



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

1601 I Street, Ste. 200, Second Floor
Modesto, CA 95354
Phone: 209.525-6225 Fax: 209.558-4326

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. 9th 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.

Behavioral Health Board

March 27, 2025

Page 3 of 3

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