



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
August 27, 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.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Virginia Solorzano, Rebecca Clover, Michael Shinkel, Jack Waldorf

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Keri Magee, Francine Gutierrez, Jewel Warr, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Black, Carolyn Walters

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

John Black commented the Peer Recovery Art Project is moving along smoothly. Had a very lucrative business with firework stand and now in process of filming LGBTQ community event on West Coast Miss American pageant day view every Saturday in September. Thanked the county for their efforts in keeping the community safe during these unprecedented times.

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported she received correspondence from Virginia Solorzano requesting to resign from the board. This will leave one vacancy in District 5. Veronica will notify the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Annie Henrich made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of July 23, 2020, Jerrold Rosenthal seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow briefly reported on the COVID-19 County-wide update and the challenges surrounding the re-opening of schools and distant learning especially a concern for the most vulnerable children/youth and their families.

PRESENTATION: Assembly Bill 2083 – Trauma Informed System of Care for Children and Youth

Keri Magee, Chief of Children's System of Care gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of Assembly Bill 2083 issued December 2019. This new law requires all counties and state levels implement a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of agencies in their communities serving children and youth in foster care that have experienced trauma. Key components of the MOU require agencies to participate providing integrated, comprehensive, culturally responsive, evidence based/best practices to children/youth. Agencies required to participate include Child Welfare, Juvenile Probation, public education, behavioral health and local regional centers. Stanislaus County community partners and BHRS have already started conversations prioritizing beyond foster care, to be able to provide services to any child experiencing trauma and implementation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carlos Hernandez reported the committee set the agenda and agreed to have a presentation on Assembly Bill AB2083, the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) for Foster Youth: Trauma Informed System of Care. Also, the committee participated on a short survey from the California Behavioral Health Planning Council on patients' rights advocacy in county jails. Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported it is time to start preparing for the FY19/20 BHB annual report, and to submit committee summaries and a face picture to incorporate in the report to Veronica and Cynthia by October 2. Carlos mentioned he plans to participate in the next CalBHB/C training on October 1st and encouraged other board members to participate if available. Other topics included budget and Covid-19 challenges.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

Peter Dean reported the committee met in August with a focus on topics to schedule for future presentations.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

None reported.

MANAGED CARE

None reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

None reported.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None reported.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported the committee met as a smaller workgroup to work on phase one of the Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards on specific recommendations around how our services can be more understandable, respectful, and more equitable. Recommendations will be presented at the next CCESJC for review and next steps.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported the following highlights:

- Conducted first meeting on Covid-19 Mental Health Impacts in Education in efforts to strategize on ways to work together to support children and their families.
- Child Welfare Services referrals decreased up to 40% across the state, the equivalent in Stanislaus County. This is a major concern and are working to address by partnering with Sierra Vista, Aspiranet and others.
- Started a media campaign to inform the community about BHRS offered services overall. Flyers in Spanish and English were created and provided to partners to share.
- The Department challenges during covid-19 continue regarding staffing, IMD/transitional board and care placements, testing, working closely with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to monitor.
- On September 22, the Board of Supervisors will vote on our request of approximately 5 million general fund dollars. Ruben will follow-up with an update at the next BHB meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Black announced the peer certification bill is pending Governor's approval. John will be attending the upcoming California Peer Recovery Organization conference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be September 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 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