



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD/ABSAP JOINT MEETING
April 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. and was called to order by Chair Jack Waldorf.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Lynn Padlo led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

MHB – Jack Waldorf, Chris Cataline, Annie Henrich, Kimberly Kennard, Vern Masse, Lynn Padlo, Jerald Rhine, Ritta Sudnikoff, Karl von Spreckelsen

ABSAP- Randy Heldt, Lenore Maurice, John Robin, Kathy Rupe, John Wohler

MEMBERS ABSENT

MHB - Charles Grom, Cathy Szakmary, Terry Withrow

ABSAP - Mary Jayne Budd, Gregg Clifton, Stephanie Gruskiewicz, Jeff Gullo, Charmaine Monte, Eric Parsons, Michael Shinkle

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Madelyn Schlaepfer, Teresa Garibay, Charles Yarnell, Patricia Pasqualone, Elaine Byrom

GUESTS PRESENT

Christina Kenney, Jerry Galeazzi, Suzanne Wright

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported two surveys of interest were received for Mental Health Board membership.

PRESENTATION – Veterans Committee

Vern Masse reported the Mental Health Advisory Board added the Veterans Services Committee. The sub-committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 800 Scenic Drive. Members consist of the Mental Health Advisory Board, the ABSAP Board, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services staff, the Stanislaus County Veterans Services, a representative from Senator Jeff Denim's office and the Veterans Administration. There are approximately 367,822 adults in Stanislaus County and 26,555 are veterans, of these 5% are women. The mission is to find what services are needed to better serve veterans in our county and what gaps in services there may be. Three goals were established: 1) Educate mental health staff regarding military culture, resources and effective techniques for connecting with veterans 2) Establish a veteran's treatment track to the existing mental health court. 3) Look at how we can reduce veteran suicide in Stanislaus County. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. to begin discussing, planning and formalizing concrete particulars of a veteran's treatment track. Most of the actual treatment will be provided by the Modesto Veteran's Center or the Veteran's Administration, however how referrals are made and handled, a flow of the paperwork, court reporting and supervision all need to be detailed. The goal is to have an operating treatment track by the end of the year.

MHB Report

MHSA Annual Update – The stakeholders meetings went very well. On most of the issues there was a 90% consensus.

Managed Care Outcomes – No report.

ABSAP Report

No quorum – the vote for the PC 1000 Document Review will be tabled until the next ABSAP meeting on May 15, 2014.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer reported on proposed funding of projects approved by MHSA stakeholders at a meeting on April 1, 2014. Among the projects: design costs for a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and funding up to 22 stipends for MSW, MS, and BA programs at CSU, Stanislaus under Workforce Education & Training (WET). There are one-time funds that need be used by June 2015. BHRS will augment funding in several areas: funding our share of statewide PEI projects that focus on suicide prevention, stigma, discrimination reduction, and student mental health. Also, BHRS will augment funding for Behavioral Health integration and School Behavioral Health consultation including the CLASS program which aims to change the culture in schools to help students be more successful. Funding was also approved for technological needs related to the Electronic Health Record (EHR).

A draft of the MHSA Annual Update has been posted for the 30-day review process. On May 22, 2014, a public hearing on the document will be held at the Mental Health Board meeting. The Annual Update is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on June 17, 2014.

Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) – The facility has been open for two months. Doctor Fukui, from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services covered the first month. A locum tenens is currently seeing patient until June. Telecare is recruiting for a full time doctor to start in June. The Modesto Police Department has established a policy on transporting clients to the PHF.

Drug MediCal is not a managed care plan and there are only four drug MediCal providers in our county. You need to have 16 beds or fewer in order to bill MediCal. The new MediCal expanded services had been expanded to include residential treatment for everyone whose eligible for MediCal, not just Perinatal women. However, due to complications that have to do with mental health, the state pulled this from the roster of services that drug MediCal will cover in order to figure this out. The problem is MediCal will not pay for hospitalization in institutes of mental disease. Our federal grant currently covers these costs. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant covers our residential services, Detox, staffing for alcohol and drug to the co-occurring program. We will also be funding a start-up for peer navigations as an augmentation. BHRS augmented the discharge team that will go to the PHF to track people as they leave to make sure they get connected. Also an augmentation to our outreach and engagement about a peer navigator concept. These individuals are people with lived experience to follow up with people to make sure they get connected, get to their appointments, etc. This could be a career track for people in recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Padlo announced the NAMI walk is scheduled for May 3, 2014.

Elaine Byrom announced Teresa Garibay as a new member of the Administration team. Elaine will be transitioning the Mental Health Board support to Teresa within the next couple of months.

Annie Henrich announced she is a member of Stanislaus Asian American Liaison and they will be having their New Year celebration at the temple on Service Road on April 26, 27 and 28.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next Mental Health Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014, 5:00 p.m., in the Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Byrom
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