



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
October 23, 2014**

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.

Chris Cataline led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Cataline, Frank Ploof, Jack Waldorf, Kimberly Kennard, Linda Miller, Terry Withrow, Vern Masse, Virginia Solórzano, Yvette McShan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Annie Henrich, Charles Grom, Jerald Rhine, Ritta Sudnikoff

STAFF PRESENT

Madelyn Schlaepfer, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Adrian Carroll, Debra Buckles, Teresa Garibay

GUESTS PRESENT

Rae Cortez Israel, Breanna Michael, Esther Cortez, Eddy Orozco, Edgar Orozco, Jessica Ramos, Elias Orozco, Denise Dillon, Rocio Ramirez, Bree Carpenter, LisaMarie Sanchez, Richard Salazar, Samuel White, Jerry Galeazzi

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAMI on Campus at MJC students participated or will participate in the following activities; Suicide Prevention Training, Planning to take the Facilitator's Training, Started a peer support group, as well as planning several field trips.

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported the Board of Supervisors approved Sheila Kendall as a member of the Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy in District 2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Vern Masse made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of September 25, 2014, Yvette McShan seconded the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Jack Waldorf shared a personal story he had with a family member and the experience with the Doctors Behavioral Health Center after the family member was released within 2 days. Jack shared he called the police and they took the family member to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and they admitted the family member to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) where the family member has been for 1½ weeks. Jack called the Psychiatric Health Facility to provide them with background information about his family member, which was welcomed. Jack was then invited to a meeting to decide on the care, they decided on temporary conservatorship. Jack stated that conservatorship had not been considered at Doctors Behavioral Health Center before. Jack stated he was very pleased with the care received at the Psychiatric Health Facility and the staff.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor, Terry Withrow, reported the Board of Supervisors is in the middle of labor negotiations with 13 labor unions to restore wages that were cut during the recession five years ago. Good progress is being made. Supervisor Withrow also reported on the ground and surface water issue. The Board of Supervisors is trying to deal with the drought and state regulations.

PRESENTATION – Kinship Program

Rhonda Parker, Program Coordinator; and three staff members, Linda Cash, Denise Dillon, and Debbie May, gave a presentation about the Kinship Program and shared personal stories. Program flyers and brochures were available for attendees. Following is a summary of the program.

The Kinship Support Services Program is one of four programs co-located at the Family Partnership Center.

Kinship Support Services Program
at the Family Partnership Center
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Kinship Support Services Program

The mission of the Kinship Support Services Program is to provide culturally competent and linguistically appropriate kinship support services to caregivers who are raising their relative's children. The program strives to assist and support kinship caregivers by providing a stable environment for their kinship children, emotionally and psychologically, in school and at home. The program values collaboration and partnership, working closely with other agencies that serve children and their families. The program's main goal is to provide the support services needed to keep kinship children with their relatives rather than in out-of-home placement.

Services are intended to provide support to relative caregivers to help meet the unique needs experienced by kinship families. Almost without exception, Kinship families have experienced separation, grief, and loss due to their family member's military service, mental health challenges, substance use, incarceration, or death. Caregivers and relative children become a kinship family and face the challenges created by the circumstances that brought them together. Caregivers are most often grandparents raising the children of their own children and many have limited financial resources.

Through collaborative services designed to create a one-stop shopping experience, Kinship families may access to following services:

- One-to-one individualized support;
- Group support with other kinship caregivers;
- Case management-style services including information and referral, and linkage with resources in the community;
- Wraparound-style services including assistance with clothing, food, and emergency items such as beds;
- On site access to Guardianship Assistance Workshop, and for eligible children and families, mental health services including child psychiatrist and psychiatric nurse;
- Educational support for families with children with special education needs;
- Social, recreational, respite, and wellness activities for children, adults, and families.

Referrals to the Kinship Support Services Program come from other BHRS programs, community based organizations, schools, individuals in the community, Family Law Facilitator's Office, and CPS.

Kinship currently has approximately 600 children and 350 adults open to the program.

