



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
July 28, 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.

Frank Ploof led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Henrich, Elizabeth Ortiz, Frank Ploof, Jack Waldorf, Jerold Rosenthal, Tony Flores, Vern Masse, Virginia Solorzano, Yvette McShan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Kennard, DSW, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Madelyn Schlaepfer Ph.D., Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Cherie Dockery, Pam Esparza, Denise Covarrubias, Lynnzey Colossio, Debbie May, Rocio Ramirez, Melissa Hale, Chelsea Rambo, Christi Golden, Teresa Alvarez, Juanita Solis, Patricia Hill Thomas, Elaine Byrom, Cynthia Bocage, Kara Anguiano, Teresa Garibay

GUESTS PRESENT

Melissa Jeter, Jeremy Burton, Christina Kenney

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that two letters of resignation from the board were received from members, Ritta Sudnikoff effective June 30, 2016, and Elizabeth Ortiz effective July 29, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Vern Masse made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of June 23, 2016, Jerold Rosenthal seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT - None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Patricia Hill Thomas, Chief Operations Officer, recognized Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer for her many years of service, the significance of her work in her care and the difference she made in the lives of others. Patricia on behalf of the CEO's Office and the County thanked Madelyn for her service and wished her well in her retirement; flowers were presented.

Jack Waldorf, on behalf of Lynn Padlo, NAMI Director, read a thank you letter to Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer for supporting the many educational NAMI programs and for listening to the voice of people with lived experience. A certificate of recognition was presented. NAMI nominated Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer as the Director of the Year.

On behalf of the Mental Health Board, Jack Waldorf, presented a card and flowers to Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer and wished her the best in her retirement.

PRESENTATION – Board & Care and Patients Rights

Teresa Alvarez, Patients Rights Advocate, and Pam Esparza, Chief of Consumer and Family Affairs gave an presentation on Board & Care facilities. A tutorial was given on how to access the Community Care Licensing web page <http://www.cclid.ca.gov>. The presentation included an overview of resources, facilities available, monitoring process, complaints process, transitional Board & Care (Patch Rate), and the Adult Community Living Project.

ELECTION FOR VICE CHAIR

Annie Henrich and Virginia Solorzano, members of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, recommended Vern Masse for the Vice Chair position, replacing Ritta Sudnikoff. Jack Waldorf opened the floor for further recommendations. There being none made, motion to close nominations was made by Yvette McShan, seconded by Annie Henrich. Motion to elect Vern Masse as Vice-Chair was made by Jerold Rosenthal, seconded by Virginia Solorzano and was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Action: Motion to extend the leave of absence for Kimberly Kennard for three (3) additional months. Motion to extend the leave of absence for Kimberly Kennard was made by Vern Masse and Virginia Solorzano and was unanimous.

Jack Waldorf reported that a MHB Closed Session was held to interview Rick DeGette, selected candidate for the Behavioral Health Director position. Board members that were present recommended Mr. DeGette for the position and unanimously approved. The effective date for the new Behavioral Health Director is September 6, 2016. Patricia Hill Thomas will be the Interim Behavioral Health Director and Cherie Dockery will be the Interim Administrator/Associate Director.

Adult/Older Adult System of Care Committee

Annie Henrich reported that members of the committee visited StanWORKs in July. Committee members talked with the staff and interviewed two (2) clients. Annie indicated that the clients are doing very well with the help of the staff and the services they received. Next site visit will be in September.

Managed Care Committee

Jack Waldorf reported that the committee continues to review statistics.

Children System of Care Committee

No committee report. Jack asked board members if anyone was interested in becoming a member of or Chair of the committee. Yvette McShan expressed interest in joining the committee.

Administrative and Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof gave an update on the various Administrative and Fiscal Management Teams. The financial team is closing the books for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Impact Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee is visiting the Department of Education.

Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensic Committee

Vern Masse reported the meeting in July was canceled due to vacations.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

No report.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Veronica Ortiz-Valle referenced the July 2016 Cultural Update Newsletter included in the packets, that featured an article written by Lynn Padlo on the training classes NAMI offers. Veronica shared that Lynn Padlo announced at July's meeting that she is pleased they have 25 volunteers. Lynn also shared that the presentation, Ending the Silence, reached all high schools in Stanislaus County. Lynn stated that NAMI is in need of Spanish speaking volunteers to replace those who have found jobs, a positive outcome. The LGBT group gave a presentation about a new support group, Silver & Gold Support Group; an ongoing support group for mental health and wellness to meet the needs of the LGBT community. This group is designed for older adults and elders 50+ years of age. Rainbow stickers will be displayed at businesses so that individuals feel more comfortable and welcomed. Transgender 101 training is available to discuss the process that an individual goes through. An announcement was made that the Promotores Conference will be held in Stanislaus County in September (date to be confirmed).

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dr. Schlaepfer reported the following:

Department:

- MHB/ABSAP merger committee meeting was held on July 13, 2016. Discussed MHB committee structure/consolidation.
- Board agenda items went to the Board of Supervisors for approval. 1) MHSA Annual Update FY2016-2017. All except two items proposed were approved. 2) MHSA Plan Update FY2016-2017 for a Suicide Hotline was approved.
- Discussed the Health Information Exchange Project. It's an Innovation pilot in partnership with HSA to share information on mutual clients with their consent in collaboration with a variety of local partners in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Garibay
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