



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
October 25, 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.

Gregg Clifton led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregg Clifton, Annie Henrich, Carlos Hernandez, Carmen Maldonado, Charmaine Monte, Frank Ploof, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Mike Shinkel, Virginia Solorzano, Jack Waldorf, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rebecca Clover, Vern Masse, Jill Neifer, Amy Thomas, Thomas Olsen

STAFF PRESENT

Ruben Imperial, Jennifer Marsh, Rick DeGette, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Teresa Garibay

GUESTS PRESENT

John Aguirre, Dr. Barbara Johnson, John Black, Steven Cullen, John Aguirre, Margie Johnson, Gregory F. Habib

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that the following Board members wish to be considered for reappoint by the Board of Supervisors as their terms expire on December 31, 2018. Members are Annie Henrich, Kathy Rupe, Jack Waldorf, and Charmaine Monte. Veronica sent a letter to the Clerk of the Board on membership reappointments. Additionally, Veronica informed the Board that Vern Masse decided not to continue serving on the Board effective January 2019. Veronica mentioned that Charmaine Monte moved and her new residence is in District 4 where currently there is one vacancy. With Charmaine moving to District 4, this will create a vacancy in District 5. Veronica would like to request that Michael Shinkel, who is currently an At Large member, move into District 5 where he currently resides.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Jack Waldorf reported he is teaching the NAMI Peer to Peer class in Spring 2019.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported that the Board of Supervisors discussed county credit cards at their last meeting and found no credit card abuse. Supervisor Withrow shared that the AOT three-year pilot program is up and running.

PRESENTATION – Focus on Prevention

Ruben Imperial presented on Focus on Prevention. He stated that Focus on Prevention is a county initiative. Ruben explained the focus, purpose, values and involvement of the initiative. The presentation encompassed the following topics, Homeless in Stanislaus County; Homelessness Initiatives; Community System of Care (The goal is to get individuals into housing by engagement (seeking out individuals) and coordinated access. Ruben provided statistical data such as approximate number of homeless individuals in the county, number of individuals in need of housing and clients housed through BHRS. Ruben also covered the following topics, System Level Accountability; Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE) Initiative; Community Vision: Access Center; and Two Year Priorities: Report, Strengthening Families, Sector and Community Engagement Plan, and Community System of Care Development and Capacity Building Plan. Ruben stated that homelessness is the number one issue in the county. He said it is the beginning in understanding the issues and are better informed.

PRESENTATION – Slate of Officers Ad Hoc Nomination Committee

Jerry Rosenthal, Carmen Maldonado, and Rebecca Clover, Ad hoc Nominating Committee, provided recommendations from Board members for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for calendar year 2019. Jack Waldorf opened the floor for further nominations. Recommendations are as follows: Carlos Hernandez to serve as Chair and Kathy Rupe to serve as Vice Chair. The election of officers will be presented at the meeting in November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reminded Board members that the November Board Meeting is on November 15, 2018, at Stanislaus Recovery Center. This is a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Jack stated that BHRS is printing new 888 reference cards as a result concerning the phone number addressed at the September Board Meeting. Jack polled Board members to see the interest in conducting the Board Meeting at CSUS in early 2019. The consensus is to have the meeting at CSUS. Jack indicated that the BHB Annual Report will be presented before the Board of Supervisors for approval on November 6, at 9:00am. Jack encouraged members to attend.

Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof reported the committee discussed the BHB Annual Report. In addition, committee members provided program updates.

Managed Care Committee

No report. Jack Waldorf reported that the committee meets every other month; next meeting is in November.

Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee

Carlos Hernandez reported that the committee discussed visiting programs. Carlos thanked those who attended the VMRC Culture Connection event and added that approximately 900 people attended including BHRS consumers.

Impact - Department Run Services Committee

No report.

Impact – Contract Run Services Committee

Frank Ploof reported that the committee finalized plans for the remaining year. In addition, Frank conveyed that he attended the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions Central (CALBHB/C) Meeting on Friday, October 19, 2018. Frank will share feedback from the meeting at the next BHB Executive Meeting. The CALBHB/C Newsletter from the meeting was included in the Board member's packet.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Carmen Maldonado shared highlights from the October meeting. Christina Kenney presented on her featured newsletter article regarding the Empowerment Center. She defined the Empowerment Center as a non-profit mental health and addiction support drop in center for consumers, family members and their advocates. The center is peer-driven and member-gearred, a safe and friendly place where individuals can flourish and gain independence. Christina specified support services and activities the center offers. Erica Inacio discussed the cultural competence policies. In addition, Erica shared highlights from Diversity Week. She indicated that 35 programs participated in the event and shared a film of the artwork displayed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rick DeGette reported on the following:

- The Adult Outpatient Treatment (AOT) three-year pilot program begins October 29, 2018.
- Recruiting continued for the CBHDA Executive Director position.
- Funding for housing authority is on the ballot.

Legislation:

- AB 1810 - Jail diversion funding. This bill is providing \$11M in funding to counties. Stanislaus County is first in line in receiving funding. The county is in the exploratory stage to see how it would work and hired a consultation support company to assist with the process. AB 1810 is 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

- Annie Henrich announced a save-the-date for a Thanksgiving celebration by Stanislaus Interface Ministry on November 19, at 7:00pm Modesto Centre Plaza.
- Frank Ploof reported that Beard Brook Park is available for the homeless Monday through Friday. In addition, Frank offered a tour of McHenry Village. He is there on Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:00am – 3:00pm.
- Dr. Barbara Johnson shared a flyer on an art contest, Connecting through the Arts, presented by VMRC and BHRS to showcase unique talents. Entries will be displayed throughout the community and winning entries will be announced at the upcoming 2019 Bridging the Gap Conference.
- Charmaine Monte shared it is Red Ribbon Week, a national drug prevention campaign. She indicated that elementary, middle and high school students are decorating the schools as a coordinated countywide most decorated school contest; 34 schools are participating. Highlights of the campaign will be shared at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on December 3, 2018.
- Christina Kenney shared that the Empowerment Center's Halloween party is October 26, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 15, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at Stanislaus Recovery Center, Dining Room, 1904 Richland Avenue, in Ceres.

Respectfully Submitted by Teresa Garibay, Confidential Assistant III