



**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
May 28, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Henrich, Frank Ploof, Jack Waldorf, Kimberly Kennard, Ritta Sudnikoff, Sheila Kendall, Vern Masse, Yvette McShan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Grom, Jerald Rhine, Terry Withrow, Tony Flores, Virginia Solórzano

STAFF PRESENT

Cherie Dockery, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Teresa Garibay, Christi Golden, Kevin Panyanouvong, Melissa Ayson

GUESTS PRESENT

Lois Carter, Lee Ann Glatt

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle stated she received the notice for the FY15/16 annual membership dues for the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHBC). Veronica reminded members the Board declined membership last year. ACTION: To pay membership dues. The Board made motion to pay membership dues. The CALMHBC Annual Meeting is June 19 & 20, 2015. Reimbursement is restricted to one Board member. An email will be sent to members to determine who is interested in attending and Kimberly Kennard will make the decision.

Veronica announced the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS) Region Training is offering: How to be a Great Board/Community Outreach and Advocacy. The training will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 10:00am – 3:00pm in Sacramento. Reimbursement is restricted to one Board member.. An email will be sent to members to determine who is interested in attending and Kimberly Kennard will make the decision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jack Waldorf made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of March 26 and April 23, 2015, Yvette McShan seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT - None

PRESENTATION – VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Melissa Ayson, Director of the Volunteer Program, gave a presentation about the program. The program addresses the needs of consumers, family members and diverse community members who wish to volunteer in the public mental health system as part of their recovery in a variety of ways ranging from being a driver, a peer organizing resources, participating in events, while at the same time utilizing their people skills. Melissa shared a brief history of the program, goals, volunteer process, and the job description template. Currently, there are approximately 180 volunteers in 10 BHRS programs. Melissa also reported the 2015 Volunteer Celebration went well.

COMMITTEE GOALS DEVELOPMENT (STRATEGIC PRIORITIES)

The following committee leads/members gave an update on the five strategic priorities/goals:

1. Promote Accountability and Outcomes - Department & MHB
Jack Waldorf reported the committee hadn't met since the passing of the former lead. The committee will be restarting over.
2. Increase Visibility and Communication with the Community – Elected Officials
No report.
3. Advocate for Mental Health Issues on the Local Level
No Report.
4. Develop Board Competency
Vern reported the committee met twice. The goal is to develop a packet for all Board Members about membership. Vern encouraged members to join the committee.
5. Embrace Diversity Internally and Externally
Completed in 2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

- Ad Hoc Committee – Jack reported the committee met twice and has made progress on their two areas of focus, protocols for mentorship and committee chairmanship. Jack described the role and duties of a mentor and the committee developed a checklist. The committee chairperson's duties would be to look and understand the programs and to review and measure outcomes data generated by the programs. Jack would like input on what the committee has developed. Teresa will e-mail the ad hoc committee protocols to members for input.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

No report – The ABSAP Meeting in May was cancelled.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported Ruben Imperial announced that May was his last meeting as one of the Co-Chairs. He announced Veronica Ortiz-Valle will be his replacement. Two presentations were conducted: 1) Statewide Stigma & Discrimination Conference. The conference was held in February and approximately six staff attended. John Black and Janet Nunez-Pineda shared what they took away from the conference and what they wanted people to know about what they learned. 2) Stanislaus County CEO's Focus on Prevention. Ruben Imperial and Aaron Farnon reported on the focus for beginning a ten year or longer transition process on reducing homelessness; strengthening our families; investing in children & youth; and reducing recidivism (criminal justice system). They have started with homelessness and will implement the next prevention focus every six months. Veronica gave highlights of the featured article in May's Cultural Competency Newsletter.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cherie Dockery reported the following:

- Department budget looks good. The budget will go to the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2015, for approval.
- MHSA Annual Update FY15-16 will be going to the Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2015 for approval.
- The new Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), a 23-hour unit with four recliners will be for 5150 client holds that do not need hospitalization. Clients will receive peer support. Clients can be referred to Doctors Behavioral Health Center. CSU will be collocated at the Stanislaus Recovery Center (SRC). Clients can voluntarily walk out.
- Two Managed Care Plans are being offered: Plan 1: San Joaquin and Plan 2: Health Net will provide mild to moderate care for clients.
- Legislation:
 - Assembly Bill #AB403, Foster Care, is to reform the home care system. BHRS is in support of the bill.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Teresa Garibay informed the Board updated information was included in their packets such as the committee list, brochure, and roster.

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, June 25, at 5:00 p.m., in the Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Garibay
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