



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
June 25, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened via remote participation only at 5:03 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Carlos Hernandez.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez conducted member roll call.

Jerold Rosenthal led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Rupe, Jerrold Rosenthal, Peter Dean, Rebecca Clover, Carlos Hernandez, Frank Ploof, Supervisor Terry Withrow, Annie Henrich

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Virginia Solorzano, Michael Shinkel, Charmaine Monte, Jack Waldorf

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Michael Levy, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Black, Teresa Comstock, Carolyn Waters, Steve McNally

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Teresa Comstock, Executive Director of the California Association of Local Behavioral Health/Commission (CABHB/C) has been joining other county board meetings, including Stanislaus and Monterey counties.

John Black mentioned that Peer Recovery Art Project has relocated once again in downtown Modesto co-located with the Mod Spot, 950 10th Street, Ste. 16, Modesto. The Peer Recovery Art Project is now working in partnership with Stanislaus County to provide lived experience peer support for members and their families.

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Annie Henrich made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of May 28, 2020, Kathy Rupe seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported on the following highlights:

- The Board of Supervisors met on June 23, 2020 to discuss the Proposal Budget which will be carried over through September 2020 to look at actual numbers and finalize the budget.
- CARE Act funding total of 96 million. The BOS has decided to set aside 30 million to cover county costs as results of COVID19 and 36.1 million for reserves. Additional 30 million will be allocated to cities based on populations and local business.
- COVID-19 County wide update: the number of cases has increased due to increased testing. The concern currently is the increase in hospitalizations beds. Preparing for any surge in hospitalization.

PRESENTATION – BHRIS Budget Update

Ruben Imperial, BHRIS Director provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation with a continued focus on the BHRIS and MHSA budget update and projections including MHSA Three-Year Planning and how the community can engage in this process. The Department continues to assess the fiscal impacts to the local realignment and MHSA revenue due to Covid-19 crisis in terms of state and federal level. There is still uncertainty on realignment funding and how this will be allocated hoping to have more information in September on some projections for planning moving forward. In addition, Ruben highlighted the BHRIS Covid-19 Response efforts related to safety measures to protect employee health, online resources and information accessible to staff and contract partners.

Ruben further mentioned that although all in-person groups remain suspended, services are being provided in the clinics and in the field. The Department is currently piloting Telehealth groups and in-person peer support services via Zoom meeting platform.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carlos Hernandez reported the Executive Committee met via GoToMeeting and set the agenda. The committee discussed the need recruit new members for the following Districts: 1, 2, and 4. Further ideas/discussion to be discussed at the next board meeting.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

Peter Dean reported the committee meeting was scheduled via conference call and was brief due technical challenges. He expressed concern he does not find having conference call very conducive to public participation or how information is being exchanged.

Veronica Ortiz-Valle suggested creating tips/guidelines for committee chairs when conducting a virtual/conference call. Carlos also mentioned looking at other virtual platform options such as Zoom.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

Rebecca Clover reported that her concern is the committee not having the ability to do what is intended to do. Veronica Ortiz-Valle suggested conducting the first virtual committee meeting to discuss with members for feedback.

MANAGED CARE

None reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Carlos Hernandez reported as the Acting Chair of this committee, the next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2020 via Zoom where he plans to have a focused discussion about ways to reach out to the community to enhance BHB membership and the use of a platform for future committee meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None reported.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported he will provide a more in-depth update at the next board meeting regarding the committee's efforts on Covid-19 recommendations, the Core Treatment Model, and upcoming online trainings.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial provided an overview on the Warm Line Call Comparison (Covid-19) data from June 2019 vs June 2020 which demonstrates significant increase averaging 300 or more calls per week. The Warm Line is a peer support program providing non-crisis intervention to individuals seeking help. In addition, Ruben shared he is collecting data from the Suicide Prevention Hotline averaging about 10 calls a week, 40 or more calls for the month of June. Also is collecting data from local police departments about suicide attempts calls and deaths by suicide. This data is a major concern for the Department and will continue to monitor closely. Specific efforts around suicide prevention will be recommended in the MHSA plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be on July 23, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. via **Zoom Meeting** at

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964487702>. If unable to join online, you may call-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Access Code 839 6448 7702.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Bocage, Confidential Assistant IV