



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
May 26, 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, Jack Waldorf, Jerald Rhine, Ritta Sudnikoff, Terry Withrow, Tony Flores, Vern Masse, Virginia Solorzano,

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Elizabeth Ortiz, Jerold Rosenthal, Kimberly Kennard, DSW, Yvette McShan

**STAFF PRESENT**

Madelyn Schlaepfer Ph.D., Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Christi Golden, Tameika Easter-Griffin, Becky Tyler, Melissa Ayson, Denise Covarrubias, Teresa Garibay

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Marlena Neely, Tammy Reynolds, Darlene Thomas, Jerry Galeazzi

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Melissa Ayson shared that the Volunteer Celebration was held on April 26, 2016, at Sutter Gould conference facility. Melissa presented certificates and pins of appreciation to board members not present at the celebration. Next year's celebration will be held on April 7, 2017.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Virginia Solorzano made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of March 24 and April 28, 2016, Ritta Sudnikoff seconded the motion.

**CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

**FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported that the Board of Supervisors reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget update. Supervisor Withrow shared that May was proclaimed as Mental Health Awareness Month by the Board of Supervisors. He also shared that senior citizens of the year were recognized at the last meeting.

## **PRESENTATION – SED/School Based Services**

Becky Tyler, Program Coordinator and staff members, Tameika Easter-Griffin and Jose Tijerina shared a presentation on SED/School Based Services. Becky shared that the program believes in the resiliency of children and their families, utilizes a collaborative approach integrating mental health, early intervention, prevention, and community consultation to help students overcome obstacles in their education. Presenters shared information on the services the program offers such as Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS); Aggression Replacement Training (ART) & Community Well-Being; School Behavioral Health Consultation; and School Behavioral Health Consultation. Copies of the presentation were distributed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

**Jack Waldorf reported on the following:**

- Announced that this is Jerry Rhine's last meeting before his resignation on June 1, 2016. Jack acknowledged Jerry for his dedication to the Mental Health Board.
- Explained the purpose of the ad hoc committee that the Chair can appoint an ad hoc committee to address specific needs. Jack asked members who would be interested to be on an ad hoc committee to explore the need for an Outreach Committee. This committee would review the purpose and guidelines of the Outreach Committee. Members that volunteered are Annie, Ritta, Virginia and Jack.
- Discussed and confirmed participation on the ad hoc Merger Committee. Jack named members who have been on the committee: Jack, Ritta, Kimberly, and Yvette and Vern as an alternate. Jack indicated a replacement for Kimberly is needed as she will not be able to serve at this time. Vern volunteered to serve as a member. Virginia and Annie volunteered to serve as alternates. New committee: Jack, Ritta, Yvette, and Vern. Virginia and Annie are alternates.
- Presented the Proclamation by the Board of Supervisors for May as Mental Health Awareness Month.
- The California Association of Local Behavioral Health Board and Commissions (CALBHB/C) Annual Meeting will be held on June 17 & 18, 2016 in Ontario, CA (San Bernadino County). Travel expenses for one board member's attendance will be reimbursed (lodging and mileage) by CALBHB/C. Meals will be provided and lodging arrangements made by CALBHB/C. Virginia expressed interest in attending, she will confirm on 5/31.

### Adult/Older Adult System of Care Committee

Annie Henrich reported that she and Jerold Rosenthal visited Turlock Recovery Services (TRS). Annie and Jerold interviewed one client who has received services from the program for over a year. The client gave positive feedback about the program. Annie and Jerold then met with Elizabeth Purto, Program Coordinator. TRS currently serves approximately 255 clients. Due to limited time, the committee will return at a later time to tour the program.

### Managed Care Committee

Jack Waldorf reported that the committee is looking at statistics. The percentage of cases denied for Medi-cal reimbursement for the PHF and DBHC has greatly decreased. Ritta Sudnikoff attended DBHC Advisory Council Meeting and reported that DBHC's statistics are better. Ritta also reported that DBHC has a new system that allows staff to interact with clients.

### Children System of Care Committee

Jerry Rhine reported that the committee visited the Oakdale Family Resource and Counseling Center. The Center's mission is to build programs to strengthen and support youth and families. Approximately 450 attended the Annual Christmas Celebration and over 400 participated in free Movie Nights at the park during the summer. Overall, the committee was impressed with the quality of the program. Jerry stated he sent reports for Children System of Care to various board members for the years he has chaired. Jerry indicated that Elizabeth Ortiz joined the committee and that he was mentoring her. Jerry suggested the Executive Committee to discuss Elizabeth's mentorship.

### Administrative and Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof reported the committee has scheduled separate meetings with administrative program staff to obtain information about their programs.

### Impact Committee

Jack Waldorf reported that the committee will be visiting the Child Sexual Abuse Program in June to interview clients.

### Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensic Committee

Vern Masse reported that over 30 veterans have participated in the Veteran's Treatment Court since it began four months ago. The Veteran's Treatment Court has been increased from 1 to 2 days per month.

### **MHB/ABSAP LIAISON**

No report.

## **CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)**

Veronica Ortiz-Valle shared highlights from the meeting held on May 9, 2016. A presentation was made by Youth and Mind on the “Re-Think” Campaign. The campaign is about a group of young individuals with the purpose of promoting positive change through authentic youth engagement. Youth and Mind improves the lives of young people ages 12 – 28. The Cultural Update Newsletter featured an article entitled Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care by Jorge Fernandez, Director of Golden Valley Health Centers. The article provides good resources on Medi-Cal sites. The committee is reviewing the mission statement and obtaining feedback to ensure it is current.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Dr. Schlaepfer reported the following:

Legislation:

- An update on Assembly Bill #SB614, Peer Certification, was discussed.

Department:

- The budget proposed for next year includes the MHSA budget.
- MHSA Stakeholder Meeting will be held on 6/3/16 to discuss expanding the contract to the Central Valley Suicide Prevention Hotline. The Plan Update will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the summer. The Annual Update will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval on June 28, 2016.
- Celebrations held in the area this month: Mental Health Awareness Proclamation; Day of Hope; Mental Health Awareness Day in Patterson and West Modesto King Kennedy Center.
- Discussed the new Health Information Exchange Project that will begin soon. It’s an Innovation pilot in partnership with HSA to share information on mutual clients with their consent. Collaborating with a variety of local partners in the community; Memorial Hospital, Doctors Medical Center, local Medical Society, primary care physicians, Oak Valley Hospital and others. The vendor for the project, San Joaquin Community HIE, is working on connecting the various organizations to the health information exchanges.
- An article was posted in the Modesto Bee regarding Madelyn’s retirement. Madelyn’s retirement date is effective August 3, 2016.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jack Waldorf thanked everyone who contributed to the NAMI Walk. It was a successful fundraiser.
- Jack Waldorf reported that he was asked to participate on one of the interview panels to interview candidates for the Behavioral Health Director position. The interviews will be held towards the end of June 2016. Dr. Schlaepfer will provide an update at the next meeting regarding the MHB regulations on the Board’s approval process for the selected candidate.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Garibay  
Confidential Assistant III