



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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January 28, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Acting Chair, Annie Henrich. The meeting was facilitated by Vice-Chair, Ritta Sudnikoff.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Annie Henrich led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Henrich, Frank Ploof, Elizabeth Ortiz, Jerald Rhine, Jerold Rosenthal, Ritta Sudnikoff, Vern Masse, Terry Withrow, Tony Flores, Yvette McShan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Waldorf, Virginia Solórzano, Sheila Kendall, Kimberly Kennard, DSW

STAFF PRESENT

Madelyn Schlaepfer Ph.D., Cherie Dockery, Jeff Sabeen, Debbie May, Melissa Hale, Alma Torres, Elaine Byrom, Teresa Garibay

GUESTS PRESENT

Marlena Neely, Loretta Carhart, Carmen Maldonado, Esperanza Rivas, Selena Garcia, Loteasha Watkins, Azirius Willaims, Jerry Galeazzi

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Elaine Byrom reported that the Board of Supervisors approved Elizabeth Ortiz as a member of the Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy in District 4.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jerry Rhine made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of October 22, 2015, Vern Masse seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported that the Medical Marijuana Regulation was discussed at a recent Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Board of Supervisors voted to continue to ban Medical Marijuana in the county. However, an ad hoc committee will be formed to look at ways to try help people who feel it helps their children. The Medical Marijuana Regulation is on the state ballot initiatives. Supervisor Withrow announced a meeting regarding the Homeless Initiative will be held tonight, January 28, 2016, 6:00pm at the Doubletree Hotel.

PRESENTATION – Peer Navigator Program

Noel Rivas, Coordinator of the Peer Navigation Program, and two staff members shared an overview of the Peer Navigator Program. The program is intended to increase capacity to better serve individuals in the following ways: coordinate physician and Medi-Cal appointments; coordinate and facilitate communication with healthcare providers; arrange or provide transportation to and from medical appointments; access and maintain insurance coverage; assist individuals, families and caregivers in completing medical, financial and other forms; provide education about medical conditions and recovery strategies; motivate and educate individuals and their family/caregivers about the importance of preventative services; arrange translation services; identify and address barriers to healthcare for disparate populations; coordinate child care, elder care, and respite services; provide emotional support to alleviate fear and barriers to accessing quality healthcare. The presentation also included information on how the program works, referral sources, service provision, outcomes and demographic data, and success of contacts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

- Ritta Sudnikoff invited members to the Oakdale City Council presentation on February 16, 2016, at 7pm. The goal is to present at the nine City Councils to inform them about the Stanislaus County Mental Health Board. Ritta welcomed Elizabeth Ortiz, new Board member.

Adult/Older Adult System of Care Committee

- Annie Henrich reported the committee is visiting the Modesto Recovery Services (MRS) and Telecare on February 10, 2016, at 4:00pm.

Managed Care Committee

No report.

Children System of Care Committee

Jerry Rhine reported the committee's 2016 calendar has been developed. The visit to the Kirk Baucher School went well.

Administrative and Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof reported the committee is currently discussing how to add value/purpose to their meeting time. Discussed technological needs that have been approved. The committee would like a presentation on the Dashboard.

Impact Committee

Vern Masse reported the committee discussed the programs they would like to visit this year. The committee talked about educating the Mental Health Board through program visits as well as provide outcomes data. Discussed how the committee can be more effective in their visits, by asking the right questions to the program and share the purpose of the visit to the programs

Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensic Committee

No report.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

No report. Yvette volunteered to attend the meetings in Kimberly Kennard's absence.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer shared highlights from the last committee meeting. One focus of the meeting was to look at the meaning of the committee's name; Equality vs. Equity. A visual was shared to illustrate the difference between the two. The committee will discuss social justice next. Committee members shared their experience with the online test developed by Harvard University on Unconscious Bias. People may not be aware of certain biases they may have when interacting with others. The committee will be reviewing the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) to make sure the county is in accordance with the state standards.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dr. Schlaepfer reported the following:

- MHSa Stakeholder Meeting regarding the Annual Update will be held January 29, 2016, 1:00-4:00pm at Sutter Health Education Center. The Annual Update will be going to the Board of Supervisors for approval in June 2016.
- Workgroup moving forward in planning the merge of the MHB and ABSAP Boards. Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer encouraged members to attend these meetings. Next meeting date/time to be announced.

- Crisis Intervention Unit (CSU) opens at the end of of February.

Legislation:

- Assembly Bill #SB614, Peer Certification, is moving forward. Anticipating the bill to pass in a few months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vern Masse announced the 1st Veterans Treatment Court Hearing will be on February 1, 2016. Seven veterans are scheduled. The judge and mentors are veterans.
- Teresa Garibay announced updated information was included in the handout packet such as the 2016 Mental Health Board meeting calendar, brochure, roster, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Garibay
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