



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
August 22, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:02 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Carlos Hernandez.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Peter Dean led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gregg Clifton, Thomas Olsen

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Black, Bill Floyd, Billie Jo Climer, Margie Johnson, Glen Schuler, Loretta Carhart, Rachel Cisneros, Steven Cullen, Virginia Linker, Sandra Mahan, Leng Power, Barbara Kauss

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jerold Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of July 25, 2019, Virginia Solorzano seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Jack Waldorf mentioned the Family-to-Family training is currently being offered and welcomed members to attend.

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

No Report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported the following:

- Board of Supervisors (BOS) proclaimed August as Child Support Awareness month.
- Continued efforts for the Salvation Army 180-bed facility are still ongoing and hopes to have this in place soon.
- Approvals for cannabis permits continue to move forward with approximately 61 approvals and 2 denials so far.

PRESENTATION – Housing Authority of Stanislaus County

Barbara Kauss, Director of Housing Authority of Stanislaus County provided an overview of the public housing programs offered to the community representing a total of eight surrounding counties; Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne. Highlights of the housing programs offered comprise of the Housing Choice Voucher (aka: Section 8); Conventional Public Housing, Family Self-Sufficiency, Migrant Housing, Affordable Housing, Farm Labor, First Time Home Buyers. Also included is the Single Residency Occupancy (SOR) and Senior Housing to Homeless Veterans. The Housing Authority is working on several ongoing projects such as the purchase of a motel (aka Kansas House) in Modesto which will be utilized for permanent supportive housing for the residents of the Modesto Outside Emergency Shelter (MOES). Other projects involve partnership with BHRS on No Place Like Home (NPLH) housing developments in the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported the meeting was well attended. The committee discussed moving the MHSA Innovation Project presentation and public hearing to September. Two ad hoc committees held their first meeting to review BHB processes/protocols with the goal to present final recommendations to an Executive committee for approval. The idea to have joint Contract and Department Run committees on a trial basis was discussed and agreed this would be a trial basis and then report the outcome/recommendations to the Executive Committee on the direction. Veronica reminded the committee to begin drafting annual summaries with a reminder to submit the final draft by September 25.

Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee

No report.

Managed Care Committee

No report.

Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee

No report.

Impact - Department Run Services Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee met in August. The committee discussed site visits and the need to having detailed program information that would help the members have a better idea of the services offered to help determine recommendations in areas needing improvement. Debra Buckles provided an overview of the BHRS programs offered for future site visits.

Impact – Contract Run Services Committee

Rebecca Clover reported the committee's draft summary for the BHB Annual report has been completed and submitted for further review.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Carmen Maldonado gave highlights from the August meeting that included an article from the Cultural Competency Update Newsletter on Turning Point Community Programs, "A Path to Mental Health," written by Jason Andaya and Virginia Linker. A presentation on the International Refugee Committee was provided by Michelle Riley, Afghan Path Towards Wellness (APTW).

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported on the following highlights:

- The site 180-bed emergency shelter located on the corner of 9th and D Streets, will open in a couple of months. The County and its partners have begun the planning process for an Access Center to be co-located at the shelter. Currently working to define the programs/services that need to be relocated at this site to assist the homeless population.
- Acknowledged Barbara Kauss, Housing Authority for her ongoing efforts and partnership in the purchase and remodel of the motel for the homeless population.
- An overview of the BHRS Planning and Discussion handout was provided. A more in-depth information will be provided at the next BHB meeting.
- The Department held two All Staff Meeting in August with a focus on strategic direction priority areas that include behavioral health and substance use disorder services for the homeless population, mandates, 5150 Crisis Response System, and developing a 2-year budget and related performance measures for the department.
- The Outreach and Engagement staff are working to engage individuals in need for SUD related services at the Modesto Outside Emergency Shelter (MOES).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 26, 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