board of Supervisors may also consider an initial three-year pilot of Laura's Law, which includes a rigorous evaluation that compares outcomes for individuals receiving an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) court order to those receiving voluntary ACT services within the system of care. BHRS would be encouraged to leverage existing resources and design the necessary research and evaluation components to ensure that information obtained throughout the pilot will be useful in making a determination about AOT efficacy at the end of the pilot period.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Jack discussed membership attendance at the Behavioral Health Board. The By-Laws state that a member who is absent (a combined excused or unexcused absences) four times in a twelve-month period or a member has three unexcused absences in a twelve-month period shall be required to discuss their attendance with the BHB Chair. Jeff has six unexcused absences this year and has not responded to e-mail or phone calls. It was the recommendation of the Executive Committee to remove Jeff from his position with the Board.

Jack reminded committee chairs that the Annual Report is due to Veronica on September 27, 2017. He volunteered his help if chairs need assistance. He recommended last year's report be sent to the chairs as a reference.

### **Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee**

The committee agreed to meet quarterly. The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. Greg will call a meeting in August to work on the Annual Report.

### **Managed Care Committee**

The committee met and discussed the PHF and hospital admissions, length of stay and repeat hospitalizations.

### **Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee**

Jill reported the committee met on July 14, 2017. It was decided to rotate the chair responsibilities. Yvette volunteered to chair for the first three months, however she is out on leave and Jill will cover the chair responsibilities. Susan attended the Mental Health First Aid class and she will share the information at the next meeting. The committee is looking at what they want to achieve in outreach within the community, focusing on wellness and options on literature.

### **Impact – Department Run Services Committee**

Vern reported a presentation on the Genesis Program was given to the committee. The committee will be visiting Genesis in August. Virginia visited the Integrated Forensic Team on June 29, 2017. She thanked Debra Buckles and Chandra Campbell. They were very welcoming and informative. She shared their 2016-2017 Outcome Report, which was included in the packet. BHRS has adopted Results Base Accountability (RBA) as a data-tracking tool to monitor performance, looking at "How much did we do?", "How well did we do it? And "Is anyone better off?"

### **Impact – Contract Run Services Committee**

Annie reported the committee requested a presentation from Telecare at their next meeting.

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

Carmen gave highlights from the July newsletter. The newsletter featured an article on the Genesis Program, which is a narcotic replacement therapy program. The newsletter was included in the packet. The next meeting is scheduled on August 14, 2017, at 9:00am.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Rick DeGette reported on the following:

- AB 1315 Bill – Prevention/Early Intervention for Psychosis and Mood Disorders. This bill would provide funding for programming to help set up services to catch people early.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mike Shinkel recognized Vern for all his hard work in opening the Veterans Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 24, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, in the Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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