



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
February 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair, Kimberly Kennard.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Kimberly Kennard led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Henrich, Charles Grom, Chris Cataline, Jack Waldorf, Jerald Rhine, Kimberly Kennard, Ritta Sudnikoff, Sheila Kendall, Vern Masse, Virginia Solórzano, Yvette McShan, Terry Withrow, Linda Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Ploof

STAFF PRESENT

Adrian Carroll, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Debra Buckles, Jeff Sabean, Jessica Van Tuinen, Virginia Carney, Teresa Garibay

GUESTS PRESENT

Joseph Mendonca, Christina Kenney, Jerry Galeazzi, Jamie Hoover, Judy Kropp, Tony Vartan, Anthony Burke, Elsa Banuelos, Lee Ann Glatt

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Kropp, representing the American Association of University Women, announced: *A Panel Discussion – Ending the Culture of Violence on School and College Campuses*, will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the Martin G. Peterson Education Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lynn Padlo, NAMI Education Director, sent a “thank you” note to the Board. Veronica Ortiz-Valle read the note to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Charles Grom made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of January 22, 2015, Ritta Sudnikoff seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Terry Withrow, Chair, Board of Supervisors, reported the Board of Supervisors is conducting a mid-year briefing regarding the budget at their next meeting.

PRESENTATION – Stanislaus Youth in Mind

Jessica Van Tuinen and Joseph Mendonca, presented on the Youth Leadership at Juvenile Justice. The presentation addressed the how this group started and established Stanislaus, Youth In Mind youth leadership group in Stanislaus County. The Youth in Mind improves the lives of young people, ages 12-28, impacted by the mental health system through education, advocacy, and collaboration. The youth leadership group has been well received and is currently looking at expanding staff in order to reach more youth.

Committee Goals Development

Ritta Sudnikoff gave the following update of the current plans for the *Advocate for Mental Health Issues on the Local Level*, strategic priorities committee. The committee plans to schedule and present the Mental Health Board roles and responsibilities to; El Concilio in Turlock, El Concilio in Modesto, and Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource. The goal is to network with the community in order to recruit in areas that are currently vacant. Kimberly Kennard encouraged members that are not currently participating on a committee to choose one of the Strategic Priorities Committees by contacting the lead person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the Executive Committee interviewed Tony Flores for a position on the Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy in District 2. The Executive Committee recommended him to the Board of Supervisors. This would leave one vacancy in District 1.

Impact Committee

Jack Waldorf reported two site visits were conducted; the West Modesto Community Health Outreach Worker/Promotores and *Ending the Silence*, by National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). The committee thought both programs were effective.

Managed Care Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee discussed reimbursements and repeat hospitalizations including statistics from Doctors Behavioral Health Center and the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). Tony Vartan, Director of DBHC, reported highlights from the Advisory Committee. Recruiting psychiatrists last year was challenging. It was a good year in quality patient care and quality measures. Opening the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) has been successful; 30-day re-admission rate is historically low, 14 percent; hospital stays and number of re-admissions have decreased; implementing the Discharge Team avoids re-admission by opening clients before they are discharged.

Veterans Committee

Vern Masse reported the committee did not receive the grant from the Superior Court to implement the Veterans Treatment Track. The Superior Court held a meeting this week to address next steps. Vern is encouraging implementing the Veterans Treatment Track out of the exiting Mental Health Court. Vern has not received a response yet.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

Kimberly Kennard reported the following highlights from February's meeting. The committee discussed the development of the new ABSAP website. A presentation was conducted regarding Proposition 47, presented by Mike Wilson.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Christina Kenney from the Empowerment Center shared a workgroup is working on the Cultural Competency Plan (CCP) requirements to review the current plan and identify areas for revision, and incorporate new strategies and initiatives.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Adrian Carroll reported the following:

- The Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), a 23-hour program will open in November 2015. The program is for adult individuals in crisis that do not need hospitalization. The program will serve 8-9 individuals and it will be located next to the Crisis Intervention Program on the Stanislaus Recovery Center Campus. For longer stays, BHRS is partnering with Merced County and other counties to establish a Crisis Residential Program for stays up to two weeks. This facility will be located in Merced.
- An MHSA Stakeholder Meeting will be held on February 27, 12:30-3:30, at the Sutter Health Education Center in Modesto. Stakeholders are voting on proposals.
- A Peer Certification legislation for mental health counselors is being introduced at the State level by Senator Leno.
- A 20-hour Crisis Intervention Training requirement for law enforcement regarding mental health

is being introduced at the State level by Senator Beall.

- The Little Hoover Commission Report, a statewide study indicates the Mental Health Services Act Funding is not producing end results. Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer is working with other counties statewide on gathering outcomes reported through the State Data Collection and Reporting (DCR) System demonstrating a difference in information reported. BHRS outcomes can be found at the State DCR website <https://itws.dhcs.ca.gov/default.asp>. Data can also be found at www.cibhs.org, www.cbhda.org, and www.mhsoac.ca.gov.
- The Department was invited to do a brief presentation with our sister city program from the Ukraine. A Ukrainian Delegation visited a number of sites within the county. The delegation wanted to know about mental health services and the local direction of mental health to work on building their government and services.
- Substance use disorder update – Continuum for Medi-Cal expansions to provide funding for drug and alcohol counseling. There is an opt in proposal for continuum of substance abuse care where counties would be obligated to maintain a continuum of substance abuse services by having a residential program, a medication assistance program, outpatient programming, and detox programming. . It will be rolled out regionally; Bay Area counties in April, Southern California counties second, and the third region includes Stanislaus County by the end of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

The Veterans Center will be holding a community Wellness event for veterans and their families to discuss suicide prevention on April 2, 2015.

Teresa Garibay informed the Board that updated information has been included in their packets, i.e. meeting calendar and brochure.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Mental Health Board will be held on Thursday, March 26, 5:00 p.m., Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Garibay
Confidential Assistant III