



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
July 23, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened via remote participation only at 5:01 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Carlos Hernandez.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez conducted member roll call.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez 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, Charmaine Monte

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Virginia Solorzano, Michael Shinkel, Jack Waldorf

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Sara Jacobo, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Black

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

None reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Kathy Rupe made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of June 25, 2020, as corrected, Jerrold Rosenthal seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported on the following highlights:

- COVID-19 County-wide update: The Emergency Operations Center continues to meet weekly, working 24/7 with challenges raging from increased hospitalizations and capacity at hospitals. Contact tracing has been challenging due to high increase on cases. Finding ways to re-open schools has been a challenge.

PRESENTATION: VAPING 101

A PowerPoint presentation on Vaping was presented by Charmaine Monte and Analisa Zamora from the Stanislaus County Tobacco Use and Prevention Program. This is a collaboration between the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) and Health Services Agency (HSA). The goal of the presentation was to provide a shared understanding of the dangers of vaping use by youth and adults and the different vaping devices easily accessible. It was an eye opening to see the discreet and attractive flavors, including the anatomy of pod-based system. Presenters also discussed grant opportunities such as Tobacco-Free for Recovery and 211 Call Center Tobacco Cessation Referral Project promoting health.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carlos Hernandez reported the committee met via GoToMeeting and set the agenda. Members shared their experiences and challenges when conducting committee meetings virtually and how this is a learning curve for all.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

No report.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

Rebecca Clover reported the committee anticipates a presentation on Creative Alternatives Program at the next committee meeting.

MANAGED CARE

None reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Carlos Hernandez reported the committee met in July via Zoom. The committee focused on brainstorming ideas on how to reach out to the community in efforts to help with BHB recruitment.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None reported.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported the committee is currently working to implement the National Standards for Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS), brainstorming ideas focused on principal standards and recommendations around how our services can be more respectful and understandable across all cultural, ethnic populations within our community. In addition, mandatory cultural competency evidenced-based trainings will be offered in the next couple of months.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported on the following:

- The Department efforts to mitigate and monitor Covid-19 risk continues despite the surge in cases encouraging staff to practice safety measures already in place.
- The Department continues to be involved in conversations with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) dealing with variety of intersections between mental health population and emergency room.
- Ruben conducted virtual townhall meeting on July 1st, involving BHRS staff, and contract partners. This is an open meeting on weekly Covid-19 updates providing staff the opportunity to ask questions and/or address any concerns.
- BHRS has partnered with local law enforcement agencies to monitor data on suicide and death by suicide related data on 911 calls on a monthly basis. Other crisis data being monitored is the hospitalizations administrative data related to danger to self and other issues as well as from Crisis Line 558-4600.
- Legislation on Peer Support certification currently pending Governors approval. This will allow Medi-Cal billing for peer support services.
- The County continues to assess the budget for next fiscal year, returning to the Board of Supervisors in September for final budget.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan update Stakeholders meeting was postponed due to Covid-19. Hopes to convene in August, adding that consumer and family participation is a concern.
- Assembly Bill 2083: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on how to better serve Foster Care Youth. Ruben would like to present at the next BHB meeting for additional information.
- Ruben met with the Turlock City Manager regarding mental health needs of the community and informing them about the MHSA planning that is underway. Members were invited to participate in this conversation. If interested, contact Veronica Ortiz-Valle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Black thanked Supervisor Withrow for the extensive Covid-19 efforts in the County. Also reminded that the Peer Recovery Program will be opening soon at the Mod Spot in downtown Modesto.

Peter Dean commented regarding tracking complaints and how individuals experience discrimination. Ruben shared he is committed in making this process better and welcomed any

feedback from those most impacted. This falls under the CCESJC principal standards mentioned.

Carlos Hernandez shared he received a short survey from the California Behavioral Health Planning Council regarding Patient's Rights Advocacy. Members were asked to review for feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be August 27, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom <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