PRESENTATION – Slate of Officers

Yvette McShan, on behalf of the nomination committee, nominated Dr. Kimberly Kennard for the Chairperson position and Chris Cataline for the Co-Chairperson position for next year's term. Jack Waldorf stated the election of officers will be held at the November meeting. Jack thanked Yvette McShan and Ritta Sudnikoff for serving as the nomination committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

- Annual Report – The report was distributed to the Mental Health Board members. Jack Waldorf commended the committee chairpersons for their work and for completing their reports on short notice. Members of the Mental Health Board will present to the Board of Supervisors on November 25, 2014.
- The Executive Committee moved to appoint Frank Ploof as the Chairperson of the Administrative Services Committee.

Impact Committee

- Jack Waldorf reported the Impact Committee visited The Bridge. The Bridge serves the Southeast Asian community. Jack stated the committee was very impressed with the service provided by this program.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

Dr. Kimberly Kennard reported a presentation was conducted at the ABSAP Meeting on October 16 by Jennifer Marsh entitled *2014-2015 Committed Program Overviews-Update*. Key components of the presentation: Code of Conduct, Mandatory Parent/Student Code Meetings, Team Leaders, A Coach Ready to Implement, and Administration Support. Dr. Kimberly Kennard also discussed the California Association Drug and Alcohol Educators (CADAЕ).

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Jack Waldorf referred the Board to the Cultural Competency Update Newsletter for meeting highlights of the September 8 meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer reported the following:

Legislation:

The following bills passed:

- Continuing medical education courses for positions that focus on cultural competency is required.
- Obtaining certified record life birth without a fee. Individuals need to verify that they are homeless or an only child to have the fee waived.
- Language change as to the way individuals are referred to in law. Currently, existing law refers to mentally disorder persons or mental defect persons and also refers to the insane and other contexts as well. This bill would instead change the language to refer to persons with mental disorders or persons who lack capacity to make decisions.
- Annual update reports regarding performance outcomes is required. It requires information to be shared with Mental Health Boards and posted on the database at the state level to see how counties compare.
- Authorization of court emergency gun violence restraining orders.
- Assistance for veterans in transition. It requires the Department of Veterans Affairs develop a transition assistance program by July 2015 for veterans who have been discharged from the armed forces or the National Guard of any state. This bill was developed with a particular California focus so it is pertinent to the things in our state in regards to access.
- Focusing on making sure mental health professionals can deal with foster children in mental health and have specialized clinical training in adoption or permanency issues. The bill will/may be in effect January 2016.
- Criminal defendants would not be charged if found incompetent to stand trial. Individuals would have to be restored to competency, sometimes in a state hospital. This would allow the court and the individuals making those decisions to recommend an outpatient placement if they thought they would not be in danger to others and obtain better mental health treatment.

- Welfare check - This bill would require law enforcement agencies to develop a document that would implement written policies and protocol standards pertaining to the best manner in which to conduct welfare checks.

Katie A. Implementation:

- It will be called Pathways to Well-Being. Currently making progress in close collaboration with the Community Services Agency, Child Welfare. It's very intensive treatment for foster youth in an effort to keep them out of the foster care system and to work with families to reunite. Request for Proposals are being developed. The 1st quarter budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors the first week of November to ask for training for Mental Health Clinicians to provide services to those individuals. It is at 24/7 program and provides anything that foster youth require.

Mental Health Services Act Plan Update:

- The Plan Update was presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 30, 2014, and was approved. Implementation of expansions began which includes hiring new staff. The Plan Update includes several Requests for Proposals (RFP's) that have been released. The final filing date for RFP's is November 10. The next round of MHSA stakeholder meetings will begin January 2015.

Department Budget:

- The budget is in good shape, running at 25% below expectations for expenditures through the 1st quarter. The 1st quarter budget will be submitted the first week of November 2014. There are no significant changes to the current budget with the exception of requesting three Mental Health Clinicians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Madelyn Schlaepfer thanked Rhonda Parker and staff from the Family Partnership/Kinship Program for a great presentation. Dr. Schlaepfer also commended the Board members who contributed to the MHB Annual Report.
- Yvette McShan announced the following:
 - Attended the National Day of Prayer, representing the MHB Board and the organization she is a member of.
 - Was invited to speak at Beyond the Walls where they held a fundraiser because they want to start talking to the children of parents who are incarcerated.
 - Has been honored to go to Geneva Switzerland with Human Rights to speak on isolation and inhumane in prison November 8 to 14, 2014.
 - Vern Masse reported the Military training has been growing.

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, January 22, 5:00 p.m., Redwood Room, 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto.