



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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March 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Ritta Sudnikoff led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Henrich, Frank Ploof, Elizabeth Ortiz, Jack Waldorf, Jerald Rhine, Ritta Sudnikoff, Terry Withrow, Tony Flores, Vern Masse, Virginia Solorzano,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Kennard, DSW, Jerold Rosenthal, Sheila Kendall, Yvette McShan

STAFF PRESENT

Madelyn Schlaepfer Ph.D., Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Teresa Garibay, Elaine Byrom

GUESTS PRESENT

John Poor, Christy Almen, Marlena Neely, Debbie May, Nenise Covarrubias, Jill Neifer, Rhonda Allen, Darlene Thomas, Jerry Galeazzi

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the audience announced and distributed flyers for the following events. NAMI Walk Northern California will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the William Land Park in Sacramento. It's an anti-stigma mental health awareness event. Registration is free of charge. NAMI Smarts for Advocacy Training will be held on April 19, 2016, at the Health Services Agency, Martin Conference Room, 9:30am – 3:00. Registration is free of charge. Annie Henrich shared highlights from the Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource event that was held today, 3/24, at Harvest Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Vern Masse made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of February 25, 2016, Virginia Solorzano seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported that the mid-year budget was reviewed at Board of Supervisors meeting. He also reported that the Suicide Prevention Intervention Program was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

FACILITATION – Potential Merge

Christy Almen from Cummunity Services Agency facilitated a discussion to obtain input regarding the potential merge of the Mental Health and Advisory on Substance Abuse boards. The discussion consisted of the following questions. What is our purpose? What's working well? Opportunity for improvement? Pros? Cons?. Christy and Madelyn will review the data to determine how to proceed. A ad hoc committee with representation from both boards will continue to meet with Chirsty to work through the logistics of merging. Board members were asked to provide any additional thoughts to Administration Office. Input from this meeting will be compiled and sent to board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Ritta Sudnikoff reported that presentations to City Councils has concluded. Jack Waldorf shared there was an a nice article in the Ceres Courier about the presentation given at Ceres City Council.

Jack Waldorf reported that the two draft documents 1. Committee Chair Roles and Responsibilities and Site Visit Ground Rules, and 2. Mentor Checklist are included in the packet for board members to review. If you have any additions or changes to the documents, let Jack know. Jack asked committee chairs to develop committee descriptions.

Adult/Older Adult System of Care Committee

Annie Henrich reported that the committee had a demonstration on telepsychiatry at their last meeting. The committee will conduct a site visit at Turlock Recovery Services in April.

Managed Care Committee

No report.

Children System of Care Committee

Jerry Rhine reported that he and Ritta visited the Juvenile Justice Peer Navigator Program.

Administrative and Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof reported the committee discussed presentations they would like presented at the future board meetings.

Impact Committee

No report.

Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensic Committee

Vern Masse reported that the committee reconvened and discussed committee goals. Vern indicated more members are needed.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

No report.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Veronica Ortiz-Valle shared highlights from the meeting held on March 14, 2016.. The Cultural Update Newsletter, , featured an article entitled Wellness Recovery Center and Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Peer Network by John Black. The committee continues to review the meaning of the CCESJC title by having discussions about equity, social justice and cultural competency and how it pertains to programs. The committee will start reviewing the mission statement to ensure it is still current. The committee is also reviewing the State Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Standards (CLAS). Abraham Andres provided an update from the State Level CCESJC meeting he attended.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dr. Schlaepfer reported the following:

- Discussed the MHSA Stakeholder Meeting held regarding the Annual Update. A 30-day public comment and review period for the Annual Update will begin on April 8, 2016. A public hearing will be conducted at the Joint Board Meeting in April.
- The budget for next year will be submitted for approval on Monday, March 28, 2016.
- The Stanislaus Asian American Resource (SAACR) event had a great turnout. It was a very active event and young people from Modesto high schools were engaged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A member of the audience stated that the Peer Art Recovery seminar by John Black was very informative and attended by diverse entities.
- Vern Masse announced that on March 29, 2016, the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary will be held with activities at most VA programs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be

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held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
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