



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD  
September 27, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Vern Masse led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rebecca Clover, Annie Henrich, Carlos Hernandez, Carmen Maldonado, Vern Masse, Charmaine Monte, Jill Neifer, Frank Ploof, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Mike Shinkel, Virginia Solorzano, Amy Thomas, Jack Waldorf, Supervisor Terry Withrow

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gregg Clifton, Thomas Olsen

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rick DeGette, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Teresa Garibay

**GUESTS PRESENT**

John Aguirre, Dr. Barbara Johnson, Michael Merenda, Richard Salazar, Jamie Hoover, Teresa Madrigal, Nancy Kidd, Margie Johnson, Jacki Gray-Hill, Rachel Cisneros, John Black, Jerry Galeazzi

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- John Black specified that West Modesto King Kennedy Collaborative hosted the West Modesto Clergy and Pastor group for a day of training on September 4, 2018. John indicated that the Peer Recovery Art Project team provided the foundations for Recovery 101 and Peer Support 101. West Modesto King Kennedy Collaborative will host their second annual event on October 12, 2018.
- John Aguirre shared a concern regarding the BHRS reference card for the access line. He reported that the phone number provided on the card was not helpful during a crisis. The Board and BHRS Leadership will look into the current process and share the outcome with John Aguirre and at the next Board Meeting.
- Annie Henrich announced the International Heritage Festival on October 6, 2018, 11:00-5:00 at MJC. A flyer with details was distributed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that Susan Kirk, representing District 4, resigned from the Behavioral Health Board. In addition, Veronica reported that Administration received a letter from a family acknowledging a staff member from the Estate Management Office for taking the extra mile to assist.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Mike Shinkel made the motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of August 23, 2018, Jerold Rosenthal second the motion.

## **CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

## **FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

John Black shared a synopsis of receiving help when recovering and emphasized the importance of a strong recovery. Amy Thomas shared that she attended the Family-to-Family class and found it was educational. She highly recommended taking the class.

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Withrow shared that a presentation regarding CAPERS funding was presented at the Board of Supervisors Meeting. This funding includes replacing septic tanks with sewer lines and housing for homelessness. Supervisor Withrow shared that the County budget is strong and debt free. He stated that the county is spending funding on things to make the community better. In addition, Supervisor Withrow gave an update regarding Focus on Prevention. He conveyed that he participated on a panel to discuss a temporary low barrier shelter for the homeless. The County is working with the City of Modesto on finding a solution for a permanent place for the shelter.

## **PRESENTATION – Committee’s Annual Report**

The following committees presented their annual report. Executive Committee by Jack Waldorf; Managed Care by Jack Waldorf; Prevention and Community Education/Outreach by Jill Neifer; and Impact – Contract Run Services by Frank Ploof. The Administrative, Fiscal Management and Impact – Department Run Services committees are submitting their reports by Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

## **PRESENTATION – Slate of Officers Ad Hoc Nomination Committee**

Jack Waldorf asked for volunteers for the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee. Jerry Rosenthal, Carmen Maldonado, and Rebecca Clover volunteered.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committees presented their annual report in lieu of the committee reports.

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

Carmen Maldonado gave highlights from the September meeting. The committee presented Abraham Andres with a certificate of appreciation for his valuable contribution in facilitating the committee. Lise Talbott gave a presentation on Golden Valley Health Center's (GVHC) Street Medicine Team that provides acute medical services and access to care for the homeless. A licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and a Community Health Worker (CHW) are connecting with the homeless population by bringing medical services to them with the use of a medical van equipped with medical supplies to perform basic medical services such as wound care, blood pressure check, and glucose checks. The general scope of the medical team is to provide outreach, triage, mobile medicine, transportation and referrals to GVHC and community partners. Sharrie Sprouse reported on Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment. Sharrie provided a suicide fact sheet and information on how to know the signs. She shared that multiple contributing factors of suicide and suicidal behaviors are complex and may attribute to the interaction of the following root causes: mental health stigma and misconception around suicide; a decline in connectedness, interpersonal relationships, institutions and other social assets of society.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Rick DeGette reported on the following:

- He is attending a conference in San Diego regarding recovery with a perspective on health integration.
- Cherie, Associate Director, is near completion with the SWOT process, 29 programs provided information that will be used for the BHRS Strategic Plan.
- He is participating on the interview panel for the CBHDA Executive Director position.
- The Board of Supervisors approved \$770,000 funding for homelessness.

Legislation:

- Attended a meeting on AB 1810 - Jail diversion funding. A mental health diversion for all criminals allows a defendant suffering from a mental disorder be granted pre-trial diversion for any crime if a judge finds the disorder played a significant role in the crime.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Charmaine Monte will forward a flyer to Board members regarding a Suicide Symposium, hosted by the Stanislaus County Office of Education, on October 5, 8:30-3:00, at the Peterson Event Center, Modesto. Charmaine thanked everyone for the sympathy card.
- Jack Waldorf indicated that the California Association of Local Mental/Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions Meeting and Training is Friday, October 19, and Saturday, October 20, 2018, in Folsom, CA. Jack asked Board members to let him know if they would be interested in attending.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive, Redwood Room.