



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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January 23, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:04 p.m. and was called to order by Chair Jack Waldorf.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Chris Cataline led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Cataline, Charles Grom, Annie Henrich, Kimberly Kennard, Vern Masse, Lynn Padlo, Jerald Rhine, Ritta Sudnikoff, Catherine Szakmary, Karl von Spreckelsen, Jack Waldorf

MEMBERS ABSENT

Erin Lesan, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Adrian Carroll, Elaine Byrom, Cherie Dockery, Uday Mukherjee, Dan Rosas

GUESTS PRESENT

Gloria Arroyo, Jerold Rosenthal, Shane Calbreath, Alive Clement, Richard Salazar, Christina Kenney, Roao Ramirez, Yadi Bautista, Amy Rowell, Samuel White Ephrain, Gregory Habib, Judy Kropp

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Elaine Byrom reported, per Chip Langman’s recommendation to submit a letter to Modesto City Schools in support of continuing the program to reduce expulsion rates. The letter was approved and will be sent to Modesto City Schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jerald Rhine made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of October 24, 2013 and November 21, 2013. Karl von Spreckelsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Amy Rowell announced a NAMI club has been established at Modesto Junior College (MJC) at the east and west campuses. The mission is to advocate, educate and support students on campus as well as within the community.

Dr. Kimberly Kennard reported MJC will be showing a movie at the end of February regarding Bipolar Disorder followed by a panel discussion.

PRESENTATION – Mental Health Board Strategic Priorities

Promote Accountability and Outcomes - Karl von Spreckelsen reported the committee had met once. Karl attended a training on Result Based Accountability which was beneficial. A condensed class was held for the Board. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2014.

Increase Visibility and Communication with the Community – Charles Grom reported the committee has not had the opportunity to meet. The first meeting will be scheduled in February. The committee will map out strategies.

Advocate for Mental Health Issues on the Local Level – Ritta Sundnikoff reported that the committee has not had the opportunity to meet. Rita will schedule a meeting within the next two months.

Develop Board Competency – Vern Masse reported the committee met and priorities were identified. The next meeting to be scheduled within the next week.

Embrace Diversity Internally and Externally – Annie Henrich reported the committee has not had the opportunity to meet. A meeting will be scheduled in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Impact Committee Presentation

Cathy Szackmary gave an overview of how the Impact Committee was established and the purpose of the committee. The committee continues to visit BHRS programs to evaluate the programs and to make recommendations. Currently the committee is focusing on visiting Prevention Education and Intervention (PEI) programs.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

Dr. Kimberly Kennard reported Edwin Rivera, from Prevention Education and Intervention (PEI), presented “40 Developmental Assets that Children need to be Resilient.” These assets are a framework that provides children the building blocks to be resilient and successful in life. Kimberly mentioned Genesis just completed the CARF Audit, which went well.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE REPORT

The Cultural Competency Committee has changed their name. The new name is Cultural Equity and Social Justice Committee (CESJC).

The December 2013 and January 2014 issue of the Cultural Competency Newsletter was included in the packets.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Faith Richie from Telecare reported on the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). Telecare is a mental services provider and will be overseeing the PHF. The PHF is a 24/7/365 day program with 16 beds. The PHF will serve adults voluntarily or involuntarily, aged 18 and older. This is a locked facility licensed by the State, Department of Health Care Services. An open house is scheduled for February 25, 2014 in the afternoon.
- Adrian reported staff changes in the department; Scott Nickerson has been hired as Finance Manager, replacing Jessica Tucker, Janet Nunez-Pineda, PEI Manager, replacing Ruben Imperial, who was promoted, Kasey Houck as been hired as the new Contract Manager, replacing Ron Gandy who will retire at the end of March and Linda Denkha has been promoted as a Confidential Assistant III in the Administration Office.
- MediCal Expansion: BHRS is working with CSA to sign people up during their stay in the hospital. BHRS is coordinating services with Primary Care Providers. Those already on MediCal will receive a new benefit, which is behavioral health services for mild to moderate conditions, which will be provided by the Physical Health Managed Care plans. Alcohol and Drug counseling services are available through the new MediCal; however, the MediCal rates for drug MediCal do not cover the cost of providing the service for anything except methadone. BHRS will continue to work with the state on this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Padlo announced Rev. Schiefelbein, of the College Avenue Congregational Church, spoke about ministering to the LGBTQ community at the NAMI monthly meeting. The meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.. at the Jana Lynn Room on 9th Street.

Family-to-Family classes will begin on February 10, 2014 through April 28, 2014 from 6:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.. at the Jana Lynn Plaza.

Peer-to-Peer classes will begin on January 21, 2014 – March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.. – 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran in Turlock.

Provider Education Class is scheduled March 6, 2014 through April 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Lynn reported NAMI has a contest for high school students to produce a 60-second public service announcement to change minds about mental illness and prevent suicide. The winning team will win \$500 dollars. The deadline is March 1, 2014.

Annie Henrich announced the Stanislaus Asian Community will be holding a conference on February 19, 2014 at Harvest Hall. The purpose of this conference is to let students know there are opportunities in higher education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Mental Health Board will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, 5:00 p.m., Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
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