



## Stanislaus County Agenda

### Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Type of Meeting:	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD	Date:	Thursday, April 24, 2025	
Place:	Stanislaus Veterans Center 3500 Coffee Rd., Ste. 15, Modesto	Starting Time:	5:00 P.M.	
Facilitator:	Kathy Rupe, Chair	Ending Time:	6:30 P.M.	
Mission Statement:	The Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Board shall ♦ advocate for the highest possible quality of life, ♦ advocate for the elimination of stigma through education, ♦advocate for the removal of barriers to service, and will ♦ provide oversight and work in partnership with the staff of the County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Department.			
Order of Agenda Items		Person(s) Responsible	Desired Outcome (Info/Discuss/Decision)	Time Allocated
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Call to Order/Member Roll Call		Chair	Meeting Begins	5 minutes
Pledge of Allegiance		Chair / All	Pledge of Allegiance	5 minutes
Correspondence		Cynthia Bocage	Information/Discussion/Decision	5 minutes

<b>Approval of Minutes of 3/27/25</b>	Board Members	<b>ACTION: Approval of Minutes of 3/27/2025</b>	5 minutes
Board of Supervisor Report/Comments	Supervisor Withrow	Consideration of Report/Comments	10 minutes
Presentation: Stanislaus County Aging Services	Craig Gundlach, Interim Director, Stanislaus County Aging and Veterans Services	Consideration of Presentation	15 minutes
Public Comment: • Consumer • Family	All	Information/Discussion	10 minutes
BHB Committee Reports	Committee Chairs	Information/Discussion	10 minutes
Department Report	Ruben Imperial, Director	Consideration of Department Report	15 minutes
Announcements	All	Information/Discussion	5 minutes
Adjournment	Chair	End of Meeting	2 minutes
<b>Next Behavioral Health Board:</b> <b>Thursday, May 22, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd. Ste. 15 Modesto</b>			
<b><i>Mental Health Services Act Essential Elements: ♦ Community Collaboration ♦ Cultural Competence ♦ Client/family-driven mental health system for older adults, adults and transition age youth and family-driven system of care for children and youth ♦ Wellness focus, which includes the concepts of recovery and resilience ♦ Integrated service experiences for clients and their families throughout their interactions with the mental health system</i></b>			

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## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

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### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) March 27, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:02 p.m. and was called to order by Kathy Rupe, Chair. Peter Dean led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kym Barber, Larry Bolton, Peter Dean, Daljit Grewal, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Kathy Rupe, Jack Waldorf

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Cynthia Bocage, Ruben Imperial, Leonor Sierra, Amber Hayslett-Atkison, Melissa Farris, Olivia Jimenez

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Brian MacLaren

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Margie Johnson made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of February 27, 2025, Larry Bolton seconded the motion.

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT**

None reported.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY**

None reported.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Executive Committee**

Kathy Rupe reported the committee finalized the agenda for the March 27, 2025, board meeting. The committee explored potential upcoming presentations. Susan Wilson from the California Behavioral Health Planning Council will be invited to offer an in-depth review of the bylaws, as well as the roles and responsibilities of Board members.

##### **Administrative Fiscal Management Committee**

None reported.

Hospitalization Committee

Daljit Grewal reported that the committee discussed defining the roles of board members and setting goals for this committee. Additionally, the committee inquired about having an executive summary report that includes separate data reports for children and adults, as well as outcomes data for out-of-county admissions for future discussions.

Mental Health Committee

None reported.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported Jeff Mason from Center for Human Services provided a presentation on substance use disorder programs for children. In fiscal Year 2024-2025, services were provided to 78 unique youths, forty-five were served in schools and thirty-three were served in clinic-based programs.

Ad Hoc Committee

Kym Barber reported the committee discussed evaluating and restructuring the committees. Create a plan for categorizing the various BHRS programs into clear focus areas to develop Board committees.

**PRESENTATION: BHRS Workforce Development and Training**

Leonor Sierra, Chief of Integrated Services, and Amber Hayslett-Atkison, Manager provided a presentation on the Internship and Volunteer Programs. The goal is to connect with the community to develop a well-trained Mental Health workforce and to create career pathways through the Mental Health field with education and volunteer opportunities. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Ruben Imperial, Director, reported the following highlights:

- BHRS will continue reporting on regulatory and legislative updates and restructuring of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).
- The Bridge Housing Program held a ribbon cutting ceremony today, March 27, 2025, for Dignity Village housing project. The grand opening received a high level of community support.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Melissa Farris, Behavioral Health Family Advocate, announced weekly family groups are held on Thursdays and Spanish speaking groups on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., at the Family Partnership Center, located at 500 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Modesto. There are four volunteer family members registered to facilitate groups.

Annie Henrich and Kym Barber will be attending the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Board and Commissions (CALBHB/C) meeting on April 18, 2025, at Folsom.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting will be April 24, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd. Ste.15, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted by O. Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III