



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
September 28, 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.

Supervisor Withrow lead the Board members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Flores, Carlos Hernandez, Yvette McShan, Thomas Olsen, Kathy Rupe

STAFF PRESENT

Rick DeGette, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Elaine Byrom

GUESTS PRESENT

Melinda Pallotta, Cameron Pallotta, Jerry Galeazzi, Jim Rokaitis, Barbara Johnson, Sarah Jane Hunt, Brenda Warren, Jim Morgan, Kathy Morgan, Birgit Fladager, V. Sparks

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birgit Fladager, District Attorney discussed the spike in 1368's, Restoration to Competency, individuals not competent to stand trial. The Sheriff's Office is looking at a new program to restore individuals in our county jail instead of sending them to a state hospital. She discussed our Mental Health Court, which is a specialty court, and the number of individuals that are accepted. In an 18-month period, 37 individuals were referred and only 11 were accepted. Discussed expanding the program and looking at re-writing the criteria for who can qualify for the program, how they get treated, services offered and the incentive to participate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tony Flores submitted his resignation from the Behavioral Health Board. The Board of Supervisors approved his resignation and the Clerk of the Board to declare a vacancy for Tony Flores' seat in District 2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Mike Shinkel made the motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of August 24, 2017, Virginia Solorzano second the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Jack announced a workshop on “Delivering the ABC’s of Local Advocacy” is scheduled for October 3, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sutter Health and Education Center. In addition, a Quarterly Central Region Meeting and Mental Health Board Training is scheduled for October 20 and 21, 2017 from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Sacramento. Annie shared a “Recovery Celebration” is scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 305 Downey Avenue. Flyers for these events are in the packet.

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported everyone located at the condemned apartment building have been relocated. It was a collaborative effort to get everyone placed. At Tuesday’s meeting the cannabis, Prop 64 issue was discussed. A decision was made, to move forward and look at the possibilities of allowing grows, and only indoor grows, within the unincorporated areas. Looking at allowing 61 permits be issued and shut down illegal operations.

PRESENTATION - Pebbles in the Pond – A Mother’s Quest to Make a Difference

Melinda Pallotta shared her story of a life changing tragedy, losing her son to drugs, and how she is working to make a difference for the youth in our community by speaking at the Wakeup Program, a nine-week educational program designed for youth ages 11-17 years old and their parents. This class is facilitated by a police officer with assistance from law enforcement personnel, family service agencies, and community organizations. The goal is to teach young people to make correct choices and understand that the decisions they make today will affect their future. She is speaking at parenting classes, working to place warning labels on prescription drugs, and reaching out to someone who is suffering.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Jack asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Jerry Rosenthal and Frank Ploof volunteered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The BHB Annual Report was discussed. All committee reports have been submitted, with the exception of one. Jack also encouraged members to participate in an additional committees meeting, if their time allows. Members can actively participate on more than one committee.

Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee

The committee met today and reviewed the draft for the Annual Report they plan to submit. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018.

Managed Care Committee

Jack reported Tony Vartan, Director of DBHC has accepted a job as the Mental Health Director for San Joaquin County.

Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee

Jill reported the committee is working on getting their goals established. The committee has also been attending events in the community. The committee is planning a table presentation at the Aging Conference in October.

Impact – Department Run Services Committee

Vern reported the committee visited the Wellness Center at 500 N. 9th Street. The program has a coffee shop and drop in center. The program does case management for 400 individuals. The program is down two clerical staff and two case managers. It was noted that the tools for the job were out dated.

Impact – Contract Run Services Committee

Frank reported the committee is recruiting members. With Tony's resignation from the Board, the committee now has two Board members. Frank also reported the committee's site visit schedule has been completed through the end of the year. Programs are invited to present at the meeting and later a site visit is scheduled. The committee visited the Telecare site in August and plans to visit Turning Point this month.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Carmen gave highlights from the September meeting that included a presentation from Diane T. Rose, MFT, on the Life Path Program. The Cultural Competency Newsletter is included in the packet.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rick DeGette thanked Melinda Pallotta for sharing her story. He also thanked Cherie Dockery for her report at the last BHB meeting discussing some of the BHRS challenges.. BHRS has completed a very comprehensive review of Laura's Law for the county and are in the process of convening a workgroup to develop a proposal for a three-year pilot to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Debra Buckles will be the point person for the process and planning. BHRS have received approval for our continued drug MediCal Organized Delivery System Waiver, which will enable us to deliver a more robust delivery system of services. Sixteen new positions were requested in the budget proposal and were approved by the Board of Supervisors. The application for No Place Like Home funding to begin planning was submitted to the Board of Supervisors and has been approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Rosenthal announced that Kimberly Kennard passed away. Jack will forward memorial service information to the Board when he gets the information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 26, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, in the Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Byrom
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