



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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May 25, 2017**

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.

Jack lead the Board and members and the audience in a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregg Clifton, Annie Henrich, Carmen Maldonado, Yvette McShan, Charmaine Monte, Jill Neifer, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Mike Shinkel, Jack Waldorf, Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Flores, Jeff Gullo, Susan Kirk, Vern Masse, Thomas Olsen, Frank Ploof, Virginia Solorzano

STAFF PRESENT

Rick DeGette, Elaine Byrom, Teresa Garibay, Charles Yarnell, Pam Esparza, Kevin Panyanouvong

GUESTS PRESENT

Shelli Margarite, Barbara Johnson, Jim Rokaitis, Jerry Galeazzi, Lynn Padlo, Jo Lambert, Rhonda Allen

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rhonda Allen spoke in support of Laura’s Law. Jack thanked Rhonda and informed the committee that once we receive the report from our consultants, it will be taken to the Executive Meeting for review and brought to the next Behavioral Health Board meeting for discussion. The board can then make their recommendation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Elaine reported that the Board of Supervisors Resolution was received declaring May as Mental Health Month. Copies were provided in the packets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Mike Shinkel made the motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of April 27, 2017, Jerry Rosenthal second the motion.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Lynn Padlo thanked BHRS for providing office space to NAMI at 500 N. 9th Street. NAMI has a new board and they hosted an open house at 500 N. 9th Street. Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) attended this event.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported they received an update on Focus on Prevention, which is the County's initiative towards reducing/eliminating homelessness and strengthening families. An infrastructure has been put in place which provides a solid foundation. The Board of Supervisors approved four new positions to provide support within the County and to support various departments for the movement on Focus on Prevention. This project will take approximately ten years before results are seen. The Board of Supervisors committed a year ago to a million dollars a year towards this initiative and only spent about \$300,000 of that million per year for the past three years. The Board of Supervisors are very committed to the homeless in Stanislaus County and people with mental health issues. The Board of Supervisors realize the impact that can be made in the lives of people and save dollars if the people are reached before they get into the system. The Community System of Care was developed, which brings together a collaboration with different entities throughout the County. The Access Center was also approved. There are plans to have the Access Center be placed beside a Low Barrier Shelter which allows individuals to come into the shelter at night without a lot of restrictions. Currently we are working on finding a location for the Low Barrier Shelter but in the meantime the Access Center will be up and running, where services will be provided. It will be located temporarily in a modular downtown by the jail.

PRESENTATION – Individual Placement and Support (IPS)

Pam Esparza, Consumer and Family Affairs Manager and Kevin Panyanouvong, Chief, Adult/Older Adult System of Care shared information from a conference they attend regarding IPS. IPS is an evidenced based practice of supported employment for people living with mental illness. Many consumers view employment as an essential part of recovery and most consumers want to work. IPS helps more people with mental illness obtain employment than any other type of vocational program. It also helps improve self-esteem. There are 8 core principles of IPS: competitive employment; supportive employment is integrated with treatment; zero exclusion (the program doesn't determine whether the person is ready to work; it's the person saying they are ready to work. Eligibility is based on client choice; attention to client preferences; benefits counseling; rapid job search' systematic job development; and time-unlimited support. The IPS Fidelity Scale focuses on staffing, organization, and services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The banner and table cover for community outreach events have been ordered and will be available next week. BHB members will be able to check-out both items from the Administration Office for community events.

Administrative, Fiscal Management Committee

The committee met and reports were given from Finance, Contracts, Business Office, Administrative Services, and General Services. Some problems discussed were ACA, fiscal year, state of the budget, the Access Center and home care and how it may effect BHRS. Discussed contracts and maintenance. The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2017.

Managed Care Committee

The committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be on July 6, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee

Yvette reported that the committee met and discussed the role of the committee and started reviewing the website to see what the county offers for outreach and where they will start their outreach efforts. Yvette also informed the board that she would be stepping down as the chair for this committee. She will however continue as an active member.

Impact – Department Run Services Committee

Kathy reported that a schedule is being developed. The schedule will include presentations at the committee meetings and site visits every other month.

Impact – Contract Run Services Committee

Annie reported that the committee is working on revising the questionnaire that is used when visiting programs throughout the community. The first scheduled visit will be at Telecare, a date has not yet been determined. The committee will not meet in June but will reconvene on July 14, 2017.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Carmen gave highlights from the May meeting that included an article in the Cultural Competency Update Newsletter on Mindfulness, written by Colette West, which was included in the packet.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rick DeGette reported on the following:

- Two BHRS staff and two Telecare staff will be working at the Access Center to provide services. They are currently providing outreach and engagement services.
- 1115 Waiver - The application due date has been extended from June 1, 2017, to August 1, 2017.
- This week a focus group meeting on Laura's Law took place in Spanish only. Working currently on a consumer focus group.
- In Home Support Services – In the governor's budget, there was a plan to revert 623 million dollars of In Home Support Services funding back to the counties. The California Behavioral

Health Care Directors Association recommended in the legislature to put a freeze on the COLA that's awarded to IMD's. They are the only entity that receives an automatic COLA each year by statute, a 3.5 increase. It is being asked to have these funds frozen and to use those funds to help back fill for the mental health sub-account for the 1919 realignment.

- Community System of Care Committee – without this structure we would not be able to compete for funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annie announced that the Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource will be hosting a picnic on June 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Ustack Park, 2700 Hillglen Drive, Modesto. All are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 22, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, in the Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Byrom
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